

Looking at Year Two of Siletz Tribal Language Project

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On Sept. 25, the Siletz Tribe received continuation funds for the current Administration for Native Americans Language Preservation grant. Our Tribal language project has been continued "... based on the successful implementation of your project ..."

Year one efforts have successfully produced 176 curriculum lessons, six stories and six games.

Going into the second year of the Siletz Tribal Language Project, we will look to complete the conversion of the lesson plans into digital documents that will then be loaded onto the server. Visual aids and learning materials will be created to support the lessons, which will complete the curriculum package.

In the classrooms of Siletz Valley School, pilot testing will occur with selected lessons. We will introduce the teachers to the curriculum and test the functioning of the lessons with students at each grade level.

The language project efforts will benefit communities by bringing language lessons and classes right to your location.

Year one included the purchase of video conferencing equipment that will make community language classes accessible to the larger community right from home. The video conferencing capabilities partnered with the online capabilities of the server will make distant language learning possible.

It is our goal, at the conclusion of year two, that the language learning materials and community language classes will be easily accessed by our communities and Tribal families.

Nuu-wvn srxii-xe xuu-srxii-xe hii-chu xuu-srxii-xe hii-chu xaa-ma
(For our children, their children and their children)
Hvm'-chi'

Elders' Council Meeting

Nov. 21 • 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Chinook Winds Golf Resort

For more information, please contact April Bender at
800-922-1399, ext. 1225; 541-444-8225; or aprilb@ctsi.nsn.us

Get Ready for Tribal Youth Conference

The annual Siletz Tribal Youth Conference will be held this year on Nov. 7-8 at the B'Nai B'Rith Summer Camp near Devils Lake in Lincoln City.

Registration is for enrolled Siletz Tribal Youth in grades 7-12 regardless of residence. Registration is limited to 50 youth.

There will be a date at which descendants' registration will be accepted if space is available. Registration is reserved in the order received.

The Siletz Tribal Youth Conference is an annual opportunity for Tribal youth to come together to make new relationships and maintain established relationships. It offers large group sessions and breakout sessions on a variety of topics, including Tribal culture/history, personal development, physical/mental/emotional self-care, managing finances, storytelling and other cultural practices.

Sessions are designed to be active and fun. In addition to more formal sessions, time is set aside for large and small group activities.

Youth are expected to treat themselves, each other and staff with respect. Conflicts or issues that arise will be addressed by staff in collaboration with the youth.

Youth will have a designated adult mentor available to them for support, to address any concerns that might arise and who will be aware of their location and activity schedule.

The conference is an alcohol- and drug-free event. A staff registered nurse will administer prescribed medications.

Conference registration forms will be mailed using addresses available through the Tribal Enrollment Department. Registrations also will be available-at each of the Tribal offices in Portland, Salem, Eugene and Siletz.

If you have any questions, please contact the following staff in each area - Portland, Katy Kaady, 503-238-1512; Salem, Sonya Moody-Jurado, 503-390-9494; Eugene, Nick Sixkiller, 541-484-4234; Siletz, George Nagel, 541-444-9667.

Tribal Children Need Foster Parents

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.



Get Your Flu Information Here

The Siletz Community Health Clinic has a flu information line with daily updates.

Please call 541-444-9658.

Tribal Energy Assistance Available

The Tribal Housing Department has started taking appointments for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program. On Oct. 1, the program opened up for Elders, disabled and families with Tribal children under age 10.

On Nov. 1, energy assistance will be available for all Tribal families who are income-eligible. You must make an appointment and have all documents with you at the time of your application.

To make an appointment, please call:

Ardella Parr	541-444-8317 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1317
Angela Martin	541-444-8259 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1259
Jessica Garcia	541-444-8315 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1315

We also are taking applications for Tribal weatherization. You can inquire at the time of your energy assistance appointment.

Pap-a-thon Scheduled for Nov. 6

It's time for the Pap-a-thon again, this time on Nov. 6. The clinic staff make this a day of fun for the women who need their pap and breast exams.

We will have food, gifts and activities to make the appointment more enjoyable. Please call in and make your appointment if it's time for your pap and breast exam. Call 541-444-1030 or 800-648-0449 and ask for a Pap-a-thon appointment.

Come enjoy the afternoon with us!

November USDA Distribution Dates

Siletz

Monday, Nov. 2	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 3	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 4	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 5	9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Salem

Monday, Nov. 23	1:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 24	8 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 25	8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday, Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Day! Warehouse closed.

Please note the short distribution week at the Salem warehouse. Because of the number of holidays in November, we have changed distribution to the fourth full week of the month and we will close early on Nov. 25 in order for staff to finish their job duties and travel home.

Have a wonderful holiday season!

If you or someone you know would like to sign up for commodity foods, you can find the application packet on the Tribal website - www.ctsi.nsn.us - and look under social services. You can print the entire packet and mail it to us at:

CTSI - USDA
P.O. Box 549
Siletz, OR 97380-0549

Or you can fax it to:
USDA, 541-444-8306

Happy meals!
Joyce Retherford, FDP Director
541-444-8393 or
800-922-1399, ext. 1393



CTSI Jobs

Tribal employment information is available at www.ctsi.nsn.us.

CTSI is constantly looking for temporary employees to cover vacancy, vacations, maternity leave and extended sick leave. If you are retired, a homemaker or a student and are looking for temporary work that can last from two weeks to 12 weeks, please submit a temporary application for the temp pool.

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.