

December USDA Distribution Dates

Siletz		Salem	
Monday, Dec. 3	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Monday, Dec. 17	1:30 – 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 4	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Tuesday, Dec. 18	9 a.m. – 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 5	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.	Wednesday, Dec. 19	9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 6	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.		

I hope all our clients, friends and family had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

I want to let everyone know that in October the income guideline went up a bit, so if you would like to see if you are eligible for our program, call in and we will figure it out.

Be sure to have all income verification close by so we can get it done efficiently. If you would like an appli-



cation packet mailed to you I can do that; just call.

If you need assistance, you can call Joyce Retherford at the toll-free number, 800-922-1399, ext. 1393, or call direct at 541-444-8393.

Have a great month. Happy Meals!

U of O's Teacher Education Program

The University of Oregon's Sapsikwála Project has successfully worked and supported AIAN student teachers from various states across the nation. We currently are recruiting master's level students for the next academic year (2008-09).

If you know of AIAN students who would like to apply, please contact the project via e-mail at aball@uoregon.edu or call 541-346-1485.

A Couple of Notes

COE Teacher Education Programs are: Graduate Elementary Teaching Program, Middle/Secondary Education Program and Special Education Program.

- This project maintains a partnership between the UO College of Education and the nine federally recognized tribes of the State of Oregon.
- The UO College of Education has been ranked among the top 10 public colleges of education in the nation for six years in a row.

- The Sapsikwála Project has supported 27 AIAN graduate students in teacher preparation programs since 2002, with five students currently enrolled.
- Program participants receive tuition and fee remission, a monthly stipend, a book allowance, and a computer.

We are looking for master's level AIAN students who are committed to teach in areas with high AIAN student populations.

Thanks for Run to the Rogue

The Programs 2 staff would like to thank all the wonderful people who helped with Run to the Rogue in September. A few of them are: Tami Miner and Tony Whitehead for coordinating the miles and runners/walkers; George Nagel and Stuart Whitehead for their unflinching role as pilot car drivers; John Roe Jr., Richard Leaton, Ralph Steele, Marcos Muniz, Jim and Randy Austin, and especially the runners/walkers and the wonderful tribal youth.

Energy Assistance Available

The **Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)** is open to all tribal member households who reside in the tribe's 11-county service area. Do you meet the following benefit matrix (income limit)?

2008 Benefit Matrix

Family size	Annual Income
1	\$0-\$19,327
2	\$0-\$25,274
3	\$0-\$31,220
4	\$0-\$37,167
5	\$0-\$43,114
6	\$0-\$49,060
7	\$0-\$51,175.45
8	\$0-\$51,290.46
9	\$0-\$52,405.47
10	\$0-\$53,520.48
11	\$0-\$54,635.49
12	\$0-\$55,750.50

If you are a tribal member household living within the tribe's 11-county service area and meet the above-listed income limit for your family size, contact your area office to schedule an appointment:

Eugene Area Office – 541-484-4234
Nora Moore, Lou Carey or Mary Haidar
Portland Area Office – 503-238-1512
Connie James or Anna Renville
Salem Area Office – 503-390-9494
Cecilia Tolentino, Bev Owen, Edwina Flagg, or Sharmon Cook
Siletz Area, Housing Office – 541-444-8311
Angela Martin

At your scheduled appointment, you must bring with you for all household members their Social Security cards, documentation of income, and a recent heating bill.

Note: This is a one-time heating assistance.

Planning Department Seeks Community Advice on Grant Opportunities

The Tribal Planning Department recently announced it will start a month-long process in January 2008 to get ideas from tribal members regarding what programs, facilities or services should be explored for grant opportunities. To reach out to the community, the Planning Department is sponsoring four meetings in January, one each in Siletz and the area offices of Portland, Salem and Eugene.

Many facilities and programs that tribal members enjoy have been funded through grants from various federal and state agencies.

Naomi Shadwick, grant writer for the tribe, noted, "Grants and other funding opportunities are very effective at providing facilities and services to the Siletz Tribe. We'd really like to hear from tribal members regarding what they see as unmet needs for tribal members and how those needs should be addressed."

"We want these to be fun events, too," commented Pam Lind, tribal planner, "so we'll be providing a light meal and hopefully this will allow folks to visit a little before we get down to business."

And this is important business, according to Shadwick.

"There are so many grant opportunities that we could explore," she noted. "But we need to hear from the Siletz Tribal community – what are your needs and how can they be met? That information is important for us to know what to be looking for, in terms of grant opportunities."

All tribal members are encouraged to attend one or more of the meetings, as able. Future alternative opportunities to participate will be provided to tribal members who are unable to attend in person.

The area office meeting schedule is as follows:

- Siletz, Jan. 10
- Eugene, Jan. 17
- Salem, Jan. 24
- Portland, Jan. 31

Each meeting will start at 5:30 p.m. with the light meal and discussion will follow.

For more information, call Cova St. Onge at 541-444-8257 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1257; or Claire Wood at 541-444-8276 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1276.

2008 Standing Committee Applications Due

Deadline for consideration for 2008 committees is Jan. 31, 2008

Any tribal member interested in serving on a committee for a two-year term must fill out the following form and return it to the address below prior to Jan. 31, 2008. Please mail or fax your application to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Executive Secretary to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; Fax: 541-444-8325.

Name: _____ Roll No.: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
Telephone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Choose the first, second and third choice of committees you are requesting by numbering your preference 1, 2, 3 in the space provided. **If you only want to request one committee, please indicate this by inserting the number 1.**

____ Education Committee (3) ____ Housing Committee (3)
____ Natural Resources Committee (3) ____ Pow-Wow Committee (no limit)
____ Health Committee (3) ____ Budget Committee (1)
____ Cultural Heritage Committee (3)

Tribal Council will review applications and approve appointments at the Regular Tribal Council meeting in February 2008. If you have any questions, please call Tribal Council's Executive Secretary, Tami Miner, at 1-800-922-1399, ext. 1203, or 541-444-8203.