



## Bring your family to the Siletz pow-wow, enjoy drumming, dancing, food

The annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow, held by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, takes place this year on Aug. 10-12 in Siletz, Ore. The public is invited to attend this free 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.

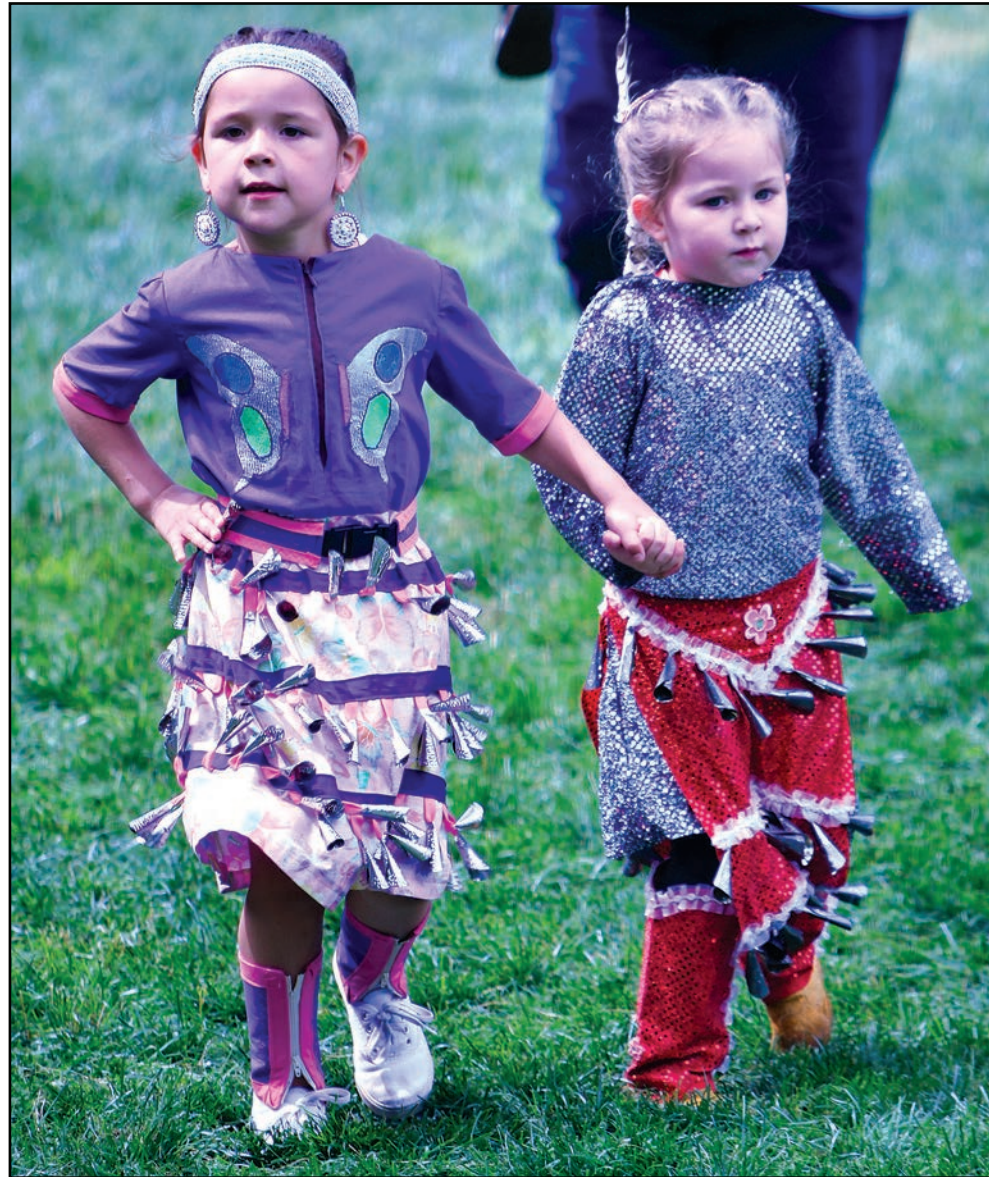
“Everyone is invited to experience our pow-wow and learn about American Indian culture and dance,” said Buddy Lane, Tribal cultural education director and pow-wow coordinator. “Come join us at our annual celebration.”

The celebration will start with the crowning of the 2018-2019 Siletz Royalty on Friday, Aug. 10, at 6 p.m. Participants dressed in all dance styles will enter the arena at 7 p.m. during the first Grand Entry, followed by preliminary rounds of competition for youth and teens.

A parade winds through downtown Siletz at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 11. 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](http://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.



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Deenie Rilatos and Cambria Stokes dance during the 2017 pow-wow.

The parade is followed by a Grand Entry at 1 p.m. at the pow-wow grounds. Competition dancing for youth and teens continues in the afternoon. Competition

dancing after the 7 p.m. Grand Entry continues with Golden Age and adult categories and the finals for youth and teens.

On Sunday, Aug. 12, 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 \$600.

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 is an alcohol- and drug-free event. 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. 10

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

#### Saturday, Aug. 11

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

#### Sunday, Aug. 12

Noon – Grand Entry

## Indian gaming revenue increases 3.9% to \$32.4 billion in 2017

WASHINGTON –Chairman Jonodev Osceola Chaudhuri, Vice Chair Kathryn Isom-Clause and Associate Commissioner Sequoyah Simermeyer of the National Indian Gaming Commission have released the fiscal year 2017 gross gaming revenue (GGR) amount, which saw an increase of 3.9 percent over 2016 and totaled \$32.4 billion.

The FY 2017 revenue is calculated from the independently audited financial statements of 494 gaming operations owned by 242 federally recognized Tribes. The GGR for an operation is the amount wagered minus winnings returned to players. It represents earnings before salaries, Tribal-state compacts and operating expenses.

The annual announcement of gross gaming revenue numbers for Indian Country provides an annual snapshot of the economic health of Indian gaming. As 2018 marks the 30<sup>th</sup> year of gaming under IGRA, it is an opportune time to reflect

on key policy principles that have helped create the successes of a healthy Indian gaming industry. These policies include:

- The preservation of the role of Tribes as the primary regulators and beneficiaries of their operations
- Recognition and utilization of Congress’s stated intent and IGRA’s built-in flexibility to promote technological innovation, such as the use of electronic aids in class II gaming
- Faithful application of the law that accounts for the unique histories and land bases of Tribes and IGRA’s built-in flexibility to allow Indian gaming on a variety of different types of Indian lands
- The primacy of the nation-to-nation relationship between Tribes and the federal government and Tribes, one that predates the U.S. Constitution

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Photo by Andy Taylor

Anne-Marie Eddings completes two days of work on a fish net at Culture Camp, a new activity added to this year’s annual event in July. Kids, adults and elders made or instructed others in making baskets, necklaces, arrowheads, shawls, drumsticks and more. Please see additional photos on pages 9-12.