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YOUTH CENTER

Tribal Elders, parents and youth share a common concern about the lack of recreational and social outlets in Siletz and the need to keep youth "off the streets." The Youth Center will provide a safe, positive place for tribal and community youth to gather that promotes alcohol, tobacco & drug-free choices.

Interior Renovations

The opening of the Siletz Community Youth Center is scheduled for the middle of January 1996. The invitation to bid on renovations for the interior wall demolition and structural support construction were mailed to contractors. Bids must be received by 4:00 PM on Friday, December 29, 1995. The work is minimal and should not take longer than two weeks to complete.

DONATE EQUIPMENT

Used, good-condition or new donations of equipment are needed:

- * ping pong table
- * pool table, cue sticks, pool balls
- * air hockey table
- * foosball table
- * Nintendo or Sega game players
- * large screen television
- * board games and puzzles

Volunteers

Operations of the Youth Center will depend upon the commitment of adult and teen volunteers. How can you help?

1. Pull nails, load debris, paint walls, vacuum and clean-up during the interior renovation phase,
2. Serve on the Teen Board of Directors to develop attendance, discipline and operation policies,
3. Participate in training to act as facilitators and supervisors,
4. Act as a volunteer Youth Center supervisor on a regular basis.

Youth led and facilitated initiatives are preferred strategies for impacting youth.



YOUTH LEADERSHIP RETREAT

Seven High School residents of Silatchee Park attended the HUD Youth Leadership Development Retreat in Tampa, Florida from December 6-11, 1995. The team members were Jeanna Harrington, Jessica Parr, Jason Butler, Justin Mason, Ronell Welch, Lisa Easter and Heidi Bayya. The adult sponsors were Kelley Ellis and George Nagel.

The mission of the HUD sponsored project was to motivate and train young people to serve as catalysts for positive change in their own lives and in their communities. This was the only HUD conference that was specifically designed for Native American youth. Ten teams from Indian Housing Authorities across the United States attended.

The sponsors and youth report that the conference was a very positive experience. Team members made new friends from different reservations. Kelley reported that the youth were encouraged and supported as young leaders with power to make real changes. Justin was the official recorder and wrote out the team's goals for their Action Plan. The plan refers to forming a Youth Council among other goals. The Team has plans to reunite in the near future to continue their learning and planning as community leaders.

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Modeling healthy behavior is a powerful tool in creating positive change.



PARENTING GUIDE

Local Source is a free resource covering many useful topics. Call the number as listed to hear a message:

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SOUTH	867-8100
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Oregon Native Youth Self Empowerment Conference

January 12-15, 1995
Tribal Community Center

Focus Create awareness & provide the knowledge and skills needed to assist Native youth develop self-empowerment and personal fulfillment

Cost \$15 youth, \$25 adult

Register Call Juanita Whitebear, Oregon Native Youth Council, 996-6316, or Denise Blacketer, 444-1030