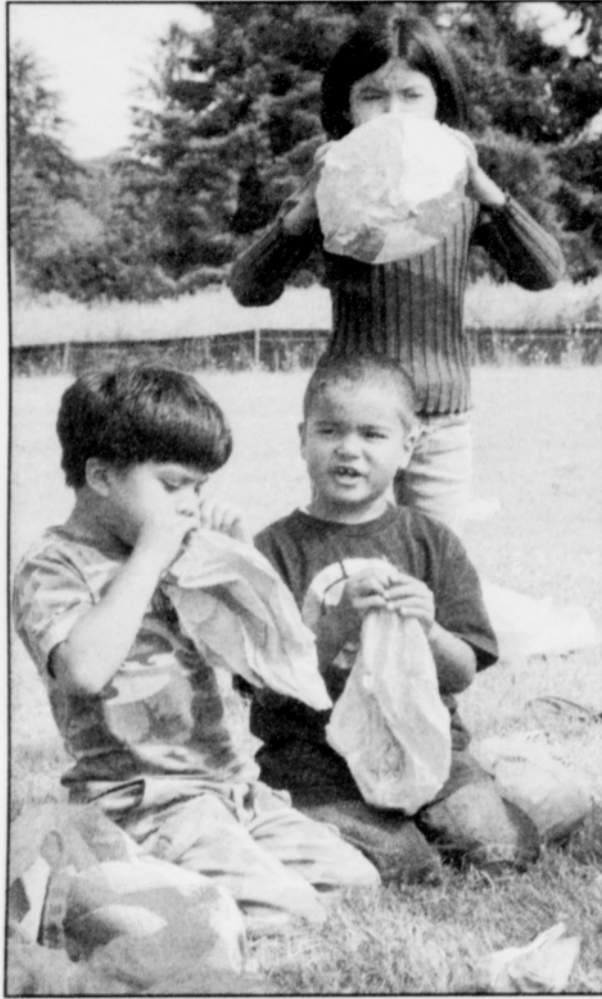


TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS



Kiddos Hour in the field next to the Tenas Illahee Child Care Center brings out the kid in everyone. Above: Nicholas Christensen, Atreaux Jackson, and Jayden Christensen blow up beach balls. Both photos, right: Anna John helps Jazzilynn Alvarez and Elka Fisher dress up with scarves. (photos by Diane Rodriquez)



Above: Isabella Christensen helps Cynthia Urbach swing the jump rope so Jayden Christensen, Elka Fisher and Lexi Christensen can run underneath.



Change in Death Benefits Means Money for Beneficiary

Recent changes in the Tribe's death benefits mean that named beneficiaries now are eligible to receive \$1,000.

The funeral benefit remains \$6,000, which is the amount the Tribe would cover for funeral expenses. The additional \$1,000 would go to the named beneficiary on the Tribal Death Benefits form. If there is no named beneficiary, no one will receive the \$1,000 and it cannot be used toward funeral expenses. The money will go back into the pool of money available for death benefits.

The Siletz Tribe encourages Tribal members to keep their beneficiary forms current. For your convenience, the form is printed below.

If you have any questions regarding this benefit, contact Loraine Butler, Enrollment Department, at 541-444-8258 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1258.

Time to Gather Basket Materials

Spring is here and hazel sticks are ready to pick and peel. Hazel stick gathering is a must for anyone interested in making traditional Siletz baskets. Spruce root can be dug 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.

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:

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

September: Bear grass, maidenhair fern, woodwardia fern, spruce roots

Death Benefit Beneficiary Designation Form

I, _____, hereby designate

1st Beneficiary: _____
(Please print full name)

(Beneficiary's current address)

(City) (State) (ZIP Code)

(Beneficiary's telephone number)

as my beneficiary for the Tribal death benefit insurance (beneficiary must be at least 18 years of age).

Signature / Parent/Guardian Signature If Minor

Roll No. Date of Birth Date

Return completed form to: Confederated Tribes of Siletz, D.B. Insurance, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549.

[] Check here if this is a change in beneficiary or beneficiary address.

(OPTIONAL)

2nd Beneficiary: _____
(Please print full name)

(Beneficiary's current address)

(City) (State) (ZIP Code)

(Beneficiary's telephone number)

Nuu-wee-ya'

(our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Aug. 13 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Sept. 22 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Aug. 5 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Sept. 17 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
Aug. 12 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Sept. 16 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Aug. 4 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Sept. 8 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Athabaskan Language class started for beginners in January 2008. These classes began with basic instruction and will progress over the next year. It also will be a refresher course for those more-advanced students. Come and join other members of your community and Tribe in learning to speak one of our ancient languages.

For more information, contact Bud Lane at the Siletz Culture Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.