

TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
March 10 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
April 7 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
March 16 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
April 13 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
March 17 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
April 14 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
March 9 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
April 6 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

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.

Basketry Gathering Time is Near

The time to gather basket materials is quickly approaching.

Hazel sticks (kvn) generally are ready to pick and peel in the middle of spring. Hazel from areas in and around the Willamette Valley generally are ready a couple of weeks earlier than hazel found near the coast.

Many variables determine the best time to pick hazel. Beginning in April, hazel should be checked to see how easily the bark peels. If hazel is picked too early, the bark won't slip and has to be scraped off. This is labor-intensive and also takes the natural sheen off the sticks.

Hazel is the foundation for most Siletz baskets. When gathering, most people pick a range of sizes, peel them and then grade them for length and diameter. The sticks then are bundled and stored for later use.

Spruce root (xii-wan-tr'e) is the other main material used in our baskets. It can be gathered year-round.

Once an area with spruce trees is found, the roots are dug and rolled up. They then are boiled until the outer layer or membrane will slip off. The roots then are graded and stored for later use.

Gathering these materials is the necessary first step in our basket-making process. Tribal members interested in learning to gather and process these materials can call Bud Lane at the Siletz Culture Department, 800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320; or e-mail him at budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

Remember, a short window exists for gathering hazel sticks, usually 30 to 40 days depending on weather conditions and other factors.



Danise Barker, Elders Coordinator, and Elders Maria Westervelt, Vera Lafferty, Alice Keene and Vicky Nelson on a shopping trip in Florence.

Photo by Shirley Walker

Elders' Council Meeting

March 14 • 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Chinook Winds Golf Resort

For more information, please contact Danise Barker at 800-922-1399, ext. 1225; 541-444-8225; or daniseb@ctsi.nsn.us

Enrollment Ordinance Review

The proposed amended Enrollment Ordinance will be posted on the Tribe's website/Tribal Member Section (www.ctsi.nsn.us) for Tribal member review.

Comments should be sent, in writing, prior to the close of business on March 31, 2009, to Tribal Council, c/o Executive Secretary, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, Oregon 97380-0549.

Veterans Can Get Help with Employment

John Farrar of the Oregon Employment Department Veterans Outreach Program will be at the Tribal administration building in Siletz to assist any veteran who is looking for employment.

He comes once a month and will see any veteran who wants to drop in or call for an appointment. He is at the administration building every second Thursday of the month from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Farrar's schedule is as follows:

March 12: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

April 9: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

May 14: 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If you want to make an appointment with Farrar for any of those dates, please call him at 541-265-8891, ext. 333, or just drop in during any of those dates.

If you have any other questions, contact Mark Pullam at 541-444-8221 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1221.

Most Often Requested Numbers

Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
800-922-1399
Salem Area Office
503-390-9494
Salem Finance Office
888-870-9051
Portland Area Office
503-238-1512
Eugene Area Office
541-484-4234
Springfield Siletz Tribal Head Start
541-484-4234
Contract Health Services (CHS)
800-528-5720
Siletz Community Health Clinic
800-648-0449
Siletz Alcohol and Drug
800-600-5599
Chinook Winds Casino Resort
888-244-6665
Chemawa Health Clinic
800-452-7823
Bureau of Indian Affairs
800-323-8517
Website
www.ctsi.nsn.us

Siletz Veterans Office Open Daily

Tony Molina is available for all Siletz Tribal veterans. He is in the Tribal administration building in Siletz from Monday through Friday to help you get all the information you need for your VA benefits.

Additionally, he needs your help to update our veterans' roster, especially for our veterans who are currently serving. You can call Tony at 541-444-8330 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1330.

Send letters to:

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