

STEP announces calendar contest

Coming soon ...

The Siletz Tribal Energy Program (STEP) will hold a calendar contest. Youth will have the opportunity to submit a drawing related to recycling, composting, energy efficiency, conservation or renewable energy.

We will accept entries at Culture Camp, the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow and through the mail. Details will be

published next month and available at the events.

Prizes will include a certificate, a calendar for all entries and other surprises.

Contact STEP for more information on composting, recycling and conserving. Call us toll-free at 800-922-1399, ext. 1271, or 541-444-8271; or e-mail us at step@ctsi.nsn.us. Search for Siletz Tribal Energy Program on Facebook and "like" us.

Firewood available on land near Siletz

A new firewood-cutting area is now open for Siletz Tribal members.

Known as the Rock Creek #2 unit, this area is located approximately 11 miles from Siletz. This area will only be open for the summer, so get your firewood for next season now.

Permits are required and can be obtained at the Tribal Natural Resources office in the 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 Siletz 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. Woodcutters from out of the Siletz area can call the numbers at right to have a permit mailed to them.

The permits are for Tribal member woodcutting **for personal use only**. This firewood **may not be sold**. The person named on the permit **must be present** when the firewood is cut and hauled.

Tribal members who wish 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.

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.

Emergency Housing Assistance reopens July 1 for last time this year

By Casey Godwin, Emergency/ Energy Assistance Program Coordinator

The Siletz Tribal Housing Department's Emergency Housing Assistance (EHA) program will begin accepting applications July 1. No applications will be accepted early.

Applications are available through the Siletz Tribal Housing Department, the Tribal website and all area offices.

This program operates on a first-come, first-served basis. Only completed applications will be processed and served. If your application is not complete, funds will not be held for you. Once the funds are depleted, the program will close and will not re-open until the next funding cycle in January 2012.

Service district is all of the U.S.

- EHA can be used to enable a Tribal member/Tribal family to get into a permanent home if there is a situation of homelessness. Homeless is having no personal residence or if the person/family is temporarily staying with someone else.
- EHA should not be used as a tool to move from one residence to another without good cause.
- EHA is available every two years. If you applied July 18, 2009, you cannot

apply until July 18, 2011. Your application will not be set aside; it will not be accepted if you apply early.

- If you apply for EHA on July 1 and you are one of the first few applicants, this does not entitle you to funds set aside on your behalf. Your application must be complete and you must comply with all stipulations of the program (i.e., income verification, proof of Tribal enrollment, Social Security card copies and proof of household composition) before funds will be payable.
- If you are homeless and are approved for assistance, you will have 14 days in which to find a place to live, obtain a rental agreement and get information to STHD to process payment.
- If you are facing eviction, you must have a signed 72-hour eviction notice from a landlord or rental property.
- If you are facing foreclosure, you must have proper documentation from a mortgage lender in order to process.
- Assistance cannot be provided to those already participating in Low Rent, Mutual Help and Rental Assistance programs.

If you have any questions, call me at 541-444-8311 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1311.

Head Start is accepting applications

Siletz Tribal Head Start is in the process of accepting new Head Start applications for the 2011-2012 school year.

We have Head Start centers in Portland, Siletz, Lincoln City and Salem.

Send in your application as soon as possible. If you or someone you know has a child who will be 3-4 years old by Sept. 1, 2011, please call 541-444-8376 or 800-922-1399 for an application.

Fresh steelhead arrives soon in Siletz

We expect to begin receiving fresh whole-bodied steelhead from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife's Siletz River fish trap any day now and continuing into the summer. Distribution will be done by Natural Resources staff at the east side of the old USDA building.

We only get a couple hours notice that we will be getting fish on any particular day, so if you want to receive a phone call to find out we are expecting fish that day,

please contact Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or Natural Resources Administrative Assistant Kelley Ellis at 541-444-8227 or 800-922-1399 to get on our notification list.

This year we will not accept notes to pick up fish for someone else. Instead, we will allow each household that shows up to pick up from one to three fish, depending on the number of fish we get that day. Who they share those fish with will be up to them.

Time to gather basketry materials

Summer is here and it's time to continue gathering materials for Siletz baskets.

Hazel stick gathering is a must for anyone interested in making traditional Siletz baskets. Spruce root can be dug all year round and is used for the weavers or weft of Siletz baskets.

Bear grass and maidenhair fern are used for overlay to make our traditional designs or marks in our baskets and both are picked in late summer.

Any Tribal members interested in gathering can call Bud Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320, or e-mail budl@ctsi.nsn.us. Just a reminder - basket materials must be gathered in a timely fashion.

Here is a general breakdown of gathering times for different materials:

July

Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern

August

Fir sticks, spruce roots, bear grass, maidenhair fern, hazel sticks (limited), willow sticks

September

Bear grass, maidenhair fern, woodwardia fern, spruce roots

Enrollment Committee Application

Any Tribal member interested in serving on the Enrollment Committee must fill out this form and return it prior to 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 18, 2011.

Please mail or fax your application to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Executive Secretary to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; fax: 541-444-8325.

Name: _____ Roll No: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

Tribal Council will review applications and approve appointments at its regular meeting in August. If you have any questions, please call Tami Miner, Tribal Council's executive secretary, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1203, or 541-444-8203.

Housing Committee Vacancy

There currently is one vacancy on the Housing Committee. Any Tribal member interested in filling this vacancy for the remainder of the term, which ends February 2012, must fill out this form and return it prior to 4:30 p.m. on Aug. 18, 2011.

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