



Siletz Tribal Head Start Happenings

Courtesy photos

Above, top photo: Sophia Butler shows the Lincoln City class her regalia.

Above right, top photo: Siletz class and breakfast with dads

Above right, bottom photo: A big red heart with candy suckers and signatures of our elders, presented to our little buddies. Sharing our love, from the Siletz Tribal elders

Above: Students in the Salem classroom work together to build a marble run.

Elk Tag Opportunity

The Tribal Natural Resources Department will once again offer a limited number of Landowner Preference (LOP) elk tags to Tribal members for the 2025 hunting season.

As a landowner, the Tribe is eligible to participate in the state’s LOP program. Based on the number of acres the Tribe owns, we can get six additional antlerless elk tags from the state. These LOP tags are not related to the Tribe’s Hunting/Fishing/Trapping/Gathering Agreement tags that we issue each year. They are based solely on the Tribe being a landowner. There are a number of important differences between the LOP tags and the Tribe’s regular tags. These are summarized in the table below.

	Tribal Tags	LOP Tags
State hunting license required?	No	Yes – Tribal member must purchase both a 2024 and a 2025 state hunting license
Area to be hunted	Anywhere within the specific tag’s hunt boundaries	Only on Tribal land within the unit selected during that unit’s antlerless elk season. Units available include West Stott, North Alsea, South Alsea and Siuslaw
Eligible for other State elk tags?	Yes	No*
Give tag to another licensed Tribal member to hunt for you?	Yes	No
Application and selection process	Apply to Tribe for Tribal drawing	Apply to Tribe for LOP drawing; if selected, apply to state for controlled hunt tag (list LOP unit in LOP section on state controlled hunt application)
Obtain tag from	Tribe	State – Tribal member must purchase hunting license and elk tag prior to the start date of the hunt

*** Note: If you are drawn for an LOP tag, you are still eligible to apply for and be drawn for a Tribal tag.**

Please note a major difference between the LOP tags and the Tribe’s regular tags is **only** the person drawn for the tag can hunt that tag. **The tag cannot be given to someone else to hunt for you.** Only Tribal members serious about hunting an LOP tag personally are eligible to apply.

The drawing for the six LOP elk tags will be held during the Natural Resources Committee meeting on April 1 at 4:45 p.m. Applications are available on the Tribal website, at the Natural Resources office in Siletz or by calling the number below.

Completed applications must be received by the Natural Resources office by **4:30 p.m. on March 29, 2024.**

For more information regarding these tags and the differences between the Tribe’s regular tags and the LOP tags, contact Natural Resources Director Mike Kennedy at 541-444-8232.

Willamette Valley Fire Collaboration now hiring for 2 positions

The Willamette Valley Fire Collaboration is now hiring a program manager and fire manager to help carry out cultural and prescribed burning activities in Oregon’s Willamette Valley and surrounding areas.

This four-person team works collectively to uplift Indigenous voices, values and priorities in cultural and prescribed fire. Check out the positions on our website at <https://ecoinst.org/about-us/work-with-us/>.