

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Siletz Fish Distribution

The annual fish distribution for the Siletz area tentatively is scheduled for **June 26** from **noon to 4 p.m.** at the **USDA building** in Siletz.

The fish will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis until all of it is gone – one package of frozen fish per tribal member.

You must present your tribal ID card to pick up your fish. If you are picking up for someone else, you will

need to present a note from that person authorizing you to pick up their fish. The note must include their tribal ID number.

If you cannot pick up your fish on June 26, contact Frank Simmons at 541-444-8288 after June 26 to make arrangements for pickup.

Each area office will schedule its own fish distribution time. Watch the local newsletters for the day and time.



Registration Form Siletz Cultural Day Camp

July 17-19, 2007

Applications are due no later than June 20, 2007.
Pre-registration is required to participate in this year's Culture Camp

This is a day camp only, unless you are traveling from the Eugene, Salem, or Portland areas. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend and are responsible for dropping off and picking up children at appropriate times. Children age 10 or younger must be accompanied by an adult.

Name: _____
Age: _____ Roll #: _____

(If pre-registering your family, submit all names, birthdates, and roll numbers.)

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Home #: _____ Work #: _____

Emergency Contact Person: _____

Emergency Phone #: _____

Does participant have any allergies? If so list below: _____

If participant is from outside the Siletz area, please call 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1246, to reserve a tipi or camping space (limited number available).

Chaperone's Name: _____

Chaperone's Phone #: _____ (Chaperones must be 18 or older)

Classes will be pre-scheduled based on your selection. Please select the five classes you are interested in from the following. Prioritize your selections by using 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Siletz basket weaving | <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar bark weaving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Earrings and necklaces | <input type="checkbox"/> Soapstone carving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Moccasins | <input type="checkbox"/> Drum sticks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shell necklaces | <input type="checkbox"/> Bear grass braiding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Storytelling | <input type="checkbox"/> Beadwork |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flint knapping | <input type="checkbox"/> Bow-making demonstration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brain tanning demonstration | |

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____ Date _____

Please return registration form to your nearest tribal office or send it to Cultural Program, CTSI, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

Nee-dash – "The Dance"

Nee-dash in English means the dance. Nee-dash was performed to mark a celebration or event.

All tribes have a form of Nee-dash and the one used by the Siletz people today is from the Chetco, Tututni, and Tolowa cultures.

The songs come from people's experiences and inspirations. Some are old and some are new. Between the dance songs, the singers recite prayers that have more to do with the creation story.

In the early part of the ceremony, the prayers tell about the actual creation of the body of the earth. As the dance progresses, the prayers are about the first solid land and a white redwood tree. It continues for hours and perhaps days with stories about the creation of flowers, ocean birds, geese, and bobcat.

During the ceremony, we use a medicinal herb called Angelica root, which grows in one form or another all over the world. It is used to make good medicine for the people.

The prayers and songs come from the belief that when the Creator was ready to leave the earth and go back into the sky, he told the people if they needed anything, they were to ask him for it. It is to remind people to be thankful for what he put here and to restore harmony to the environment and the people he created (his children).

If you have never had the opportunity to see Nee-dash, you must take the time to go because it is one of the most touching ceremonies. Just remember ceremonial etiquette.

Dee-ni Language Lesson

Colors

- Black lhshvn
- Blue lhvt-lhshvn
- Brown 'ee-k'ay-'vn-te or dvlh-'ee-ye'
- Gray dvlh-k'ee-ye' or dvl-ki
- Green lhvt-lhts'u
- Pink lhtsrik-lhki
- Red lhtsrik
- Yellow lhts'u
- White lhki

Tribal Children Need You

Do you value Siletz Native culture and want to help preserve it? If so, please consider fostering for the tribe. The Siletz Tribe needs loving, stable, nurturing homes in all areas.

If you are interested, please contact:

Shawna Nagunst
Foster Care Certifier
1-800-922-1399, ext. 1275,
or 541-444-8275
or visit www.ctsi.nsn.us/icw.html



Nuu-wee-ya'

(our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language
Open to tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
June 5 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
July 16 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
June 11 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
July 10 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
June 12 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
July 9 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
June 4 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
July 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.