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Join Siletz Tribal members for Run to the Rogue from Siletz to SW Oregon

The community is invited to join Siletz Tribal members and friends on Sept. 8-10 (Friday-Sunday) for the 23rd Annual Run to the Rogue.

This event is a 234-mile relay run/walk in memory of the Siletz Tribal ancestors who were forcibly removed from their homeland in Rogue River country in the mid-1800s and marched north to Siletz and the confinements of the Coast Reservation. This annual relay run is the closest today's Tribal members can come to their ancestors' experience on the journey from their homeland.

You can register at [www.runtotherogue.com](#) on Sept. 8, or at any of the participating locations beginning on Sept. 9. The Run to the Rogue starts on Sunday, Sept. 10, at 7 a.m. in Siletz, Ore. Lane County will close the highway when leaving Siletz.

Please contact [www.runtotherogue.com](#) for more information. Volunteer opportunities include: to run, walk or help out with camp setup, cleanup,

cooking and other areas. You do not need a relay team to participate. Individuals are welcome.

- Youth can participate but need a designated adult committed to traveling and camping with the youth.
- Camping sites, meals and runners' support and refreshments are provided along the route.
- An orientation will be held on Sept. 8.

2017 Run to the Rogue has been canceled

The 2017 Run to the Rogue has been canceled due to fire danger, poor air quality and potential evacuation notices caused by the Chetco Bar fire near Brookings, Ore. As of press time, this fire had burned more than 117,000 acres and was 0 percent contained. The safety of participants is our top concern and we simply cannot ask people to enter an area as dangerous as this. We look forward to seeing you in 2018!

File photo

Taylor Oleman, Dee Butler, Salina Sanchez, Lexi Christensen, Kristina Ewing and Kyanne Bearden participate in the 2016 Run to the Rogue.



Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Macyquinn Johnson (left) and Miriam Walsey take part in the teen girls fancy dance competition at the Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow. See more pow-wow photos on pages 9-14, dance competition results are on page 15.

Tribe gives to others through charitable fund

The Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund distributed \$397,514.05 to 34 organizations on Aug. 4 as it continued its quarterly donations to nonprofit groups.

The Siletz Tribe has made contributions through employment, monetary donations and cooperative measures to the Siletz community, Lincoln County and the state of Oregon. The seven-member charitable fund advisory board has distributed more than \$11.1 million since its inception in 2001.

Overall, the Tribe has honored its tradition of sharing within the community by distributing more than \$14.3 million through the charitable fund and other Tribal resources. Chinook Winds has donated more than \$2.8 million in cash and fund-raising items since it opened in 1995. The casino also provides in-kind donations of convention space for various fund-raisers as well as technical support, advertising and manpower for many events.

The next deadline to submit applications is Sept. 5, 2017. Eligibility for money from the charitable fund is limited to two categories:

- Entities and activities located in the Tribe's 11-county service area (Lincoln, Tillamook, Linn, Lane, Benton, Polk, Yamhill, Marion, Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties)
- Native American entities and activities located anywhere in the U.S.

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