

Chinook Winds Joins Clean Energy Program to Offset Emissions

NW Natural's Smart Energy a sure bet for resort, which becomes third largest customer in Oregon

Members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians have always looked toward the future while honoring the past. So it's not surprising Chinook Winds is the first casino to sign up for NW Natural's innovative Smart Energy program.

Chinook Winds Casino Resort, a 157,000-square-foot Oregon casino in Lincoln City, is participating in Smart Energy through its gas supplier, NW Natural. The casino will offset all emissions from its natural gas use at the facility. In terms of annual offsets purchased, Chinook Winds is the third largest Smart Energy customer.

Siletz Tribal member Sar Richards, general manager of Chinook Winds, offered the following insight into the resort's participation in the Smart Energy Program and conservation as a whole.

"The concept of 'going green' has been a way of life of indigenous peoples since the time of beginning. To that end, Chinook Winds Casino Resort, an enterprise of the Siletz Tribe, actively promotes this concept and joins with others as they begin to understand the necessity of conservation and recycling," said Richards. "The administration of Chinook Winds Casino Resort, the individual departments and members of the staff continually seek to find ways to help preserve the environment which has been entrusted to us."

Smart Energy is designed to support projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. They include a biodigester pilot at a farm in Boardman, Ore., that already is capturing methane gas from cow manure and keeping it out of the atmosphere.

Methane gas is a 21 times more potent greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. The captured emissions are being turned into biogas, which eventually will be used on the farm to replace its propane use.

Paying a little extra each month to participate in Smart Energy is not the only sustainable move on the part of Chinook Winds. Energy and resource conservation includes changing some staff scheduling from five eight-hour days to four 10-hour days both to conserve on fuel and cut

down on commuting expense; replacing neon with LED lights that require 60 percent less energy; recycling cardboard, paper, ink cartridges, newspapers, cooking oils and other products; replacing bottled water in the offices with filtered water and water coolers; using recycled products whenever possible; donating items no longer used by the resort to organizations with a need; and staff participation in the semiannual SOLV Beach Cleanup.

"The Confederated Tribes of Siletz has a long legacy of environmental stewardship toward their home here in the Pacific Northwest," said NW Natural's Bill Edmonds, director of Environmental Policy and Sustainability. "We are proud to partner with them in Smart Energy - an important move toward a sustainable future."

Thanks to participants like Chinook Winds, Smart Energy has offset 51,714 tons of carbon dioxide since the program launched. That's equivalent to annual greenhouse gas emissions from 8,970 passenger vehicles or CO2 emissions from 5,277,182 gallons of consumed gasoline.

About the Smart Energy Program

NW Natural is headquartered in Portland, Ore., and serves about 667,000 residential and business customers in Oregon and Southwest Washington. It's the largest independent natural gas utility in the Pacific Northwest.

NW Natural does not profit from funds raised through Smart Energy. The program is used to fund greenhouse gas reduction projects, educate customers

about the program and for the administration of the project through The Climate Trust, a leading non-profit organization and one of the largest institutional purchasers of offsets in the United States. The Climate Trust, which manages the Smart Energy funds, supports innovative strategies to reduce, avoid or capture global warming emissions.

NW Natural is offsetting the carbon dioxide emissions created by the natural gas used to heat all its facilities for the next five years, totaling a reduction of 700 tons of carbon dioxide. NW Natural shareholders also are paying nearly a quarter of the program costs. For more information about the Smart Energy program, visit nwnatural.com/smart.

Agenda

Aug. 12

Royalty Pageant • 6 p.m.

Aug. 13

Memorials/Giveaways •

Noon-6 p.m.

(Contact Nick Sixkiller)

Presentation of crowns •

6 p.m.

Grand Entry • 7 p.m.

Aug. 14

Parade • 10 a.m.

(Contact Mona Fisher)

Grand Entry • 1 & 7 p.m.

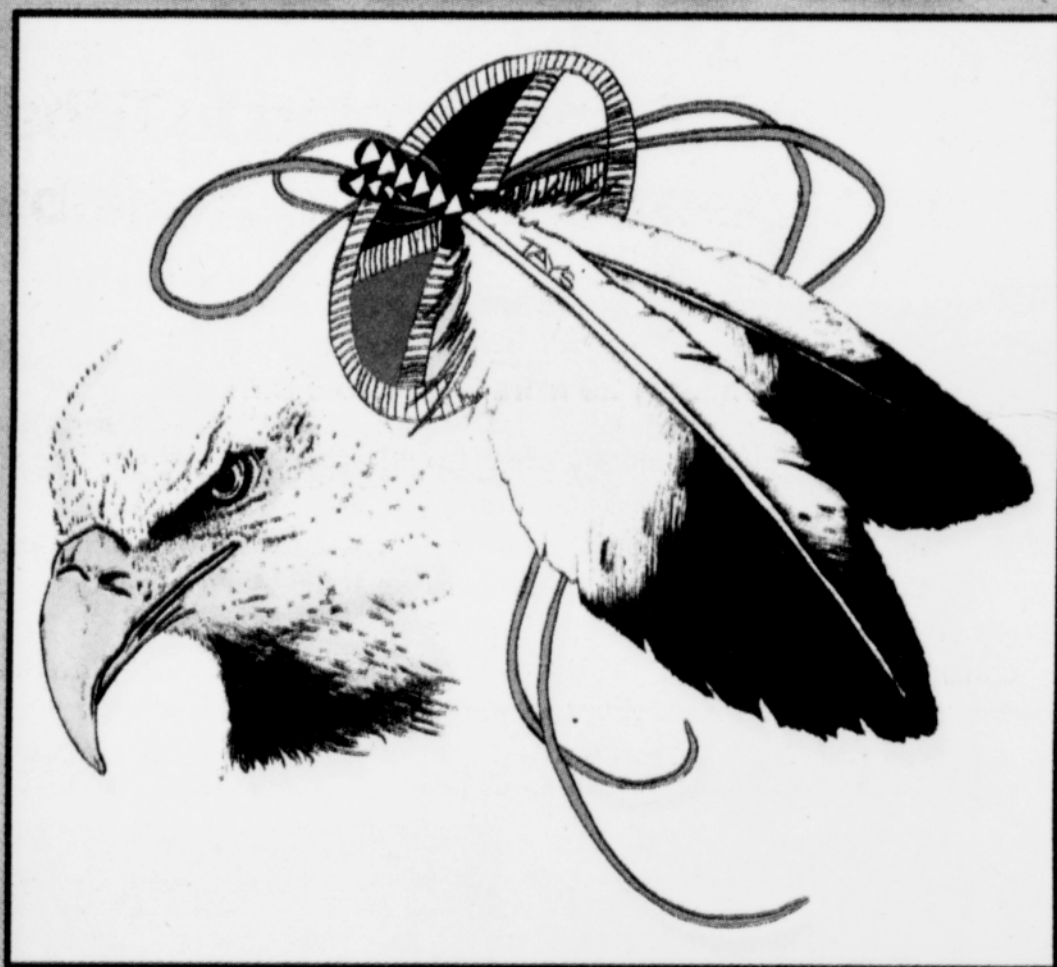
Aug. 15

Pow-Wow Wellness Walk •

9 a.m.

Grand Entry • Noon

The Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians
invites you to join us at our annual
Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow!



Dance categories include male and female traditional, fancy, grass and jingle

Adult & Golden Age: 1st - \$500 2nd - \$400 3rd - \$300 4th - \$200 5th - \$100

Teen: 1st - \$300 2nd - \$250 3rd - \$200 4th - \$150 5th - \$100

Youth: 1st - \$150 2nd - \$100 3rd - \$75 4th - \$50 5th - \$25

Specials Tiny Tot Memorial - Sherry Eddings

Women's Basket Cap: 1st - \$500 2nd - \$400 3rd - \$300 2nd - \$200 1st - \$100

Round Bustle (open): 1st - \$500 2nd - \$400 3rd - \$300 2nd - \$200 1st - \$100

The Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow is a drug- and alcohol-free event.

All dancers and drummers are welcome • drummers, please bring your own chairs!

We are not responsible for accidents and lost or stolen items.

Vendor registration is required • Camping: \$25 for three days per campsite

For more information, contact Nick Sixkiller or Mona Fisher at

800-922-1399, ext. 1230 or 541-444-8230.

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Downey Family Reunion

July 10, 2010 • Lunch at noon
Siletz Tribal Community Center

Contact Jean Garrett at
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for more information.

Logan Family Reunion

Siletz Tribal Community Center
July 24, 2010 • 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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