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Jack Strong

## Jack Strong Becomes Executive Chef at Chinook Winds Casino

Siletz Tribal member Jack Strong has been hired at Chinook Winds Casino Resort as the new executive chef after gaining valuable experience in the culinary world.

Strong has worked at AAA 4- and 5-Diamond restaurants in Arizona and Washington as well as co-authored the book *The New Native American Cuisine: Five-Star Recipes from the Chefs of Arizona's Kai Restaurant*.

As the sous chef at the Phoenician Resort and Spa, he was part of the team on the drive for AAA 4-Diamonds. Some of his achievements include an AAA 5-Diamond award, a Mobil 5-Star Award and a nomination to the James Beard Long-list for best Chef Southwest 2008.

At Chinook Winds, Strong hopes to use his experience and energy to show a

unity among the food outlets throughout the resort.

"I'm excited to come back to Oregon. There are so many indigenous ingredients that we can use to make us stand out. ...our Tribe has always harvested from the sea - clams, oysters, fish - it's just how you prepare and present them in our traditional way that will make the difference," said Strong.

"I am thrilled to welcome Jack Strong to our culinary team as executive chef. He not only brings a unique and exciting style of cooking experience with him, but I believe Jack will take our culinary team to the next level and make CWCR the premier dining destination on the Oregon Coast," said Chuck McPherson, director of food and beverage.

## STBC Plans Tribal Business Forum in September

The STBC small business development team plans to conduct its first business forum for Tribal members in September. The forum will be an all-day event, will cover several topics and will provide the opportunity for Tribal members to meet old, and make new, friends.

"We have received over 70 responses to our business survey and we are ready to move forward to help address these needs," said Stephen Larrabee, STBC development manager.

The forum will provide technical assistance on the top three areas identified by Tribal members in the survey - marketing, financing and grants. In addition, it will provide information on minority certifications and educational opportunities.

Michael Phillips, STBC enterprise specialist and IT expert, will be marketing the event on the STBC website and hopes that as many Tribal members as possible attend.

"This will be a great event, chalk-full of useful information and I hope that all current and future business owners attend," he said.

All interested Tribal members are welcome to contact either Larrabee or Phillips at slarrabee@stbcorp.net or mphilips@stbcorp.net; or 541-994-2142 or 877-564-7298 to ensure their participation.

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specialist for the Siletz Tribe. "You'll see beadwork, clothing, art and tons of delicious food, all for sale by many families who supplement their income with sales at various pow-wows throughout the pow-wow trail."

A free shuttle will be available from various parking lots in Siletz to the pow-wow on Government Hill. Signs will be posted. Parking is extremely limited at the pow-wow grounds, which makes the shuttle the best way to get there.

This alcohol- and drug-free event is free. Listen carefully to the pow-wow announcer, who will tell you when you can and when you should not take photos. The announcer also will explain the significance of the events taking place in the dance arena throughout the pow-wow.

### Pow-Wow Schedule

#### Aug. 13

6 p.m. - Royalty Crowning  
7 p.m. - Grand Entry

#### Aug. 14

10 a.m. - Parade  
1 p.m. and 7 p.m. - Grand Entry

#### Aug. 15

Noon - Grand Entry



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Several directors at Chinook Winds Casino Resort helped the staff contribute to the Relay For Life in Lincoln City by dressing up as various characters after staff made at least \$250 in contributions into each director's "jar." Those walking a lap around the track at Taft High 7-12 included Eric DeMello (security director) as Dog the Bounty Hunter, Debe Busch (marketing director) as Cruella De Vil, Andrea Butler (compliance director) as Wonder Woman and Sar Richards (executive director) as Richard Simmons. Casino employees raised more than \$18,000 for the Relay, which helps fund the research, programs, services and advocacy efforts of the American Cancer Society.

## Tribal Member Vendors Invited to Sign Up for 2011 Gathering of Oregon's First Nations Pow-Wow

The five Western Oregon Tribes once again will host the Gathering of Oregon's First Nations Annual Pow-Wow at the state fairgrounds pavilion in Salem, Ore. on Jan. 29, 2011. All Oregon Tribes will be participating.

Tribal members will have a unique opportunity to secure vendor tables before they are open to the American Indian public. Once the tables are open to the American Indian public, it's anticipated they will be completely filled by the next day.

The committee wants to make sure Tribal vendors are given the first opportunity to secure a table. Tables are \$50 per vendor with each vendor allowed one table. Sorry, no food vendors.

The first year's attendance was estimated at 5,000 and last year we had approximately 3,000 people. The cutoff date for this special offer to Tribal members only is Sept. 15, 2010, at noon. After that, any table left will be open to the American Indian public.

Vendors must provide their own

transportation and lodging along with the vendor registration fee.

If you do not have enough merchandise or want to split the cost with other Tribal members, that is allowable. Organizing the combining of resources, however, will be up to the individuals interested in doing so. If you decide to combine resources, please appoint one person to be in charge of your vendor table.

If you are interested, please contact Mona Fisher at 541-444-8230 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1230.