

# USDA distribution dates in April; use up your crackers

## Siletz

Wednesday	April 1	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Thursday	April 2	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Friday	April 3	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Monday	April 6	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Tuesday	April 7	9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

## Salem

Monday	April 20	1:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday	April 21	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday	April 22	9 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Thursday	April 23	9 – 11 a.m.

If you have been getting commodities for a while, you might have a good stock of unsalted crackers. This recipe was given to

me by a client who came up with this creative way to use them up. You can experiment and come up with your own flavors.

## Snack Crackers

- 1 package of ranch dressing mix
- Red pepper flakes (to taste)
- 1 sleeve crackers
- ¼-½ cup oil (vegetable, olive or grapeseed)

Put crackers in a food storage bag. Drizzle with the oil and add the powdered ranch dressing mix and red pepper flakes. Seal the bag with some air in it and turn it over until the crackers are coated. Let stand for a day (any longer and they become stale).

You also can substitute garlic powder and parmesan cheese in place of the ranch dressing mix and red pepper flakes. Experiment with your favorite seasonings and enjoy.

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## Hatfield Fellowship applications now available

The Spirit Mountain Community Fund and The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde began accepting applications for the 2015-2016 Mark O. Hatfield Fellowship on March 16.

Each year, the Hatfield fellow serves as an intern for a member of Oregon's congressional delegation in Washington, D.C.

The nine-month fellowship includes a monthly stipend, relocation and travel expenses, and tuition for the American Political Science Association orientation.

Tribal members from the nine federally recognized Tribes of Oregon and Tribes in Idaho, Washington and Montana are eligible to apply.

Visit [thecommunityfund.com](http://thecommunityfund.com) for complete details.

The deadline to apply is April 30.

## Business for Sale

**Native American Gift Shop and Espresso Bar**

**\$25,000 plus inventory (firm)**

**Cash only sale**

**Owner will NOT carry a contract**

**Business is profitable, I'm just ready to retire.**

**Serious inquiries only**

**Tina – 541-270-8807**

For more information about the Siletz Tribe, please visit [ctsi.nsn.us](http://ctsi.nsn.us).

## Culture Craft Night

**May 4 • 4 – 7 p.m.**

**Siletz Tribal Community Center**

**Rope/String Making  
Stvs, hii-chu stvs-chu yvlh-sri  
(String also rope making)**

## Time to gather basket-making materials

Spring is here and very soon hazel sticks will be ready to pick and peel.

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 contact Bud Lane at 800-922-1399, ext. 1320, or 541-444-8320; or [budl@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto: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:

### April-May

Hazel, willow, and fir sticks, spruce roots

### June

Hazel, willow and fir sticks (until mid-June), spruce roots

### 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



## Hazel Sticks (k'vn)

Tribal members interested in gathering hazel sticks for making Siletz baskets should send your contact info to [budl@ctsi.nsn.us](mailto:budl@ctsi.nsn.us) or call 541-444-8320 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1320.

Hazel bark will begin slipping sometime in April or May. Because of the changing weather, we will notify people who send in their contact info when the time is right to pick and peel hazel.

## “Ch’ee t’u” Siletz Basketry Class

**At the Siletz Tribal Community Center  
Sponsored by the Education and Culture Departments**

**On Government Hill**

**April 21, 2015**

**4-7 p.m.**



Come and learn how to make Siletz baskets.

All ages welcome.

Young people under 10 years old need an adult to accompany and assist them.

The Siletz Culture Department will provide round reed material and instructors.

If you have your own materials, please bring them.

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Siletz tribal members are invited to come and learn how to make string and rope the old way.

All ages welcome. Young people under age 10 need an adult to accompany and assist them. The Siletz Culture Department will provide material and instructors. If you have your own materials, please bring them.

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