

Sign Up Now – Tribal Youth Conference Registration Limited to 50 Youth

Adult mentors will support youth and work with them throughout the weekend of activities

The annual Siletz Tribal Youth Conference will be held Oct. 23-24 at the B'nai B'rith Camp on Devils Lake in Lincoln City, Ore. We will arrive at camp on the morning of Oct. 23, spend the night and leave camp the evening of Oct. 24.

Registration forms were mailed out Sept. 28 and are due by Oct. 11. Registration is for enrolled Siletz Tribal youth in seventh through 12th grade regardless of residence. Registration is limited to 50 youth.

There will be a date at which time descendants' registrations will be ac-

cepted 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 friendships and maintain established relationships.

The conference offers large group sessions and break-out sessions on a variety of topics, including Tribal culture/history, personal development, physical/mental/emotional self-care, traditional healthy foods, storytelling and other cultural practices.

Sessions are designed to be active and fun. In addition to more-formal sessions,

time will be 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 and 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 will be mailed out using addresses available through the Tribal Enrollment Department. Registrations also will be available at each Tribal office in Portland, Salem, Eugene and Siletz.

If you have any questions, please contact the following staff in each area:

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Salem: Sonya Moody Jurado,
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Photos by Diane Rodriguez

Indian History and Culture on Display on Opening Day of Oregon State Fair

By Diane Rodriguez

Siletz Feather Dancers and other Tribal members took time from a busy summer on Aug. 27 to share information about Tribal history and culture at the Oregon State Fair in Salem.

They joined representatives from the five Western Oregon Tribes – Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians; Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Indians; Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians; Coquille Indian Tribe; and the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians in a presentation entitled "Standing Strong."

Each Tribe had a table of information to share with the audience. The Cow Creek Tribe brought a canoe and a drum group, Thundering Water, to help present and retire the colors. The Grand Ronde Tribe also brought a canoe and included a demonstration of singing and dancing with the Grande Ronde Canoe Family.

Siletz Tribal Chairman Delores Pigsley joined Grand Ronde Vice Chairman Reyn Leno in welcoming the crowd to the event.

"It's very nice to show you a little bit of our Tribal culture," said Pigsley. Some of the Tribes at the fairgrounds were terminated in the 1950s and have come back strong, she added.

As the Siletz Feather Dancers took the stage, Bud Lane told the audience a bit about the dance. He was joined by Robert Kentta and Bob Tom as all three sang the traditional songs.

"Feather dance songs are owned by families and loaned to the dance," said Lane. "These dances are thanks to the Creator for creating the world that we live on, for how much we enjoy living in Western Oregon."

The Tribe's dance demonstration closed with words from Lane – first in Athabascan, then in English – that seemed appropriate for everyone who traveled to Salem this day for the fair:

"May the blessings be with all of you as you depart this place."

Alan Fish and Ed Ben (above left) represent the Siletz Tribe in the Color Guard that opened the festivities. Mona Fisher, cultural education director, answered people's questions and passed out information about the Tribe throughout the day.



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