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

The community is invited to join Siletz Tribal members and friends on Sept. 6-8 (Friday-Sunday) for the 24th 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 8 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 6, or at any time on the run. The run begins in Siletz on Sept. 6 at 8:30 a.m. at the Tribal Community Center and ends Sunday, Sept. 8, at Oak Flat on the Rogue River. Lunch then will be served at Cougar Lane Lodge, 4219 Agness Road; turn right when leaving Oak Flat onto Agness Road.

Please be aware of the following:

- Volunteers are welcome to run, walk or help out with camp setup, cleanup, cooking and other areas. You do not

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Herrington inspires Oregon students during 50th anniversary of moon landing

SALEM, Ore. – On July 20, former NASA astronaut John Herrington gave the keynote address to students participating in the Apollo Next Giant Leap Student Challenge at LaCreole Middle School in Dallas, Ore.

Herrington, a member of the Chickasaw Nation, was the first enrolled Tribal member in space when he flew on the Space Shuttle Endeavour in November 2002. His message to the students was about perseverance when working toward a goal.

“The most satisfying things you do are usually the hardest things you do,” Herrington said. “The idea of collaborative learning is common in Native communities. My research was looking at kids, what motivates them to study math and science, and it’s hands-on learning, working with your friends, finding those things that spark the motivation to want to learn more.”

Herrington’s appearance coincided with the 50th anniversary of the moon landing. He told the students he never thought he could be an astronaut, but that he listened to people who had confidence in him. This spurred a renewed effort to get a degree in mathematics and become a test pilot because that was a pipeline to becoming an astronaut.

Herrington says he hopes that, 50 years from now, one of these students will be talking about his or her trip to the moon or Mars and inspiring yet another generation of space exploration.



Courtesy photo by Sonya Moody-Jurado

Two Siletz Tribal youth, Andrew Mike from the Eugene area (left) and Gabriel Jurado from the Salem area, present a Siletz Reservation Robe blanket to John Herrington.