

## TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS



Members of the group working on the design of a tribal cultural center meet for the first time in March.

### Tribal Cultural Center "Pre-Planning" Project Gears Up to Begin Design

In 2005, the tribe received a grant from the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) to complete "pre-planning" work on a tribal cultural center.

The main objective of the grant is to research what the membership sees as the function of a cultural center for the Siletz Tribe and then develop a design for that center. A portion of the ANA grant funding is for the architectural and engineering services for the design process.

At its meeting in February, the Tribal Council approved a contract with Cascade Design Professionals Inc., owned by Herb Fricke, to complete this design work. The Cascade project team includes StastnyBrun Architects Inc., McCormack Landscape Design, and Lisa Watt, museum consultant.

The design team has completed several similar projects, including the Museum at Warm Springs, the Huhugam Heritage Center for the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona, and the Native American Student and Community Center for Portland State University.

A kick-off meeting for the design process was held March 21 at the Tribal Community Center in Siletz. Members of the design team, the Tribal Cultural Department, the Culture Committee, project volunteers, and staff members attended. They discussed the desired outcomes of the design process as well

as the schedule of the project, set to be completed by Aug. 31, 2006.

One element of a cultural center, a major concern for the Siletz Tribe, is the storage and preservation of tribal artifacts.

"We simply don't have the room, let alone the proper storage facilities, for the materials we currently have," said Tribal Cultural Resources Director Robert Kentta. "We need to carefully consider the growth of our cultural object collections. We need to protect current and any future acquired objects in an environmentally safe and secure location so that they may be enjoyed by as many generations as possible."

The "pre-planning" of the cultural center will seek input from tribal members. One project goal is to ensure that every member has a chance to offer his or her thoughts on the eventual construction of the facility.

The design team and tribal staff will schedule meetings in each of the area offices as well as Siletz in April or May, offering members a chance to discuss the cultural center.

A second community meeting will be scheduled in each area toward the end of the project to ensure that the final design is what was intended.

For information on this project, contact Dennis Lancaster in the Tribal Planning Department at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1340, or 541-444-8340; or any Cultural Department staff.

### Tribal Scholarships Available

Three scholarships are available through the Siletz Tribal Education Committee:

- Arthur Bensell Scholarship – \$1,000
- Siletz Scholarship – \$500, up to three awards
- Pepsi-Craig Whitehead Scholarship – \$1,000

Applications are available April 1 and are due May 31, 2006. All current Higher Education, Adult Vocational Training students, and high school seniors will receive applications from

their education specialists. Applications also will be available on the tribe's Web site – [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us).

The area education specialists are:

Portland: Katy Kaady, 503-238-1512, 3715 SE 39<sup>th</sup>, Portland, OR 97202

Salem: Sonya Moody-Jurado, 503-390-9494, 3789 River Road N, Suite D, Keizer, OR 97303

Eugene: Nick Sixkiller, 541-484-4234, 2468 W 11<sup>th</sup> Ave., Eugene, OR 97402

Siletz: Mona Fisher, 541-444-8373, 201 SE Swan Ave., Siletz, OR 97380

### General Council Meeting

May 6, 2006 – 1 p.m.

Siletz Tribal Community Center – Siletz, Oregon  
Agenda

Call to Order  
Invocation  
Flag Salute  
Roll Call  
Approval of Agenda  
Approval of Minutes

Special Presentation  
Program Reports: Culture Program  
Tribal Member Concerns  
Chairman's Report  
Announcements  
Adjournment

### Open Your Home – and Your Heart – to a Child in Need\*

Every child deserves to grow up in a safe, nurturing environment.

A number of foster care programs and organizations nationwide are dedicated to ensuring that foster children get the care and support they need. These organizations can't do it alone – they need the assistance of people like you.

The need for foster parents currently ranks among the most pressing problems in the child welfare system. Nearly every community in the nation has a shortage of foster families. This is true for the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, both locally and throughout the 11-county service area.

Becoming a foster parent offers you an amazing opportunity to make a profound difference in a child's life by:

- Providing a healthy family experience for the child
- Helping the child feel safe and secure
- Creating a nurturing environment that encourages the child's growth and development
- Building the child's self-esteem
- Keeping the child connected to his or her own culture and religious identity
- Meeting the child's needs and helping him or her learn and mature

Many people believe that only married couples can become foster parents. In fact, foster parents can be single, married, or divorced. They can be homeowners or live in an apartment.

They can be as young as 21 – or they can be retired.

Families who care for foster children receive payments that are intended to cover ordinary living expenses for the child, including food, shelter, and daily supervision.

Each state has its own rules and procedures for becoming a foster parent. Here are some common Oregon state requirements used in the certification process of Siletz Indian Child Welfare:

- A completed application
- Emotional and financial stability
- Home inspection and personal interview
- Background and criminal history check
- Character references
- Free training sessions

For information on fostering a Siletz Tribal child, please contact the tribe's Indian Child Welfare department at:

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians  
Attn: Sandra Simmons, Foster Parent  
Certifier/Case Manager III  
Indian Child Welfare  
P.O. Box 549  
Siletz, OR 97380-0549  
1-800-922-1399, ext. 1275  
541-444-8275

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### Chemawa Indian School Spring Pow-Wow

May 5-6, 2006

Grand Entries at 7 p.m. on May 5; 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. on May 6  
3700 Chemawa Road NE – Salem, Oregon – School Gymnasium

Dancing, singing, fry bread, and crafts  
Support Chemawa Student Clubs

Vendor Information Contact: Karen Serna at 503-399-5721, ext. 225  
General Information Contact: Crystal Boyd, ext. 260;  
Sonya Olson, ext. 283; or Karen Serna, ext. 225

Chemawa is a drug-, alcohol-, and smoke-free campus!

No parking on track; violators will be towed!