

Youth & Elders Gathering set for August

Greetings Relatives,

We hope you and your family circles are feeling well and strong as we begin in this Summer season. We have good news! The Second Annual Youth and Elders Spiritual Gathering will be held at the Tyee Illahee grounds in Siletz on August 26-29, 1994. Oregon Native Youth Council is grateful to the Confederated Tribes of Siletz for their generosity in offering their land for two years now as a gathering place for Native Youth and Elders of Oregon.

Our people are in great need of one another. Our families are in a crisis situation. If we are to survive as a nation we need to continue the healing of our families. Our young people need to know there is a future before them that does not have to be based on violence, hopelessness and despair.

Our focus for this year's gathering is **UNITY**. How do we build unity? We build unity through the understanding of life around us. Through our culture we learn our relationship to that life. It is returning to the basic relationships of living and walking with respect for all our Relations.

We enjoyed having so many of you here with us last year and are looking forward to seeing you again. If you know other Native Youth or Elders in your communities who may not know about the Gathering please invite them.

This year we will be spending more time in activities with the Youth. If you have ideas about building unity through cultural activities, please let us know. Perhaps you have a skill in a particular area that you would like to offer as a workshop. We need volunteers who are willing to come forward and help us demonstrate **UNITY** by working together in a good way.

This year there is about \$2500.00 (thanks to the MacKenzie River Foundation) to fund the entire gathering. It will be spent mostly to make sure people are fed. We respectfully ask that you try to gather some donations of food, paper products (like plates, toilet paper etc.) to bring with your family or group. If you would like to offer a workshop for some craft, we would like to encourage you to generate the donation of materials. We need everyone's help to have a successful gathering. Our funding is less than half of what we had for the first gathering. It has not been an easy year for any of us financially. Please just do what you can. It will be appreciated.

The Gathering dates have been set for August 26-29, 1994. You may come in a day early to set up camp so you can attend the opening ceremony on August 26. Meals will be provided all four days of the Gathering. Please let us know if you or your group has any special needs, we can help with dietary, health etc.

We hope that you will be able to join us. We look for the on-going healing and health of our families, our communities and our nations.

We pray for the People. All of our Nations. Oregon Native Youth Council.

A fundraiser will be held at Portland State University on August 3rd beginning at 6:00 p.m. There will be a poetry reading by E.K. Caldwell and the Wordcraft Circle Youth and storytelling by Jerry Raining Bird. For more details contact Selene Rilatos/Lynch at 444-4292 or 1-800-922-1399 ext#292.

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ELDERS UPDATE

The Elders are back and doing fine once again, we thank everyone for your support and prayers. We will attend the National Council on Aging Conference in Spokane, WA., on August 24-27. This is a business trip with a lot of meetings all day long. If there is anyone interested in going, please call right away, the deadline is July 25th. We will be taking our vans.

Our July 30th meeting will take place as usual, and our pot luck will be at noon. And on September 24th, we will have our 4th Annual Siletz Elders Fair. We will have information in the next Newsletter.

Thanks to Gladys Bolton for taking care of Elders business during our recovery. We appreciate her very much.

Pauline Ricks &

Madge Mason

Notice of Availability

Draft Environmental Assessment
for the

Siletz Elderly/Low Income Housing Project
(SIHA Project OR97B035004)

This notice is to advise interested parties that the Draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed Siletz Elderly/Low Income Housing Project, located in Lincoln County in Siletz, Oregon, is available for public review.

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Individuals wishing copies of this Draft E.A. for review should immediately contact the above individual.

The Draft Environmental Assessment looks at the effects of carrying out each of three Alternatives, including No Action, of building and operating an elderly/low income apartment complex in Siletz, Oregon.

Notice of Public Comment Period

This E.A. is a draft document; public comment is requested. Written comments must be received no later than July 15, 1994.