

NARCH Surveys Coming in June

by Claire Wood

The NARCH project research team consisting of Kelley Ellis, Delina John, myself, and Early Career Scientist Sidney Stone Brown from George Fox University is exploring cultural restoration and substance abuse as it is occurring within the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

We have received approval from the Tribal Council for our research project and will proceed to the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board's Internal Review Board for final approval of our survey. We hope to mail out our survey in June.

The purpose of the survey is to assess the knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors of adult Siletz Tribal members regarding substance abuse.

The Siletz research team has developed this survey specifically for our tribe. Your participation will help us identify needs in our tribe and enhance services and programs to improve the health of the Siletz Tribe

For Phase 1 of our study, 1,000 randomly selected adult tribal members throughout the U.S. will receive the survey. It consists of several pages of statements about yourself for you to rank. There are no good, bad, right, or wrong answers.

This survey should take about 30 minutes to complete. We welcome comments about the survey and/or questions on the last page.

You also will be asked to fill out an Alcohol Use Profile. All information from

both surveys will be kept confidential and will be used only in summarized form. Your participation is important. As an incentive for completing and returning the surveys, we will mail you a T-shirt after the survey is returned.

Phase 2 of the survey consists of a face-to-face or telephone interview with similar questions and a survey about substance use and abuse. We are looking for volunteers from the mailed-out survey for the second phase.

If you would like to volunteer for the second phase of the survey, please complete the volunteer page included in your mailed-out survey indicating your name, phone number, and best time to call.

Only people who receive surveys in phase 1 may volunteer for phase 2. Volunteers for phase 2 will be entered into a drawing for additional incentives after the interviews have been completed.

Claire Wood, data coordinator, is a non-tribal member and is the only person who will have access to individual answers. She will maintain your documents with the utmost respect for your confidentiality.

All surveys will be assigned a number, not a name, and will be destroyed once the research and grant is complete. Any data reported will be in summarized form about the respondents as a group.

If you have any questions, please call me at 1-800-922-1399, ext.1276, or 541-444-8276, or e-mail clairew@ctsi.nsn.us.



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egon Department of Energy to provide the necessary expertise to certify two Siletz staff who are tribal members. This training should pave the way for future funding to make more Siletz homes' duct systems more efficient.

The duct system can be a big energy waster and a good opportunity to save energy and money while improving your residence's comfort and safety. Just ask Max Hoover, your Siletz weatherization specialist, a member of the Tribal Energy Coordinators Association, and a recent graduate of the Duct Diagnostics School.

Max and Brandon Case completed the four-day course with flying colors and words of praise from Bruce. This workshop was split between classroom training of diagnostics tools and theory with direct application on Siletz homes. These homes were tested and the ducts were sealed where applicable in just a few hours.

Safety and health are two additional benefits from testing your home heating and ventilation system. Consider the pressure changes that can occur in your home with bathroom, kitchen stove, and clothes dryer fans turning on and off. That can create a dangerous backdraft condition in your home.

A carbon monoxide test always is a good investment in any home that uses combustible fuels like natural gas.

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Please contact Tamara Morrow at the Siletz Tribal Housing Department regarding your home's weatherization needs. She can be reached at 541-444-8259 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1259.

Be wise; weatherize.

Coquille Tribal Community Fund Launches New Web Site

The Coquille Tribal Community Fund has taken up a new residence on the Internet with the launching of its new, independent Web site.

Grant-seekers in the five-county area of Southwestern Oregon now can go to www.coquilletribalfund.org to get full details about the grant program. The site provides background information on the fund as well as information on past award winners. In February, the fund distributed more than \$400,000 in grants for 37 regional projects.

Organizations seeking funding for a project can begin the process by using an online form for submitting a letter of inquiry. The site includes all of the criteria governing what organizations and projects qualify for grant funding and step-by-step guidance on how to apply.

"As more and more organizations use the Internet to conduct their funding research, it is important that the Tribal Community Fund has a strong online presence," said Michele Burnette, chair of the fund's board of trustees. "This new site

is easy to use and contains all of the information a community group would need to begin the grant process."

Burnette said organizations seeking grant funding through the Tribal Community Fund should begin the process as soon as possible. The deadline for completed applications for the next round of funding is Aug. 31, 2005.

The Coquille Tribal Community Fund provides grants to non-profit organizations and public agencies for projects in the areas of education, health, public safety, problem gaming, environmental issues, arts and culture, and historic preservation. The fund reflects the commitment of the Coquille Indian Tribe to take a proactive, positive role in the well-being of the community.

Funds, derived from a percentage of revenues from The Mill Casino Hotel, are managed and distributed by a board of trustees composed of community leaders and representatives of the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Coquille Economic Development Corporation.



Attend IYA Summer Camps

Wanted: Campers Age 10-14

Indian Youth of America (IYA) is celebrating its 29th anniversary of conducting camps for Indian youth. IYA's summer camps bring together Indian youth from urban and reservation communities to participate in a variety of educational, cultural, and recreational activities.

Since the youth camps began in 1976, thousands of Indian youth from 180 tribes and 28 states have enjoyed a positive camp experience. IYA is conducting two camps this summer.

Camp Dates and Locations

June 29-July 8, 2005
Whispering Pines Camp
Prescott, Arizona

July 18-25, 2005
Camp Bob Marshall
Custer, South Dakota

Age group: Indian youth age 10-14
Cost: \$250 campership fee
Transportation: Must provide your own

Deadlines

June 10, 2005
Application and fee due for Arizona camp

July 1, 2005
Application and fee due for S.D. camp

Contact us as soon as possible for a camp or staff application, or for further information about the summer camps. Going to camp could be the highlight of your summer vacation.

Write or call Indian Youth of America, P.O. Box 2786, Sioux City, IA 51106; 712-252-3230; fax: 712-252-3712.

Hiring Staff Age 18 and Up

Share your talents and time with Indian youth this summer. IYA is looking for Indian staff to work at its camps in Arizona and South Dakota this summer

Work Schedule

June 26-July 8, 2005
Whispering Pines Camp
Prescott, Arizona

July 17-25, 2005
Camp Bob Marshall
Custer, South Dakota

Positions available: Camp counselors, recreation and arts & crafts instructors, camp nurse, resource people knowledgeable in photography, leadership and life skills, the environment, nutrition, substance abuse, Indian culture, storytelling, Indian games, etc.

Salary: \$60 per day
Travel: Reimbursed for bus ticket or gas expense to and from camp.

Deadlines

June 3, 2005
Application due for Arizona camp

June 24, 2005
Application due for South Dakota camp