

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Elk Tag Drawing Reminder

Don't forget to get your elk tag drawing application (see page 7) in to Frank Simmons in the Natural Resources office by the end of the day on **Oct. 6, 2006**.

The drawing will be held **Oct. 19, 2006, at 5 p.m.** in the Tribal Council Chambers in the administration building. All those drawn for a tag will be notified by mail after the drawing. A list of drawing winners also will be available in the admin building at the front desk and in the Natural Resources Department office.

Tags will be available for pickup shortly before the start of each season.

So what are your odds of getting drawn for a tag? Each year, the Natural Resources Department receives more than 300 applications for each hunt. Twenty-five tags are available for each of the first and second rifle seasons (8 percent chance of being drawn).

The special hunts range from having one tag available (0.3 percent chance) to having seven tags available (2 percent chance).

If you have any questions, please call Frank Simmons at 541-444-8288 or 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1288, or stop by the Natural Resources office.

29th Restoration Celebration

Nov. 18, 2006

Chinook Winds Casino Resort

Agenda

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| 11 a.m. | Invocation |
| | Welcoming Address – Delores Pigsley |
| 11:15 a.m. | Head Start Students |
| 11:30 a.m. | Guest Speakers |
| 12:30 p.m. | Buffet Luncheon |
| 2:30 p.m. | Closing Remarks |
| 6 p.m. | Pow-Wow Grand Entry |

Siletz Culture Department will have displays and tribal video viewing throughout the day, as well as pow-wow vendors beginning at 10 a.m.

Nuu-wee-ya'

(our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center

Oct. 18 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 14 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office

Oct. 16 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 13 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office

Oct. 10 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 7 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office

Oct. 3 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Nov. 6 – 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.

Notice of Intent to File Application for Federal Assistance

Notice is hereby given, that the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians intends to file an application for federal funding assistance with the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Utilities Services for Water and Waste Water Engineering Technical Assistance. The federal assistance funds would allow the planning of the proposed Siletz Tribal Water/Sewer systems improvements.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians welcomes comments on the application for funding assistance for the Siletz Tribal Water and Waste Water systems improvements project. Please submit written comments by Oct. 31, 2006, to Pam Lind, Siletz Tribal Planning De-

partment, 201 SE Swan Ave., Siletz, OR 97380.

Comments also may be presented in person at a public meeting that will be held during the month of October 2006.

For further information, please contact Dennis Lancaster, project coordinator, at 541-444-8340 or 1-800-922-1399, ext 1340.

Signed,

Judy Muschamp, Acting General Manager for Brenda Bremner, General Manager

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

Attest:
Lillie Butler, Tribal Council Secretary
Aug. 24, 2006

Walt's Words of Wit and Wisdom

by Walt Klamath

Well, here it is, time for all of us nimrods to start thinking seriously about hunting, especially elk, seeing as how everyone has filed their deer tags by now and is enjoying backstrap and eggs and potatoes. Hope it went well, no one became too lost or hurt.

At the time of this writing it's not rifle season yet and it's very dry and dusty. Hopefully we'll have some rain in the near future. Hope we'll have snow at the higher elevations during elk season.

Haven't seen very many animals this year. Around my place, the deer did have a good feast on beans and peas, then apples. For some reason, they quit coming in and there are apples all over the orchard. Haven't heard any coyotes; maybe a cougar is close by keeping the deer away.

The deer were in nice shape; their hides were as shiny as a new dollar and looked like they had some meat around them bones. I don't hunt on my place and don't allow doe hunting on my place.

If I should see someone hunting doe, I will post the land, even as much as I am against posting old hunting grounds of people who have lived a few years in the area.

Sam's Creek used to be a very good hunting area. There were a few orchards that deer used to hang around for a while, until hunting pressure moved them around.

Then there was Rock Creek. Several orchards on that road were good, but the logging companies have eliminated most of them. See a tree now and then that doesn't produce much.

Some of them did produce a bear or two. I can't see why anybody would hunt them, especially for meat. To me it tastes awful. But did have a couple of good bear teeth; never saved the claws though. Now wish I had them, but not enough to kill a bear. They leave me alone and I leave them alone; they avoid me and I avoid them.

This year is an exceptionally dry year. I think a few years ago we had one like this; seems that hunting season was delayed, but not extended.

The fire danger is high. Most of the gates probably will be closed until there is a rain. Someone said until there has been an inch in 24 hours. Cars traveling have to stay on the gravel roads; the exhaust systems get extremely hot and can start a fire.

Course, the good thing – it teaches one how to walk very quietly on dry sticks and stuff. The animals have a keen sense of hearing, probably can hear a leaf falling. I believe I have heard them snicker a few times though, so they must be able to see pretty good too.

I am also sure they talk to each other and not only to their own species. Ever notice that dadburned squawky blue jay, when they spot you how much of a ruckus they make? They are telling the other wildlife there is a fool out there and to beware. They may hurt themselves; maybe even dinner is about to be served.

Them pesky chipmunks – when they see something, how they do chatter, warning others. Sure good thing the animals and birds and whatever are out there aren't hunting the hunter. Pity the poor hunter when he becomes the hunted.

Then there are those among us avid diehard hunters who have to endure hardship to prove something to someone who doesn't give a hoot. They go up into the woods, get to the highest point, going to tough it out, sleep in the cab of a miniature truck, and the hunter is 6-foot-6.

Gets to the spot during the daylight hours, figures out how they're going to rest tonight and be refreshed in the morning for the early hunt. After dark, begins to feel cramped up, maybe open the door to let feet out. Starts to rain, feet get soaked, pull back into the cab, now cold.

Start engine to run heater, concerned about carbon monoxide. Open windows; still cold, open thermos with hot coffee, it's cold. Boy, what an enjoyable night, but will be there for the early morning hunt.

Early morning, hear shots, not on same mountain, so rush down mountain to get to advantage point. Still cold, miserable. Other hunters in area look warm, drinking hot coffee, telling tall tales of the one they missed.

Finally go home. Wife thinks you're silly. She says just get up early before daylight, go where you want to go.

How irrational can one get, talking with sense. How would she know anyway, she's not a hunter (best not take her either, she may get an elk sitting in the truck).