



Bring your family to the Siletz pow-wow; learn about Indian culture, dance

Many different Tribal nations will be represented at the annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug. 11-13 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.

“Everyone is invited 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 2017-2018 Siletz Royalty on Friday, Aug. 11, 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. 12. 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 by 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. 13, the final day of the pow-wow, 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 and Native arts and crafts and jewelry will be offered for sale by more than 50 vendors on the pow-wow grounds.

“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 a lot to look at and experience, 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. 11

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

Saturday, Aug. 12

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

Sunday, Aug. 13

Noon – Grand Entry



Photo by Andrea Taylor

Aurora Chulik-Ruff (left), Kevin Goodell, Louis Ferguson, Laurae Hughes-Cummings and Lily Whitehead dig for clams in Yaquina Bay during Culture Camp in July. See more Culture Camp photos on pages 9-12.

Indian gaming revenue increases 4.4% in 2016

WASHINGTON – Chairman Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, Vice Chair Kathryn Isom-Clause and Associate Commissioner Sequoyah Simermeyer of the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) recently released the fiscal year 2016 gross gaming revenue numbers totaling \$31.2 billion, an overall increase of 4.4 percent.

“The success reflected in the 2016 gross gaming revenue is due, at least in part, to the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act’s promotion of Tribal self-determination principals,” said Chaudhuri.

In the 1970s, rural Tribes began gaming, mostly as small bingo facilities, as a means to provide revenue and jobs for their people and to manifest self-determination. The same holds true today as is evident by 57 percent of gaming revenue being generated by small or moderately sized Indian gaming operations grossing less than \$25 million per year.

For gaming Tribes, revenue has become a lifeline to generate economic development and supplement moderate funding received from federal government programs and services.

Revenue is calculated based on 484 independently audited financial statements, composed of 244 federally recognized Tribes across 29 states. The gross gaming revenue for an operation is calculated based on (1) the amount wagered minus winnings returned to players and (2) earnings before salaries, Tribal-state compacts and operating expenses.

Each of the NIGC administrative regions showed growth during FY16 with the following increases being reported:

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Thank you!