



Community invited to Siletz pow-wow to experience, enjoy Native culture



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A shawl dancer at the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow in 2013

Many different Tribal nations will be represented at the annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug. 8-10 in Siletz, Ore., held by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.

The public is invited to attend this family-friendly event, a tradition for the Siletz people and other American Indians.

All events, except the parade, take place at the Pauline Ricks Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds on Government Hill in Siletz.

"I would like to extend an invitation to the surrounding communities to experience our pow-wow and learn about American Indian culture and dance," said Buddy Lane, Tribal cultural education director and pow-wow coordinator. "Please join us at our annual celebration."

The celebration will start with the crowning of the 2014-2015 Siletz Royalty on Friday, Aug. 8, at 6 p.m. All dance styles will enter the arena at 7 p.m. during the first Grand Entry.

Dances in which the public can participate that are non-competitive will follow the Grand Entry.

A parade winds through downtown Siletz at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 9. This hometown event includes Tribal royalty, drummers, dancers, equestrian units, vintage cars and floats.

Pre-registration is available by accessing a registration form on the Tribe's website - ctsi.nsn.us; picking one up at the Tribal administration building, 201 SE Swan Ave. in Siletz; or by contacting Lane at 541-444-8230 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1230.

Registration also is available the morning of the parade at 8 a.m. at the Tribal administration building. If you are not registered by 9 a.m., you cannot take part in the judging, which starts at 9 a.m. You can, however, still participate in the parade.

The parade is followed by a Grand Entry at 1 p.m. at the pow-wow grounds. Competition dancing for youth and teens takes place in the afternoon. Competition dancing continues after the 7 p.m. Grand Entry with Golden Age and adult categories and the finals for youth and teens.

On Sunday, Aug. 10, a Grand Entry takes place at noon. This session will end with awards for the Golden Age, adult, teen and youth category winners. Prizes range from \$25 to \$500.

A variety of food and Native arts and crafts and jewelry will be offered for sale by more than 50 vendors on the pow-wow grounds.

"We encourage everyone to come and see the variety of vendors at our annual summer pow-wow. Many facets of indigenous America are represented both in craft and food," said Lane. "There's something for everyone here."

A free shuttle will be available from various parking lots in Siletz to the pow-



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Several generations of participants, including Liz John (above, in visor), work on their basket-making skills at Culture Camp.

Sylvia Butler (right) helps her granddaughter, Tenaya Cordova, with a basket.

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