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## Bring Your Family to the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

Many different tribal nations will be represented at the annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug. 12-14, 2005, in Siletz, Ore., held by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. This family fun event is a tradition for the Siletz people and other American Indians.

The celebration will start with the crowning of the 2005-2006 Siletz Royalty on Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. All dance styles will enter the arena at 7 p.m. at the first Grand Entry. Dances in which the public can participate that are non-competitive will follow the Grand Entry.

This year's pow-wow is in honor of Craig Whitehead (1959-2004). He was the Siletz Head Man Dancer for nearly 10 years, was the pow-wow coordinator for the tribe, and served as president of the school board for Siletz Valley School. Craig's work with the Siletz Tribe and his involvement with Native and non-Native communities will be reflected on at this event.

A parade with a patriotic theme winds through downtown Siletz at 10 a.m. on Aug. 13. This hometown parade with nostalgic small-town atmosphere includes tribal royalty, drummers, dancers, equestrian units, vintage cars, and floats.

Pre-registration is available by picking up a registration form at the Siletz



Tribal administration building, 201 SE Swan Ave. in Siletz, or contacting Mona Fisher at 541-444-8373 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1373.

Registration also is available the morning of the parade at 8 a.m. at the Siletz Tribal administration building. If you are not registered by 9 a.m., you can-

not take part in the judging, which starts at 9 a.m. You can, however, still participate in the parade.

The parade is followed by a Grand Entry at 1 p.m. Competition dancing for youth and teens takes place in the afternoon. Competition dancing continues after the 7 p.m. Grand Entry with adult categories and the finals for youth and teens.

On Aug. 14, the final day of the pow-wow, a Grand Entry takes place at noon. This session will end with awards for the Golden Age, adult, teen, and youth category winners. Prizes range from \$25 to \$500.

A free shuttle will be available from various parking lots in Siletz to the Pauline Ricks Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds on Government Hill. Parking is extremely limited at the pow-wow grounds; the shuttle is the best way to get there.

A variety of food and Native arts and crafts and jewelry will be offered for sale by about 50 vendors at the pow-wow.

This alcohol- and drug-free event is free. Listen carefully to the pow-wow emcee, who will tell you when you can and when you should not take photos. The emcee also will explain the significance of the events taking place in the area throughout the pow-wow.

Join the Siletz Tribe and other American Indians at the pow-wow - a time to celebrate life and friendship.



Above: Dancing Again Singers; top photo: Color Guard, 2004

### Pow-Wow Schedule

<p><b>Aug. 11</b> 6 p.m. - Royalty Pageant</p> <p><b>Aug. 12</b> Noon-6 p.m. - Giveaways 6 p.m. - Royalty Crowning 7 p.m. - Grand Entry</p>	<p><b>Aug. 13</b> 10 a.m. - Parade 1 p.m. - Grand Entry 7 p.m. - Grand Entry</p> <p><b>Aug. 14</b> Noon - Grand Entry</p>
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