

Meet the young women seeking to represent Tribe as 2013-2014 Siletz Royalty



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SuSun Fisher Candidate for Junior Miss Siletz

SuSun Fisher, 14, attends Willamina High School in Willamina, Ore.

She is the daughter of Tammy Fisher and Erin Case. She represents the Tom and Case families and the Shasta and Tututni Tribes.

As a ninth-grader, her interest are pow-wows, beading, feather dancing, singing and dancing with the Grand Ronde canoe family and being president of two youth councils.

"I'm running for Junior Miss Siletz this year because it is a positive way to represent your Tribe. It also keeps you involved within the community," said SuSun.



Photo by Tiffany Stuart

Jazmyn Metcalf Candidate for Junior Miss Siletz

Jazmyn Metcalf, 15, attends Siletz Valley Early College Academy in Siletz, Ore.

She is the daughter of Michael and Fawn Metcalf. She represents the Metcalf and Keene families and the Joshua, Hoopa, Chetco, Tootootney, Rogue, Mikonotunne, Umpqua (Lower), Alsea and Coos Tribes.

As a 10th-grader, she is interested in singing, drawing, writing, dancing, reading and sports.

She wants to run for royalty because "I feel like it would connect me better to my ancestors, family and surrounding community. It would be an honor to be able to represent my Tribe and family through something that has such a significant presence in my Tribe's history."



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Jocelyn Hernandez Candidate for Little Miss Siletz

Jocelyn Hernandez, 10, attends Siletz Valley School in Siletz, Ore.

She is the daughter of Rachelle Endres and Robert Hernandez. She represents the Washington family and the Chetco and Klamath River Tribes.

As a fifth-grader, she is interested in softball, basketball, volleyball, pow-wows, Nadosh and making arts and crafts.

"I want to run for Little Miss Siletz because I love to represent my Tribe in great ways and love to serve my elders," said Jocelyn.



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Faith Kibby Candidate for Little Miss Siletz

Faith Kibby, 12, attends McKinleyville Middle School in McKinleyville, Calif.

She is the daughter of Jaimoe and Brandy Kibby. She represents the Ben, Huitt, Thompson and Kibby families and the Chetco, Klamath, Yurok, Karuk and Pit River Tribes.

As a seventh-grader, she likes sports (basketball, track, softball, soccer and volleyball), cheerleading and ballet. She's also interested in reading, beading, making regalia, language and art.

She participates in her ceremonial Brush dances each summer and she is a fancy shawl pow-wow dancer.

"I want to run for royalty for a new experience. It would be a fun way to meet new friends and new people from my Tribe and other Tribes," said Faith. "I would like to represent my family and my Tribe when visiting other pow-wows and Tribal functions."

STGC offers pre-licensing to Siletz Tribal members

By Shawna Gray, Executive Director, Siletz Tribal Gaming Commission

At the Siletz Tribal Gaming Commission, we have a process for Siletz Tribal members to become pre-licensed. So what does this mean for Tribal members?

It means they do not have to have been offered employment by Chinook Winds Casino, but instead Tribal members have the opportunity to apply for a gaming license prior to employment. It also means that once you obtain your gaming license, the process is much faster for you to start work once you have been hired.

The licensing process timeline may take longer if the applicant has a criminal history, but this process will let the applicant know if he or she has met the requirements of the Tribal/state compact, National Indian Gaming Commission and Siletz Tribal Gaming Commission regulations.

Please call if you have any questions about the Tribal member pre-licensing process at 541-996-5497 or 800-789-5189.

Thank you!

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit ctsi.nsn.us.



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Dave Hatch (right), vice chairman of the Siletz Tribal Arts and Heritage Society, presents a feast dish to the Siletz Tribe that's accepted by Robert Kentta, Cultural director and Tribal Council member. The dish is from the 1890s from near Coos Bay, Ore. This item might also be a canoe bailer.

Cemetery map now on Tribal website

Maps of the Paul Washington Cemetery are now available for viewing under the Members portion of the Tribal website – ctsi.nsn.us.

When you log in and click on "Member Area," you will see "Paul Washington Cemetery" in the lower left corner of the main web page. A master list of information about the graves and a bit of history written by Robert Kentta also are included.