

# TRIBAL PROGRAM NEWS

## Tribal Members Must be Registered to Vote

From the Election Board

We have at least 900 eligible but not registered Tribal members who are missing out on the opportunity to vote. Once again this year, the Election Board has the mission of getting as many Tribal members registered as possible. Encourage everyone to take the time to fill out their signature card and return it to the Election Board or Enrollment Department.

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 but not regis-

tered Tribal members. We also will mail out registration cards to Tribal members who turn 18 on or before Election Day.

Also, if you can't remember the last time you filled out a signature card, you can request a new one to update your card on file. Signatures change over time and it would help ensure that your vote is counted.

If you have any questions about Tribal elections, please feel free to contact any Election Board member at 800-922-1399, ext. 1256, or 541-444-8256.

Thank you.

## Siletz Tribal Language Project

The Siletz Tribe is pleased to announce the award of a two-year Administration for Native Americans Native Language Preservation and Maintenance Category II grant to develop an Athabaskan language curriculum for Head Start through the fifth grade.

As a Tribe, we have lost more than 90 percent of the ability to speak the Native language, Athabaskan. This is the first step of many on a long path to address this tragedy.

Curriculum development began in January 2009. To date, the following curriculum has been developed:

|     |                         |   |                            |
|-----|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| 103 | Core Curriculum Lessons | 4 | Translated Songs           |
| 4   | Games                   | 1 | Teacher Orientation Lesson |
| 4   | Story Activities        |   |                            |

The project has been making great progress toward the finished product, a complete curriculum package for each grade of Head Start through the fifth grade. Curriculum testing will begin in the 2009-10 school year.

It is the goal that the curriculum developed at the pilot project site, Siletz Valley School, will be largely available upon the completion of a successful project.

Community involvement and input is always encouraged. It is the interest of the Siletz Tribal Language Project to address the needs of the community the Language Project is intended to serve

Please bring your interests and comments to Bud Lane at any of the community language classes or contact him at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext 1320; or Cova St. Onge at 541-444-1036.

Hvm'-Chi'

## Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

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

#### Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center  
July 7 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Aug. 4 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Salem

Salem Area Office  
July 9 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Aug. 11 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Portland

Portland Area Office  
July 22 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Aug. 10 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

#### Eugene

Eugene Area Office  
July 6 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.  
Aug. 3 - 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 Cultural Department at 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320; or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us.

## 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 Henarie, foster care certifier, at 541-444-8275 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1275; or visit [www.ctsi.nsn.us/icw.html](http://www.ctsi.nsn.us/icw.html).



## Tribal Council Authorizes New Committee for Enrollment

The duties and powers of the Enrollment Committee will be to review each completed application for enrollment and recommend to the Tribal Council either acceptance or rejection of each application.

Tribal members interested in serving on the Enrollment Committee must fill out the following form and return it to the address below prior to the close of business on July 31, 2009.

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 or fax to 541-444-8325.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Roll No: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: Day ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Evening ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

## Applications Over-Income Grant Program Due July 31

The Over-Income Rehabilitation Construction program funds over-income families with a \$5,000 grant for construction rehabilitation on the primary residence they own or families who have possessor rights to their home.

Rehabilitation refers to repairs or renovations to the home, but does not include appliances, saunas, hot tubs, swimming pools, etc.

Over-Income refers to Tribal members whose income exceeds the income limits set by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA). These are listed below:

| 1      | 2      | 3      | Base4  | 5      | 6      | 7      | 8      |
|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 39,650 | 45,300 | 51,000 | 56,650 | 61,200 | 65,700 | 70,250 | 74,800 |

If you are a Siletz Tribal member and have not received an over-income grant to date, call the Housing office to request an application.

Applications, including proof of income, enrollment and mortgage statements, must be submitted to the Housing office by July 31, 2009, at 4:30 p.m. Applications received after that date and time will not be accepted by the Siletz Tribal Housing Department.

Qualified applicants will be placed in the lottery drawing, which will be held during August on a date approved by the Tribal Council.

If you have any questions, please call Jeanette Aradoz at 800-922-1399, ext. 1316, or 541-444-8316.

## Census 2010

By Claire Wood, Tribal Planning, Data Coordinator

The 2010 Census will define who we are as a nation, affect political representation and direct the allocation of billions of dollars in government funding. Active Tribal participation is vital for an accurate 2010 Census count of American Indians and Alaska Natives nationwide. Achieving a complete and accurate 2010 Census is in our hands.

Every year, more than \$300 billion in federal and state funds are allocated to Tribes, states and communities based on census data. That's more than \$3 trillion over a 10-year period.

Census data guide local decision makers in important community and Tribal planning efforts, including decisions such as where to build child care facilities, community centers, roads and schools.

Tribal governments and planners rely on census data to determine where there is a need for social services. Federal and

state agencies also use census data to determine vital funding for Tribal development programs, education and health care services.

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians has joined with the U.S. Census Bureau as an official partner. The Census Partner Proclamation was signed by Chairman Delores Pigsley on April 17, 2009.

As a 2010 Census partner, the Tribe will support the goals and ideals for the census, disseminate census information and encourage participation in the census. The Tribe will support census takers as they help the community complete an accurate count.

I have been appointed as the Tribal liaison for Census 2010. I will provide more information about the census in the coming months. In the meantime, you can check the census website at [www.census.gov/2010census](http://www.census.gov/2010census) or call me with questions at 541-444-8276 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1276.