

A Legend from Bobby Simmons

Submitted by Teresa Simmons on behalf of STAHS; originally printed in the Siletz Newsletter in September 1992

We all know Robert "Bobby" Simmons as a man who not only believes in the Siletz culture, but a man who lives it and shares it. Bobby is a multi-talented person: he's a silversmith, artist, wood carver and much more. Over the years he has taught Native languages and promoted the Native culture in many, many ways. Bobby has taken the time to write down

some of the Native legends. We would like to share with you.

Tenas-Man – The Littlest Eel Hooker

For many moons, Tenas-Man yearned to hold the eel poles of his grandfather and to hook the eels for his people, but he was always too small.

He would wait faithfully every year for the nights of the hot wind, when the eel ants began their flight. These were the times of the night eel. They would swim

from the ocean and up the rivers and streams to spawn, and he would be ready. Yet, he was told he was still too small.

His father and the elders would take him along every year for the purpose of building the fire, carrying the wood, and picking up the eels when the men would hook them and throw them on the bank for him to pick up and put them in a sack to take home. Again, he would wonder, "Why am I too small?"

Then one night when the summer wind blew and the elders were fast asleep, he went by himself to prove to himself and the Tribe that he wasn't too small. He took his father's lantern to see the eels at night where they swam. He took his grandfather's eel pole to hook them when they swam. All the while, his heart beat

fast. His father watched on, for he was also too small himself at one time.

As he hooked, he seen visions of wonder, how he would show the elders and his father that he was not too small. And all the while his father's smile grew wider, for he knew his son was still too small.

While dreaming of becoming a man, he reached out too far for an eel swimming on the other side and fell from the cliff to the raffle below and thought to himself, "Maybe, just maybe, I am too small."

As he, Tenas-Man, reached up from the boiling water, a strong arm reached down and pulled him from the foam. Afraid, he looked up and wondered at the warm, knowing eyes of his father. He wondered also at his father's words when he said, "Next year, my son, you will be ready. And you will no longer be too small."

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Email: EnrollmentDepartment@ctsi.nsn.us

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If you have questions, you can call us at 541-444-8258. ~Thank you~

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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CSC is recruiting a five person crew that will work under the supervision of a crew leader to perform fuels reduction work on selected sites. Participants do not need any prior experience, but should have an interest in forestry or natural resources work and a desire to work outside.

JOB DUTIES & ACTIVITIES

To participate in this program you must be 18-26 years of age.

- During this program participants will:
- Learn how to create defensible space around buildings including:
 - Removal of ladder fuels
 - Chipping and hauling of debris
 - Vegetation management.
 - Gain training and certifications in:
 - Wilderness First Aid
 - OSHA 10
 - Chainsaw Safety
 - NFPA Reducing Wildfire Risk to Property
 - Explore Forestry and Natural Resources Careers
 - Job search assistance
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