



Tribe invites community to family-friendly Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow in Siletz

Many different Tribal nations will be represented at the annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug. 7-9 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 invite 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. "Come join us at our annual celebration."

The celebration will start with the crowning of the 2015-2016 Siletz Royalty on Friday, Aug. 7, 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. 8. 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 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. 9, 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, 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-wow on Government Hill. Signs will be posted. Parking is extremely limited at

the pow-wow grounds, so the shuttle is the best way to get there.

This alcohol- and drug-free event is free. Listen carefully to the pow-wow announcer, who will tell you when you can and when you should not take photos. The announcer also will explain the significance of the events taking place in the dance arena throughout the pow-wow.

Pow-Wow Schedule

Friday, Aug. 7

6 p.m. – Royalty Crowning
7 p.m. – Grand Entry

Saturday, Aug. 8

10 a.m. – Parade
1 p.m. and 7 p.m. – Grand Entry

Sunday, Aug. 9

Noon – Grand Entry

2015 Culture Camp



Photo by Andrea Suitter

Stan van de Wetering, aquatics program leader, demonstrates a traditional method of steaming clams at Culture Camp with (from left) Lily Whitehead, Jayda Ingersol, Peyton Oliphant and Jonathon Ingersol. The steaming followed a clam digging trip to the bay in Newport. See more photos from Culture Camp on pages 9-12.

Corvallis-to-the-Sea trail moves ahead with new Forest Service permit

CORVALLIS, Ore. – Siuslaw National Forest officials and partners at the Corvallis-to-the-Sea Trail organization (C2C) signed a permit in July that marked a significant step forward in developing a trail connecting Corvallis to the Oregon Coast.

Under the new permit, C2C, which has been advocating for trail development since 2003, will construct, maintain and manage portions of the non-motorized trail that cross national forest lands. The

trail is routed across a patchwork of land ownership in the Coast Range and C2C has been working on agreements with other landowners and agencies to allow the trail to cross their land.

With the new Forest Service permit in hand, C2C now will be able to develop the first 35 miles of the Corvallis-to-the-Sea trail from the city of Corvallis to Big Elk Campground near Harlan, Ore.

"We're very excited that our partner, C2C, was able to step up and take the reins

on this project," said Jerry Ingersoll, Siuslaw National Forest supervisor. "Thanks to their vision and leadership, people will be able to enjoy a brand new recreational experience in the Coast Range. We're happy to be able to support this project."

Gary Chapman, C2C president, also is pleased to see the hard work of his organization and volunteers paying off.

"Since 2003, we've volunteered over 28,000 hours to make this project a real-

ity," he said. "We're going to continue working very hard over the next year to get trail constructed and maps and signs in place so we can open the first stretch of the C2C trail to the public next summer."

For more information on the Corvallis-to-the-Sea Trail and to volunteer, visit c2ctrail.org.

Additional forest-related information can be found at twitter.com/siuslawNF and facebook.com/DiscoverSiuslawNF.