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If you're interested in developing your own business we'd like to know. We have an opportunity to offer ONABEN (Oregon Native American Business and Entrepreneurial Network) classes here in the Siletz community, if enough people indicate their interest to participate. This course is designed to guide students through the process of preparing the business financing and planning tool --- the business plan.

The program meets weekly for 10 weeks and offers each participant individualized attention which includes weekly meetings with a business development counselor to discuss your business plan. By the end of this course you will have developed your own business plan and should be ready to investigate funding opportunities to get your business started.

If you would like to attend an ONABEN class, please complete this form and return it to JOM/Adult Education Specialist at 260 Gaither Street, Siletz, OR 97380. If you have any questions I can be reached by telephone at 444-4222 or 1-800-9221399. Thanks for your interest in our program.

_____ YES, I am interested in taking the ONABEN class.

Please contact me:

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City/State/Zipcode _____

Daytime Phone _____

Message Phone _____

EMPLOYMENT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Are you age 16-24, low income and in need of some job training? If so, then Job Corps may be just the opportunity you've been waiting for. Job Corps operates over 100 centers and offers training in 160 different job programs. You are provided with a room, food, medical care, can work on your GED and earn pay for attending training classes. You can even earn Bonus Pay for outstanding performance. A local Job Corps recruiter, Katy Bayliss, is available once a month at the Newport Employment Division office. If you're interested in learning more about the Job Corps program or to see if you qualify for the program, you can call Katy at 373-7357 or stop by the Employment Division in Newport on one of the following days:

August 17 September 14 October 12
November 9 December 7

If I can be of any assistance in helping you to access this program, please contact me at the JOM/Adult Education office located at 260 Gaither Street, Siletz, OR, or I can be reached by telephone at 444-4222 or 1-800-922-1399. Thanks.

Hints About Credit Cards

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants has advice on keeping your credit card costs down:

- * Be aware of some credit cards that offer "no fee" or low interest rates, but start charging interest from the day an item is purchased. Some cards that advertise "no annual fee," charge a "transaction fee" each time the card is used.
- * Out-of-state financial institutions sometimes offer better terms than local banks.
- * Travel and entertainment cards often charge higher annual fees than ordinary credit cards.

And, if you have a bad credit history and have problems getting a card, look for a savings institution that will give you a card if you open a savings account with them.

Kent Strickler Studying and Traveling

Tribal Member, Kent Strickler, decided last year to further his education and enrolled at Evergreen State in Olympia, Washington beginning with the fall term in 1993, majoring in business administration.

Kent had previously been employed as a salesman for Siletz Tribal Smokehouse. While working for the Smokehouse, Kent became a member of the American Indian Trade and Development Council, giving him the opportunity to travel to Japan and Germany on trade Missions.

Even though he is attending college, he has remained a member of the Council which promotes Native American products overseas. Products presently being marketed in Japan from various tribes as a result of the efforts of the Trade Council include salmon roe, gooey duck clams, oysters, sea cucumbers, and sea urchins.

Kent again had the opportunity to go to Japan this summer from June 26 to July 1. Acting as the assistant to Fred Lane of the Lummi Tribe who is the Executive Director of the Council, Kent was promoting products from the Siletz Tribal Smokehouse, as he has done in the past.

This fall it's back to school with the possibility of more travel in the near future and maybe a new overseas market for Smokehouse products. Good luck, Kent!