

## TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

### 2009 Spring S.T.Y.L.E. Basketball Tournament

Calling All Coaches and Players  
March 27-29, 2009 • Siletz, Oregon

It's that time again! The Siletz Tribal Youth Living Empowered Committee is planning its Fifth Annual S.T.Y.L.E. Coed Basketball Tournament, held in Siletz, Ore. Teams from Oregon and Washington have participated in this annual alcohol-free, tobacco-free and other drug-free event.

A dedicated group of volunteers and Tribal program partners have worked all year to raise money through various fund-raisers. The group also seeks donations year-round to support various leadership and sports activities for youth.

Registration Deadline: March 6, 2009      Registration Fee: \$200

Each team needs to include four girls and four boys with the option of one boy or girl non-Native alternate. Prizes are given to MVP, All-Stars and first, second and third place.

Age Brackets:      4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grades      7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade      10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades

For more information and registration forms, contact Rachelle Endres at 541-444-8311 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1311; or e-mail [rachellee@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:rachellee@ctsi.nsn.us).



### We Need Your Help!

It's that time of year again when our community gets together and has the annual spring S.T.Y.L.E. Basketball Tournament. We need your help to volunteer your time to help out in various positions, including the concession stand, stats and scoreboard, and other tasks that need doing.

Young or old – your help is appreciated! We have incentives for youth who volunteer their time.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Jamie Mason at 541-444-9659 or 800-648-0449, ext. 1659.

### CTSI Jobs

CTSI employment information is available at [www.ctsi.nsn.us](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us).

Note: "Open Until Filled" vacancies may close at any time. The Tribe's Indian Preference policy will apply. Tribal government will not discriminate in selection because of race, creed, age, sex, color, national origin, physical handicap, marital status, politics, membership or non-membership in an employee organization.

### White Bison is Returning to Siletz

In response to the many phone calls and conversations concerning the very successful and well-attended White Bison training held at Chinook Winds Casino Resort in early December, we are very pleased to announce that White Bison will return to Siletz.

This second phase of White Bison training is tentatively scheduled for March 10-12. The December training was attended by Tribal members from throughout Oregon as well as members from California and Washington, representing 14 different Tribes.

Many issues will be addressed during this training. It certainly will address many of the questions that arose as a result of the December training, such as "What now?" or "What comes next?" or "How do we take this to the next level?"

This training also will assist the community,

with guidance from our Tribal Elders, in creating a "community vision."

All community members will be welcomed at this second phase of White Bison training, whether or not they attended the initial training.

White Bison's return to Siletz is sponsored by the Tribal 477/SSP program, Healthy Family Healthy Child Project, the Tribal A&D Program and CEDARR.

In an attempt to minimize the high costs of bringing this expensive training back to Siletz, it was suggested that the event be held in Siletz. If any community member would be interested in opening their house for a guest from out of the area, please call Healthy Family Healthy Child Project at 541-444-8262 or 541-444-8233.



### Notes from Healthy Family Healthy Child Project

The project has been very busy of late, especially in December when two very important events were sponsored by the Healthy Family Healthy Child Project.

The first brought to our community a federally sponsored TA, or Technical Assistance, presented by Deb Painte (Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara), the director of the Native American Training Institute and the Medicine Moon Initiative, both of which are based in Bismarck, N.D.

Painte was accompanied by Jan Birkland, the Turtle Mountain Sacred Child Project coordinator from the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribe in Belcourt, N.D., and Claesa Blacksmith, chairman of the St. Mary's Parent Support Group, also of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribe in Dunseith, N.D.

Healthy Family Healthy Child Project requested this Technical Assistance from the government so all Tribal social service programs, including ICW, TANF and housing, could become familiar with a relatively new model of social service delivery to clients called Systems of Care with Wraparound.

For many people, the first question asked would be, "What is Systems of Care?" The definition can be extremely wordy, so here goes. Systems of Care with Wraparound is, essentially, a collaborative partnership between social service and child welfare providers and the family and community.

This partnership provides community-based, individualized and strength-based services that are team driven, requiring child, youth and family involvement in the process; interagency collaboration; culturally competent practices using principles that correlate with American Indian value systems, making wraparound a culturally appropriate way to work with

American Indian families; and the ability to measure outcomes.

Healthy Family Healthy Child Project now is negotiating with the Native American Training Institute to have Painte return to our community for another 3-4 days to train people to become care coordinators and help us proceed with implementing this model within our Tribal social service system.

### White Bison

The second event was the three-day White Bison training that took place at Chinook Winds Casino Resort.

The trainers were Marlin Farley (White Earth Ojibwa), who facilitated the Fathers of Tradition training; Sissy Falcon (Turtle Mountain Chippewa), who facilitated the Daughters of Tradition training; Blaine "Woody" Wood (Cherokee), who facilitated the Recovery Coaches for Men, Women and Friends and Family training; Robert Johnston (Choctaw), who facilitated the Sons of Tradition training; and Jeri Brunoe (Wasco) and Jake Flores (Yaqui), who co-facilitated the Families of Tradition training.

This event was attended by approximately 80 people representing 14 different Tribes. Based on the evaluation forms completed by those attending, the training was an overwhelming success.

The majority of attendees stated they had learned much about themselves and their families during the training. Many stated a need to take what they learned to the next level in the community.

To address this desire, Healthy Family Healthy Child Project is negotiating with White Bison to gain assistance in moving our community toward this end. We will keep you informed in upcoming articles and community announcements.

Healthy Family Healthy Child would like to take this opportunity to thank many members of our community for their participation and assistance in making White Bison a success.

Our sincerest thanks go to Fish Martinez for his drumming and singing. Thanks also to those veterans who assisted in the opening ceremony and the retiring of the colors – Mark Kimball, Jeff Williams, William Hunt and Walt Klamath. Walt also offered the participants his stories and prayers. Thanks go to Dan Lundy for his support and prayers.

Thanks to everybody who helped with registration and a very big thank you to all of you who attended this training. We also would like to respectfully thank Chinook Winds Casino and hotel staff – Melissa Rupperecht, Belinda McElroy, Jimmy Hunt and Scott Rosen – for their hard work and service. Our sincere apologies if we neglected to name a contributor to the success of this training.

In response to the many phone calls that Healthy Family Healthy Child Project has received questioning what we, as a community and Tribe, should do next with what was learned at the White Bison training in December, it is with great pleasure that Healthy Family Healthy Child Project would like to announce that White Bison will return to Siletz to assist us with this issue. March 10-12 has been tentatively set as the date for this next phase of White Bison training (see article above).

If you are interested in attending this phase of training or need more information about the training, please call Bekki Lundy, Healthy Family Healthy Child Project manager, at 541-444-8262 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1262; or Mark Kimball, project specialist at 541-444-8233 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1233.