

## Help Tribal Elders during Cut Wood for the Elders Day

The Tribal Natural Resources Committee and Natural Resources Department will sponsor the first Cut Wood for the Elders Day of the year on May 16.

The woodcut will be held on the Tribe's Logsdon Road property between the Tribal food distribution warehouse and the Tribal vehicle storage yard in Siletz.

We need lots of volunteers to help cut, split and deliver firewood for Tribal Elders. Bring your chainsaws, hydraulic wood splitters, splitting mauls, axes and lots of energy.

Lunch, drinks and snacks will be provided. We will start at 8 a.m. and go until mid-afternoon.

The goal of this event is to deliver firewood to as many Elders as possible. The Elders Program maintains a list of Elders who burn wood for their winter heat.

People willing to haul firewood to Elders outside of the Siletz area should contact the Elders Program clerk at 800-922-1399, ext. 1261, or 541-444-8261 to be paired up with an Elder in need.

We especially need folks who can haul wood to the Eugene, Salem and Portland areas.

Elders in need of firewood also should contact the Elders Program clerk to get their name on the delivery list.

If you have parents or grandparents who burn wood in the winter to stay warm, you need to help out at this event! Come help replenish those wood piles for the coming winter.

Two additional woodcuts are scheduled for July 18 and Sept. 19.

## Self-Sufficiency Program offers summer youth jobs

The 477 Self-Sufficiency Program (SSP) has openings in our Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP).

This program is separate from the Tribal employment program offered through the Education Department.

The program mission is to give youth age 14-21 the opportunity to gain employment or education skills in a field that interests them. Our current placements are 160 hours and pay minimum wage.

The program is only available to those youth who reside within the 11-county service area.

Basic eligibility criteria includes:

- ❖ Youth must be between age 14-21 at the time of application.

- ❖ American Indian verification (includes American Indian, Native Alaskan and Native Hawaiian) and those enrolled in a federally recognized Indian Tribe. Participants also can be eligible with verification of descendency from a family member who is enrolled with a federally recognized Tribe.
- ❖ Latest school grade report. Participants will need to have at least a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. Participants below a 2.0 can participate in a classroom training program and receive a stipend while they attend summer school.
- ❖ Family income must fall below the income guidelines set by the Department of Labor.

Household size	Income Level
1	\$10,769
2	\$17,649
3	\$24,232
4	\$29,909
5	\$35,299
6	\$41,284

Slots are limited and are on a first-come, first-served basis.

If you are interested in applying for the Summer Youth Employment Program, please contact one of our Tribal services specialists located in each of the Tribal offices.

## STGC launches new website

Here at the Siletz Tribal Gaming Commission, we're very excited to announce the launch of our new website at [SiletzTribalGaming.com](http://SiletzTribalGaming.com).

We wanted to give everyone an opportunity to know us better. By browsing through the About Us page, you'll get a pretty good idea of what our roles are at the commission.

You'll find our new site is divided into four main sections: Compliance, Licensing, Surveillance, and Hearings and Appeals.

Our team has worked collaboratively to put together information for our very own IT specialist, Josh Morrow, to develop into this website to be available as a resource just for you.

We look forward to hearing any feedback from you. If you experience any problems using the new website or if you have any questions, please contact us at [contact@stgcommission.com](mailto:contact@stgcommission.com).

### San-chvn Tuu-'i' (Acorn soup)

June 11 • 4 – 7 p.m.  
Siletz Tribal Community Center



Come join us on June 11 from 4-7 p.m. and learn how to make acorn soup.

Acorns are a staple food for all Tribes on the West Coast.

Learn how to shell, pound, leach and cook one of our traditional foods.

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

## 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)



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.

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

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### 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.

## Time to go gather basket 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:

**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