

S.T.A.N. Classes Offer a Chance to Improve Your Skills

If you haven't participated in a Siletz Tribal Action Network (S.T.A.N.) workshop, you are missing a great opportunity to learn new things and improve your skills.

S.T.A.N. workshops offer a variety of personal development and skill-building classes, including Basic Computer Skills, How To Repair Damaged Credit, and Bookkeeping.

Classes are free to Siletz Tribal members, their spouses, and children age 16 and older.

Participation in the workshops also is open to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians and Chinook Winds Casino

Resort employees. There is a \$10 charge per workshop for non-Siletz Tribal members.

All S.T.A.N. workshops begin at 6 p.m. and last for approximately two hours. They are held in the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation office, 2120 NW 44th St., Suite D, in Lincoln City.

Pre-registration is required for all S.T.A.N. workshops.

To register for classes or for more information, contact Rosie Sufficool, business information counselor and S.T.A.N. coordinator, at 541-994-2142 or 1-877-564-7298 (toll-free).

Business and You!

by Rosie Sufficool, STBC Business Information Counselor and S.T.A.N. coordinator

What Kind of Credit History Do You Have?

If you have ever made payments on a loan, bought a home or a car, or made any other major purchases, you have a credit history.

All types of financial institutions base their decisions to loan people money on how they have handled credit in the past.

If you have a record of paying your bills on time and repaying all of your past loans, it's likely lenders will offer you better loan interest rates based on your past history.

If you have poor credit, a history of collections, or have filed bankruptcy in the past, however, it's likely you will have difficulty getting additional credit to make purchases or even apply for a credit card.

There are many things that can affect your credit in a negative way including:

- Late payments on any loans you owe to creditors
- Missed payments
- Access to too much credit. For example, having too many credit cards (whether you use these credit cards or not) can affect your credit.
- Too many inquiries about your credit. Each time you apply for a loan or do something requiring a credit check, it will be noted on your credit record.

Although past credit problems can make it difficult for you to establish a good credit rating, you always can work to improve your credit score.



If you have had credit problems in the past, plan to attend *How To Repair Damaged Credit*, a Siletz Tribal Action Network (S.T.A.N.) workshop on March 21.

Sherrie Cummins, area vice president for Bank of the West, will be the instructor for the class and will provide participants with a variety of suggestions to help them improve their credit.

The workshop will begin at 6 p.m. and will be held at the S.T.A.N. Training Center, located in the Siletz Tribal Business Corporation office at 2120 NW 44th St., Suite D, in Lincoln City.

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Basketry Gathering Time is Near

The time to gather basket materials is quickly approaching. Gathering these materials is the necessary first step in our basket-making process.

Hazel sticks (kvn) generally are ready to pick and peel in the middle of spring. Hazel from areas in and around the Willamette Valley generally is ready a couple of weeks earlier than hazel found near the coast.

There are many variables that determine just when is the best time to pick hazel. Beginning in April, hazel should be checked to see how easily the bark peels. If hazel is picked too early, the bark won't slip and has to be scraped off. This is labor-intensive and also takes the natural sheen off the sticks.

Hazel is the foundation for most Siletz baskets. When gathering, most people pick a range of sizes, peel them, and then grade them for length and di-

ameter. They are then bundled and stored for later use.

Spruce root (xii-wan-tr'e) is the other main material used in our baskets. It can be gathered year round. An area with spruce trees is found and the roots are dug and rolled up. They are then boiled until the outer layer or membrane will slip off. The roots are then graded and stored for later use.

Tribal members interested in learning to gather and process these materials can call Bud Lane at the Siletz Culture Department at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Gathering trips will be scheduled as we get into springtime. Remember, there is a short window for gathering hazel sticks, usually 30 to 40 days depending on weather conditions and other factors.

Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow

Pow-Wow Logo Contest Under Way

The 2006 Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow is having a logo contest for this year.

The winner will receive a cash prize and his/her work will be used for pow-wow flyers and merchandise.

Please submit your drawings to Mona Fisher at the Siletz Tribal Community Center or send them to:

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
Attn: Pow-Wow Logo Contest
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380-0549

All entries must be received no later than April 14, 2006.

Royalty Crown Proposals Due

The Pow-Wow Committee is now accepting proposals for the 2006-2007 royalty crowns for Miss Siletz, Jr. Miss Siletz, and Little Miss Siletz.

All entries must be submitted with a proposed design, including color scheme, size of crown(s), size of beads, and total cost. You may submit a proposal for as many crowns as you would like and they must be received no later than April 14, 2006.

You can send proposals to:

Siletz Pow-Wow Committee
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Siletz, OR 97380-0549

Entries also can be dropped off with Mona Fisher at the Siletz Tribal Community Center.

Nuu-wee-ya'

(our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
March 7 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
April 6 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
March 13 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
April 10 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
March 14 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
April 18 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
March 6 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
April 5 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tribal members who need help on cultural projects should contact the Siletz Culture Department. We can assist you prior to the language classes.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Culture Department at 541-444-8320 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Elder Council Meeting

March 11, 2006 - 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
Chinook Winds Casino Resort

If you need a ride, please call Angela Ramirez
1-800-922-1399, ext. 1225, or 541-444-8225