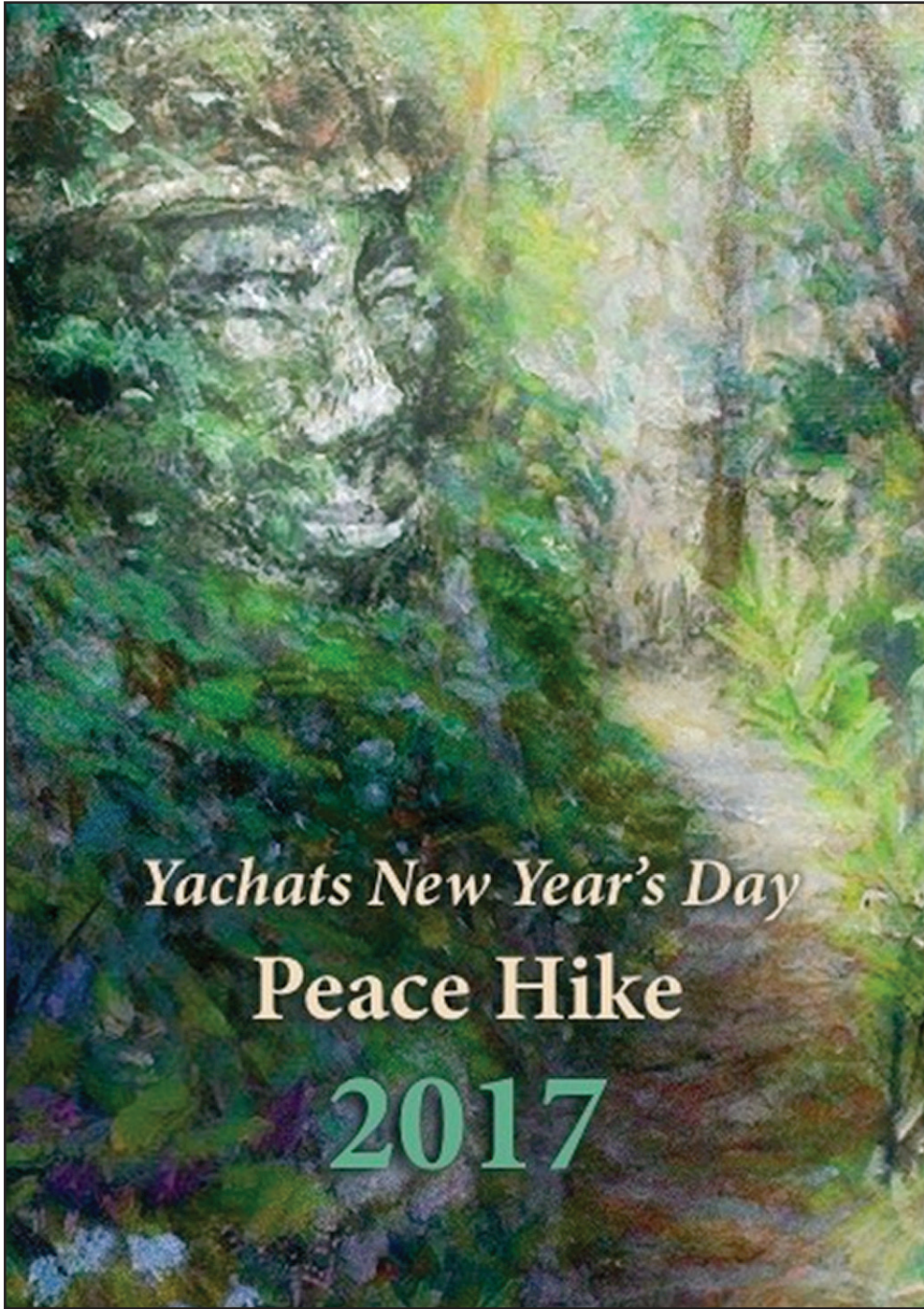


Yachats to hold 7th Annual New Year's Day Peace Hike, public invited to join



Start the New Year off on the right foot! Join the Yachats Trails Committee and fellow trekkers for the Seventh Annual Yachats New Year's Day Peace Hike. Participants should meet at the Yachats Commons (441 N. Highway 101, Yachats) at 10 a.m. on Jan. 1, 2017.

Each year, the hike traditionally honors the memory of a blind American Indian woman known as Amanda, who was forced to leave her young daughter and march barefoot through rocky terrain to the Alsea sub-agency internment camp in Yachats in 1864.

In preparation for the hike, Doc Slyter, elder, Tribal flutist and Tribal Council member for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians will tell her story and introduce the fire ceremony that follows.

Hikers will then set forth along the 804 Trail before connecting to the Gerdemann Botanic Preserve public footpath and moving on to the Ya'Xaik trail. From there they will again connect to the 804 and loop back to the commons or they can catch a shuttle back.

The overall hike is 3.5 miles but the various segments enable all participants to choose the terrains and duration best suited to their abilities – from the flat surface of the 804 to the moderately strenuous inclines and stairs on the Ya'Xaik. Indoor activities also are planned for those who prefer to wait in the commons for hikers to return.

Upon returning to the commons, participants will have the opportunity to reflect on the essential need to treat people of all backgrounds and cultures throughout the world with honor, dignity and respect.

Everyone is then invited to enjoy a finger food potluck and other refreshments, while picking up their collectable Peace Hike pins.

The image for the 2017 pin was created by the Siuslaw National Forest 2015 Artist-in-Residence, Colleen Caubin. She and 2014 Artist-in-Residence Margie Lopez Reid will both be on hand for a silent auction and to show their work.

Native American flute and other music will be provided by Slyter and Mary-Beth Nickel.

Participants can, but are not required to, bring a covered and plated finger food potluck item to share. Please contact Sandy White at virgoswede@peak.org or at 541-547-4194 to coordinate.

In the event of dangerously heavy rain or wind, the hiking portion of this event will be canceled and the peace ceremony will take place in the covered shelter behind the Yachats Commons before moving indoors.

For more information, contact Joanne Kittel (jnkittel@peak.org or 541-547-3144) or visit the Yachats Trails Committee website at yachatstrails.org.

2017 Standing Committees

Applications Due by Feb. 8, 2017

Any Tribal member interested in serving on a committee for a two-year term must fill out the following form and return it to the address below prior to Feb. 8, 2017.

Please mail or fax your application to Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, Attn: Executive Secretary to Tribal Council, P.O. Box 549, Siletz, OR 97380-0549; fax: 541-444-8325.

Name: _____ Roll No: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: Day () _____ Evening () _____

If you only want to be considered for one committee, please indicate by inserting the number 1 next to the committee of interest. If you have interest in more than one committee, please indicate by numbering your preference, 1 (first choice), 2 (second choice) and 3 (third choice).

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Education Committee (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing Committee (3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources Committee (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pow-Wow Committee (4) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Committee (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Committee (1) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Heritage Committee (3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment Committee (2) |

Committee appointments will be made at the Regular Tribal Council meeting in February 2017.

If you have any questions, please call Tami Miner, executive secretary to Tribal Council, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1203, or 541-444-8203.

Election Deadlines

Timeline/Schedule

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| Jan. 7, 2017 9 a.m. – Noon | Candidates Fair – Chinook Winds Casino Resort |
| Jan. 27, 2017 (4 p.m.) | Deadline to request a mail-in ballot |
| Feb. 4, 2017 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | In-person Voting – Tribal Elections, Tribal Community Center, Siletz |
| Feb. 4, 2017 (4 p.m.) | Deadline for returning absentee ballots |

Funded Orthodontic Treatment Screening



The 2017 Funded Orthodontic Treatment Program is fast approaching! All interested parties should contact the Dental Department to be placed on a list. The screening dates are April 26-27 and May 22-23, 2017.

The program and amount of accepted applicants will be dependent on the funding for that year. Applicants are selected by case severity, motivation of the patient and guardian, reliable transportation, routine dental check-ups and the oral hygiene history of the patient, to name a few.

We want the best results possible for the patient and thus place emphasis on these items in order to achieve this. The unbiased selection process is performed under the guidance of an orthodontic specialist and chosen through a committee.

Open to all ages who are CHS-eligible only. Must have a scheduled screening appointment during one of the four screening days to be considered.

Each year's selection process is independent from previous years and does not carry over. Selected and treated individuals can only be selected once for the duration of the program.

All applicants will be notified by mail if they have been chosen. Please contact the Siletz Dental Clinic, 541-444-9681 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1681, to be put on the list.