



Chxi-Tilixam Annual Traditional Pow-Wow

Evergreen, Vancouver and Battle Ground Native American Education Program and Native American Parent Association of Southwest Washington invite you to their annual traditional pow-wow from noon to 9 p.m. on March 5.

Grand Entry is at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Covington Middle School, 112000 NE Rosewood Road, Vancouver, Wash.

This is a free and sober event, open to the public with free parking.

There will be arts and crafts vendors.

For more information, contact Renea Ly at 360-604-6757 or renea.ly@evergreenps.org.



Courtesy photos

Youngsters at the Tenas Illahee Child Care Center enjoy Valentine's Day activities, including Vincent Hernandez and Johnathan Sutherland (above) and Cambria Stokes (left).

Students display their names in creative ways on a classroom window (above left).

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The Tribe purchased the Imprints printing business, now called Siletz Tribal Prints & Gifts, in Lincoln City in 2008.

Tribal offices in Portland, Salem and Eugene are housed in Tribally owned buildings. The Eugene office moved to its current location in 2005, the Salem office did the same in 2006 and the Portland office moved to its current location in 2008.

The Tribe also played a lead role in opening Siletz Valley School in 2003 and the Siletz Valley Early College Academy in 2006.

The Siletz Tribal Arts & Heritage Society (STAHS) was formed in 2013 as a nonprofit to enhance the Tribe's ability to develop the Siletz Tribal Cultural Center. STAHS also helps the Tribe with acquiring object and archival collections.

Chinook Winds Casino in Lincoln City opened in May 1995. In June 2004, the Siletz Tribe purchased the former Shilo Inn adjacent to the casino and opened Chinook Winds Casino Resort. Chinook Winds Golf Resort opened in April 2005 when the Tribe purchased the former Lakeside Golf and Fitness Center in Lincoln City.

The combination of Tribal employees and those at Chinook Winds Casino Resort has made the Siletz Tribe the largest employer in Lincoln County.

The Siletz Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$12.2 million through the Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$2.8 million in cash and fund-raising items since 1995. It also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for events.

Elk tag opportunity available for hunters

The Tribal Natural Resources Department will once again offer a limited number of landowner preference (LOP) elk tags to Tribal members for this fall's hunting season.

As a landowner, the Tribe is eligible to participate in the State's LOP program. Based on the number of acres that the Tribe owns, we can get six additional antlerless elk tags from the State.

These LOP tags are not related to the Tribe's Consent Decree tags that we receive each year. They are based solely on the Tribe being a landowner. There are a number of important differences between the LOP tags and the Tribe's regular tags. These are summarized in the table below.

	Tribal Tags	LOP Tags
State hunting license required?	No	Yes – Tribal member must purchase both a 2015 and a 2016 State hunting license
Area to be hunted	Anywhere within the specific tag's hunt boundaries	Only on Tribal land within the unit selected during that unit's antlerless elk season. Units available include Upper Siletz, NW Alesa, SW Alesa, SW Alesa Private Lands and West Siuslaw
Eligible for other State elk tags?	Yes	No*
Give tag to another licensed Tribal member to hunt for you?	Yes	No
Application and selection process	Apply to Tribe for Tribal drawing	Apply to Tribe for LOP Drawing; if selected apply to State for controlled hunt tag (list LOP unit in LOP section on State controlled hunt application)
Obtain tag from	Tribe	State – Tribal member must purchase tag

* Note: If you are drawn for an LOP tag, you are still eligible to apply for and be drawn for a Tribal tag.

Please note that a major difference between the LOP tags and the Tribe's regular tags is that only the person drawn for the tag can hunt that tag. **The tag cannot be given to someone else to hunt for you.** Therefore, only those folks serious about hunting this hunt themselves are eligible to apply.

The drawing for the six LOP elk tags will be held at the Natural Resources Committee meeting on April 11 at 4:45 p.m. in the Natural Resources Department Map Room.

Applications are available on the Tribal website and at the Tribal Natural Resources office in Siletz. Completed applications are due in the Natural Resources office by **4:30 p.m. on April 8, 2016.**

For more information regarding these tags and the differences between the Tribe's regular tags and the LOP tags, contact Natural Resources Manager Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1232.