

Elders enjoy an Elder Honor Day on SW Oregon Coast

By Shirley Walker

The Coquille Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw held an Elder Honor Day on March 18-19 in Coos Bay, Ore. Forty-six Siletz Tribal elders attended.

CTCLUSI Chairman Mark Ingersoll gave the welcome, with invocation by Chief Warren Brainard. Lunch was hosted by the CTCLUSI Tribe.

The event honored the oldest Native elders and Ed Ben was the oldest warrior. He was gifted with a Pendleton blanket.

All visiting elders received gift bags that contained beautiful glass balls, a T-shirt and smoked salmon.

The Nasomah Singers accompanied CIT Head Start students as the day's entertainment. Their traditional dance represents many hours of teaching from their elders and instructors. It is heart-

warming to see young children who are proud of their heritage.

The elders played Bingo in the afternoon. We were invited to greet the Tribal chiefs at the Salmon Pit outside the Mill Casino.

The evening dinner was hosted by the Coquille Tribe

Tribal Chairperson Brenda Meade was the emcee. She welcomed all visiting elders and introduced the Tribal Councils of both the Coquille and CTCLUSI Tribes.

Flutist Don Slyter played many songs for the elders. He makes flutes and explained how each is different.

As is our custom, we took gifts to both Tribes. It is our way to express our appreciation for their hospitality. The gifts were presented by the gift committee – Kay Steele, Cooke Fernandez, Elena Cordts and myself.

A big thank you to Tasha Rilatos and Andrew Eddings for taking care of the elders.



Top photo: Ed Ben

Above: Shirley Walker, Kay Steele, Elena Cordts and Cooke Fernandez

Vern and Donna Kessinger

Courtesy photos by Tasha Rilatos



Siletz Tribal Youth Council Meeting

Date: Saturday, May 7, 2016
 Time: 11am Youth Council Meeting
 1pm Attend the General Council Meeting
 3pm Depart Siletz
 6pm Area Offices arrive home
 Location: Siletz

Lunch will be provided
Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend with youth

Transportation:

Youth carpool from the area offices. Contact us as soon as possible if you would like to join.

Area Office Contact Numbers:

Portland: Katy Holland, 503-238-1512
 Salem: Sonya Moody-Jurado, 503-390-9494
 Eugene: Nora Williams, 541-484-4234
 Siletz: Sharla Robinson, 541-270-3212

2016 Siletz Tribal Youth Council Calendar

Meeting Date	Location	Activity Description
Saturday, May 7, 2016	Siletz	Meeting and attending General Council
Wednesday, July, 13, 2016	Siletz	Meeting after Culture Camp
TBA August	TBA	Possible Service Learning Project
Friday-Saturday, Oct. 14-15	TBA	Siletz Tribal Youth Conference
Saturday, Dec. 3	TBA	Meeting and fun activity TBD

Youth Council Objective:

The objectives of this group shall be to provide a collective voice and represent the Tribal youth in all matters that concern them; to serve as a means of mobilizing and coordinating the actions of youth, other community members and organizations toward positive goals; to promote the development of future Tribal leaders; to help solve problems facing Tribal youth; to coordinate school and community service projects and provide opportunities for the youth to interact for fun and fellowship.

477-Self Sufficiency Program Offers Summer Youth Employment Program

The 477-Self Sufficiency Program (SSP) has openings for 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 ages 14-24 the opportunity to gain employment or education skills in a field that interests them. Our current placements are 240 hours and pays minimum wage. The Program is only available to those youth that reside within the 11-county service area.

Basic eligibility criteria includes:

- Youth must be between 14-24 at the time of application
- Native American verification (includes Native American, Native Alaskan and Native Hawaiian) and those enrolled in a federally recognized Indian Tribe. Participants can also be eligible with verification of descendancy from a family member who is enrolled with a federally recognized Tribe.
- Latest school grade report (for youth who have not yet graduated). Participants will need to have cumulative Grade Point Average (G.P.A.) 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 approved income guidelines used by 477/SSP.

Slots are limited and are on a first come, first serve basis. If you are interested in applying for the Summer Youth Employment Program, please contact one of our Intake Specialists/Job Coaches located in each of the Tribal offices.

Program will start accepting applications on May 1, 2016 until July 15, 2016.

Siletz Tribal Behavioral Health Programs

Prevention, Outpatient Treatment, and Women's and Men's Transitional

Siletz: 800-600-5599 or 541-444-8286
 Eugene: 541-484-4234
 Salem: 503-390-9494
 Portland: 503-238-1512

Narcotics Anonymous Toll-Free Help Line – 877-233-4287

For information on Alcoholics Anonymous: aa-oregon.org