

Elders' Council Meeting

No meeting in August because of the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow and no meeting in September because of Run to the Rogue.

For more information, please contact Angela Ramirez at 800-922-1399, ext. 1225; 541-444-8225; or angelar@ctsi.nsn.us



Election Board Applications Due

Deadline for Consideration for the 2008/09 Election Board is Oct. 6, 2008

Any Tribal member interested in serving on the Election Board must fill out the following form and return it to the address below prior to Oct. 6, 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 () _____

Tribal Council will review applications and approve appointments at the Regular Tribal Council meeting in October 2008. If you have any questions, please call Tracey Worman at 800-922-1399, ext. 1284, or 541-444-8284.



2008 Standing Committee Applications Due

Deadline for Consideration for 2008 Committees is Aug. 5, 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 Aug. 5, 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.

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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 (1 vacancy)

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Youth – Get Registered to Vote!

by Kurtis Barker, Election Board Vice Chairman, 800-922-1399 or 541-444-2532

"You have the power to change the face of Oregon politics ... By voting, you have the ability to make politicians listen, to drive policy direction and to be a part of the greatest experiment in government – democracy. Registering to vote is the first step in making your voice in government count, but remember, you also have to vote. Voting is the most important and effective way for you to participate in our democracy."

Bill Bradbury, Secretary of State

Tribal Elections

It comes once a year when Tribal members come together to elect their leaders. It's also once a year when everyone eligible can come together and voice their opinion by voting. This year is no different.

We have at least 900 eligible but not registered Tribal members. This year, the Election Board has a mission to get as many Tribal members registered as possible.

We encourage everyone to educate themselves on the candidates and the current issues that affect our Tribe.

If you currently are not registered but are eligible to vote in Tribal elections, the Election Board will soon mail out Registration Cards to all eligible not registered Tribal members. We also will mail out Registration Cards to Tribal members who turn 18 on or before Election Day.

The Election Board also mailed out Registration Cards to Tribal members who had cards already on file that were more than five years old. We already have received more than half back – more than 350 so far.

That is awesome and we thank those who have updated their cards. This is going to help the Election Board greatly with signature verifications. Great job, everyone!

If you have any questions about Tribal elections, please feel free to contact any Election Board member.

National Elections

If you haven't noticed, Campaign 2008 is in full swing with both Republicans and Democrats. As Barack Obama and John McCain vie to be the next president, I encourage you to get educated on the current issues that affect not only youth, but also the entire country.

This could single-handedly be the biggest election of our lifetime. The next president will have some major issues to resolve as he comes into office, including a less than satisfactory economy, the current war in Iraq, an energy crisis and global warming issues.

Youth in this country can have a **huge** impact on who becomes the next president if we all become educated voters. In November, let our politicians know that youth are out there and we care about the current issues that affect us. Let them know we have a voice.

You can register in Oregon if:

- You are a resident of Oregon.
- You are a citizen of the United States of America.
- You are at least 17 years of age (if you are 17 years of age, you will not receive a ballot until an election occurs on or after your 18th birthday).

To register to vote or update your current registration:

- Complete a Voter Registration Form. The form is in a fill-able PDF format. Open the form using the free Adobe Acrobat© Reader and complete it online by tabbing through the fields and typing in the requested information.
- Print the completed form and sign it.
- Mail the form to your county elections office or drop it off in person.
- Go to your local county elections office and fill out a form in person.
- Your county elections office will mail you a card to let you know that you are registered. If you are registering in Oregon for the first time, your completed Voter Registration Form **must be postmarked by the 21st day before an election** in order to vote in that election.

If you would like more information about voting in Oregon, please visit www.sos.state.or.us or www.oregonvotes.org. You also can contact your local county elections office.

Help make a difference and vote this November.