

Census 2010 Questionnaire is Quick, Easy and Confidential

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The 2010 Census questionnaire will be distributed in mid-March 2010. It is quick, easy and confidential.

With only 10 short questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest in history and takes just 10 minutes to complete. By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's responses with anyone, including Tribal housing authorities, the INS and law enforcement entities.

Question No. 9 will ask your race. You can choose one or more selections. The best thing for an American Indian to do is to choose the "American Indian or Alaska Native" box only. Print the name of the tribe in which you are enrolled in the squares directly below your selection. Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians will not fit in the box, but you can use the space outside the boxes also. You also can abbreviate "Conf Tribes Siletz" and your response will fit in the boxes.

Please list your tribal affiliation even if you are not an enrolled Tribal member. The U.S. Census is a self-identification system. This means if you think you are an American Indian and check the American Indian box on the census form, that is how you will be counted. No one will question you. No comparisons with the enrollment data of the Tribe will be made.

In order to be counted as an American Indian family, you must list the American Indian member of your family

as Person 1 on the census form. It doesn't matter if this is a male or female member of the family.

Remember to choose American Indian or Alaska Native as your race and fill in your Tribal name in question 9.

For more information, please see the official census website at <http://2010.census.gov/2010census/> or www.indiancountrycounts.org; or call me with questions at 800-922-1399, ext.1276, or 541-444-8276.

Firewood Available Again, Likely for Only Time Until Spring

The North Fork #2 - South firewood unit once again is open for Tribal member firewood cutting. **Permits are required** and can be obtained at the Tribal Natural Resources office in the Tribal administration building in Siletz from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on weekdays.

Maps and directions also are available at the same location.

Permits will be issued to Tribal members only who will need to show their Tribal ID card and provide the license number of the vehicle they will use to haul the wood. If you live outside of the Siletz area, you can call the numbers at right to have a permit mailed to you.

The permits are for Tribal member woodcutting for **personal use only**. This firewood **cannot be sold**.

The person named on the permit must be present when cutting and hauling the firewood. Tribal members wishing to cut wood for Tribal Elders must present a signed note from the Elder stating that the individual is authorized to cut firewood on their behalf. The note must include the Elder's Tribal ID number.

Permits are good for two weeks and allow up to two cords of wood to be cut

on each permit. Each Tribal member is allowed up to five cords total per year from Tribal firewood units.

This likely will be the only firewood area open until spring.

For more information, stop by the Natural Resources Office or call Tribal Forester Mike Kennedy at 800-922-1399, ext. 1232, or 541-444-8232.

Elders' Council Meeting

Dec. 12 • 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Chinook Winds Casino Resort

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

Nuu-wee-ya' (our words)

Introduction to the Athabaskan Language

Open to Tribal members of all ages

Siletz

Siletz Tribal Community Center
Dec. 8 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Jan. 5 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Salem

Salem Area Office
Dec. 15 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Jan. 12 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Portland

Portland Area Office
Dec. 14 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Jan. 11 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Eugene

Eugene Area Office
Dec. 7 - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Jan. 4 - 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.

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.

Do You Qualify for the Energy Assistance Program?

What is the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)? This is a program that assists income-eligible Tribal member households with their heating costs.

Where does this program come from? This is a state program that used to be administered through the Community Service Consortium. In 2006, the Siletz Tribe was granted funding to administer the program in our 11-county service area. This allows the Siletz Tribe's three area offices and Housing office to provide services to eligible Tribal households.

Am I eligible? The income limits are as follows:

Household size	Annual Income	Monthly Income
1	Up to \$25,284	Up to \$2,107.00
2	Up to \$33,064	Up to \$2,755.33
3	Up to \$40,844	Up to \$3,403.67
4	Up to \$48,624	Up to \$4,052.00
5	Up to \$56,404	Up to \$4,700.33
6	Up to \$64,184	Up to \$5,348.67
7	Up to \$65,642.40	Up to \$5,470.20
8	Up to \$67,101.12	Up to \$5,591.76
8+ household members will be calculated at the intake.		

Do per capita and Elder stipends count as income? Yes, except for the Elder stipends that are paid out of timber revenue. At this time only Tribal Elders age 70 and older receive stipends from timber revenue.

What if I am no longer employed? You will need to complete the Declaration of Personal Income form. The intake worker will determine income eligibility.

Who do I contact to schedule an intake? You can contact the following:

Eugene office at 541-484-4234

Salem office at 503-390-9494

Portland office at 503-238-1512

Housing Department, Siletz at 541-444-8322

If you have more LIEAP questions, please contact Ardella Parr at 800-922-1399, ext. 1317, or 541-444-8317.

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.

