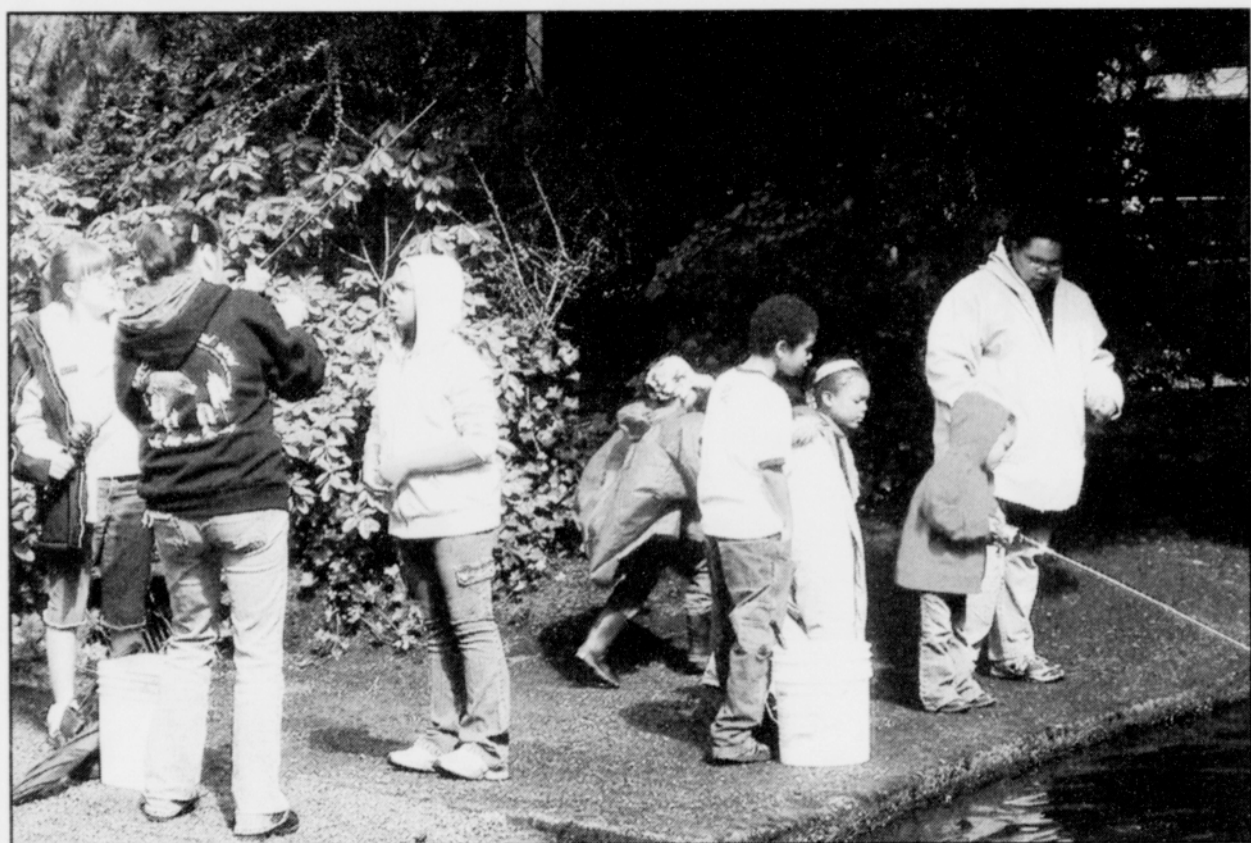


TRIBAL MEMBER NEWS



A visit to Rainbow Trout Farm kicks off a week of activities.



Verdene McGuire's bead store draws moms and daughters to Silverton.

Spring Break – Tribal Youth Come Together and Stay Active

by Katy Kaady

Portland area youth enjoyed a full week of activities during spring break. They had new opportunities to meet other youth from all of our areas, have special time to spend with their parents and the opportunity to learn new skills.

Monday – Youth from all the areas met at Rainbow Trout Farm to try their hand at fishing. The hardest part about fishing was to take the hook out of the trout. Thanks go out to Danielle

Billmyre and all the other parents who helped with this task.

Tuesday – Some of the Portland area moms and daughters met at Tribal member Verdene McGuire's bead store in Silverton, Ore., for tea and cookies and designing their own bracelets. Everyone walked away learning to bead, with more skill and beautiful bracelets.

Wednesday – Once again, all the Tribal youth met in Eugene for ice skating.

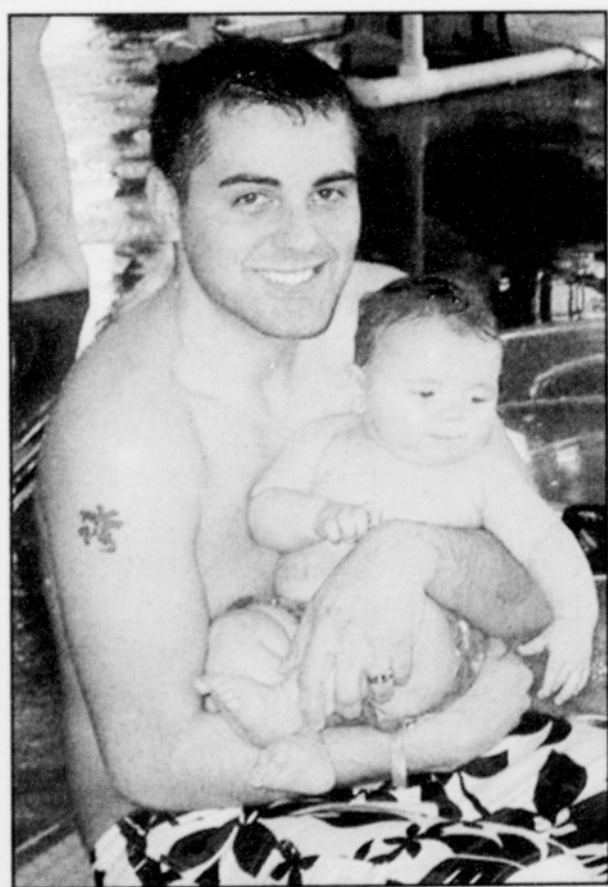
A thank you goes out to Nora Moore and Nick Sixkiller for taking care of lunch. Eugene's always the perfect place for all of us to enjoy doing activities together.

Thursday – Artist Vince Wannesay visited the Portland office with paints and easels, allowing Tribal youth to express themselves in beautiful color paintings.

Friday – Youth and parents headed to the Clackamas Aquatic Park for a day of swimming.

Every day was a great day spending time together with our Tribal young people and their parents. We look forward to hearing from youth and parents for ideas for this coming summer.

Thank you to the Portland area staff who helped out in making lunches and as drivers.



Above: The finished products from the trip to the bead store.
Left: A trip to the Clackamas Aquatic Park completes the week.
(photos by Katy Kaady)

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, at 541-444-8275 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1275; or visit www.ctsi.nsn.us/icw.html.

Promises are in bloom in Siletz during Alcohol Abuse Prevention Month in April. Students planted more than 1,000 bulbs all over town during Red Ribbon Week last October. Now the flowers are blooming as a reminder to avoid alcohol and other drug abuse.
(photo by DeAnna Pearl)



Time to Gather Basket Materials

Spring is here and very soon hazel sticks will be ready to pick and peel.

Hazel stick gathering is a must for anyone interested in making traditional Siletz baskets. Spruce root can be dug all year round and is used for the weavers or weft of Siletz baskets.

Bear grass and maidenhair fern are used for overlay to make our traditional designs or marks in our baskets and both are picked in late summer.

Any Tribal members interested in gathering can call Bud Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Basket materials must be gathered in a timely fashion. Here is a general breakdown of gathering times for different items:

May

Hazel, willow, and fir sticks, spruce roots

June

Hazel, willow, and fir sticks (until mid-June), spruce roots

July

Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern

August

Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern, hazel sticks (limited), willow sticks

September

Bear grass, maidenhair fern, woodwardia fern, spruce roots