

It Could Be You . . . Miss NCAI 1984

The National Congress of American Indians will hold its annual Miss NCAI contest during the week of September 9 - 14, 1984 during its annual convention at the Sheraton Hotel in Spokane, Washington.

Participants must be at least one-quarter degree American Indian/Alaska Native who has never been married; has had no children; a high school graduate; high moral standards; and is between the ages of 17 - 25.

Contestants will be judged on their knowledge of traditional customs and culture along with appearance, poise, personality, interests and talent.

For further information and a copy of the entry forms for the Miss NCAI contest, contact Miss NCAI coordinator, Pauline Ricks, 2660 N. 20th, Springfield, Oregon 97477, 503-741-0798; or any of the following:

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Memorial Day Ceremony Held at Paul Washington Cemetery 270 People Attended Dinner Held at Tribal Community Center

Coming Out

By: Keith Taylor

Within many Tribes from the Northwest area and throughout Indian Country when a child "comes out" to dance for the first time, it is traditional to have a special honoring song and the family, and friends of the family, to dance the honoring song.

After the honoring song and dance the family of the child honor Tribal leaders, Pow Wow dignitaries, relatives and friends. However, the giveaway can constitute compensation to the singing group/drum that sang the honoring song and a gift to a person the family wishes to honor.

Anyone who has a child "coming out" to dance for the first time and wishes to request time for a special honoring song, dance and give-away should contact Keith Taylor, Pow Wow Chairperson, phone 444-2536 or write to P.O. Box 670, Siletz, Or. 97380 by August 1, 1984. Only a limited amount of time for special will be available.

IRS Regulations

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced that new regulations would soon be published regarding the Indian Tribal Governmental Tax Status Act of 1982. "The regulations would provide guidance to certain Indian tribal governments as to their treatment as States under designated sections of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954," stated within the Federal Register's April 19 abstract entitled "Indian Tribal Governments Treated as States of Certain Purposes."

The Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies' recommendations, delivered to Secretary of the Treasury Donald Regan in January, were accepted in full by the IRS regarding this significant piece of Indian legislation. The new regulations are not as restrictive as in the past with respect to excise tax exemptions and tax exempt public activity bonds.

+ from the Presidential Commission on Indian Reservation Economies Press Release, May 2, 1984.

NESIKA ILLAHEE DAYS

August 17 - 19, 1984

By Keith Taylor
Pow Wow Committee Chairman

16 August

Campers and vendors early setup — contact Vernon Brown, Message phone: (503) 444-2532.

17th August

7-9 p.m.

Miss Siletz pageant-contestant competition. For additional information contact Pauline Ricks. Message phone: (503) 746-9658.

9-11 p.m.

Mini intertribal pow-wow.

18th August

10 a.m.

Siletz Parade to Government Hill — trophies and awards. Contact Sharon Edenfield or Cheryl Lane, phone: (503) 444-2536.

1:30 p.m.

Grand Entry — Inter-tribal competition and children's competition.

4:4:30 p.m.

Special dance demonstration.

4:30-6:30 p.m. Dinner break. Buffalo/Beef dinners — tickets:

Adults \$5.00

Children, 12 and under \$3.50

Buy your tickets early. For information call 444-2532 or 746-9658.

7 p.m.

Grand Entry, Inter-tribal dancing, social dances, Adult competition — semi-finals, special dance demonstration.

19th August

10 a.m.

Seven drum religious services.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Give-a-way Dinner — Salmon cooked on sticks. Note: Elders, singers, and dancers will be given priority and served first.

1 p.m.

Grand Entry, Inter-tribal dancing, finals competition, crowning of Miss Siletz 1984, Special dance demonstration.

6 p.m.

Ending ceremonies.

20th August

All campers/vendors to depart by 5 p.m.

This year we will need a lot more help in the kitchen, security personnel, dance arena runners, etc.

Although some money is budgeted for kitchen and security positions, volunteers for specific times and duties will be mutually beneficial to us all.

Kitchen helpers — contact Shirley Strickler or Rose Bremmer, Phone: 444-2536.

Security personnel — contact Danny Rilatos, vice-chairman in charge of security. Phone: 444-2532.

If there are tribal members who wish to schedule a special "coming out" dance or wish to request special honor songs/dances, please contact Keith Taylor, committee chairman. Message phone: 444-2532.

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