

Registration begins for Team Oregon

Registration forms for Team Oregon are available to indigenous people athletes within Oregon ages 13 and older. The athletes will be vying for the 500 positions in 11 sports. These 500 will represent Team Oregon at the 2006 North American Indigenous Games July 2-9, 2006 in Denver, Colo.

Team Oregon will send athletes in the following events: athletics (track and field), baseball, basketball, boxing, golf, rifle shooting, soccer, softball, swim-

ming, volleyball, and wrestling. The registration fee of \$133 will cover the athletes' lodging accommodations, meals and transportation from their homes to and from the competition venue. Half of the fee (\$66) is due by the registration deadline. The other half is due after teams are selected. This fee is refundable to those who do not make the team at the Team Trials. Team Oregon registration deadline is February 24, 2006. Team Oregon forms are available by call-

ing (541) 553-3091 or (503) 879-1369 or by email to sg_naig@hotmail.com.

Coaches and chaperones are also encouraged to apply for positions on Team Oregon. Coach certification, First Aid / CPR and criminal background checks are required. The application fee is \$133 plus nominal fee for a background check. Only the registration fee is refundable to those who are not selected. Information is available online at

www.naig2006.com/teams.asp.

Team Oregon meeting: Coaches, chaperones and volunteers February 10, 2006 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Nike Campus, Pre Hall Main Entrance, Beaverton, OR. Fee: \$15.00 per person. Registration Deadline: 2/5/06. Mail registrations to: Team Oregon, 15 Alder Drive, Pendleton, OR 97801. Contacts: Susan Guerin (541) 553-3091. www.naig2006.com/teams.asp. Melvin Brisbois (503) 879-1369.

Honoring Seniors: full day of activities

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The improvisation sometimes even starts before the day begins, Wewa said.

"We get there at 6 a.m. We used to say it started at 9 a.m. with registration, but one year there seniors there are at 8 a.m.," he said. "We didn't have coffee made, so we said, 'Well, let's get the coffee on,' and people drank us out of coffee. And then someone said, 'What? No doughnuts?'"

So the committee began providing doughnuts, and then not long after they started providing oatmeal in the morning, starting at 7 a.m.

Registration officially starts at 8 a.m., and then at 10 a.m. begins the Early Childhood Center Powwow, when all the kids from the center dance for the guests. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the afternoon, from 1 to 4 is entertainment, and the program is completely open. It usually includes games involving the senior audience.

"They participate, sometimes willingly, sometimes unwillingly, but even if they're not willing, they come off the floor laughing. The whole point is to put joy in people's lives."

Wewa moderates the event, making sure the program flows and keeps moving.

"We have a spontaneous

agenda," he said. "The committee has pretty good idea of when we start losing the crowd, so we do something to get their attention, exercise, stand up, sit down, that sort of thing, get them off their hind ends, because sitting for six hours is hard to do."

A salmon feast is served at 5 p.m., "and then it's over, except for the goodbyes," Wewa said. He said the committee makes a point of making sure the volunteers who travel with the visiting groups are acknowledged and shown appreciation.

Because Honor Seniors Day has become an all day event, starting early in the morning and ending after dark, many groups stay overnight, either the night before or the night after the event. Wewa said Hoffs Motel in north Madras has even welcomed the visiting groups.

"It's a long trip for some," he said. "Groups come from Nevada, probably some from Idaho, some from Colville, the Lummi from near the Canadian border, Coeur d'Alene."

Wewa said the event took root in the late 1980s, when some of the elders at the time approached him and Adeline Miller, who worked for the Seniors program at the time.

"They were saying, 'Our tribe should have a day where we can visit and have fun and catch up on news, because it seems like the only time we get to see each other is at funerals,'" he said.

The Yakama Tribe already had an event for elders, and, Wewa said, his staff decided to do its own. He said they got

ideas for the entertainment portion on trips to wellness conferences sponsored by the University of Oklahoma, where they found some activities that got people involved.

Wewa said Warm Springs Honor Seniors Day is "unrivaled" in the Northwest, with nearly 1,000 budgeted for food alone. He said his committee has had the good fortune of receiving help from many different branches of the Warm Springs community, whether in the form of financial donations from businesses on the reservation, patrol from law enforcement, or "children being volunteered by parents to come and help out."

Wewa said there is a fairly even mix between tribal members and non-tribal members at Honor Seniors Day, between the visitors from Central Oregon senior centers and those from neighboring Northwest tribes.

"I think that's what's special about our day," he said. Most of the reservations' senior days are pretty much tribal, but we get at least 50-50."

He said his committee could always use more help during the day's events.

"We can use more than we have," he said. "We usually have maybe 15 hard workers, the 12-hour people, but we could use more than that, anybody to serve drinks, serve snacks, especially serving at the salmon feast. If we had five or 10 more to help come at dinner and follow through with it, that'd be excellent." If anybody wants to help, they can call senior center at 553-3313.

Mount Shasta is in California and don't want to emphasize an out-of-state feature.

remove a name until you approve a replacement."

The replacement names have been slow in coming, and sometimes have been contentious, often accompanied by debate about etymology.

Some argue that "squaw" is a vulgar reference, while others say that it comes from a similar word meaning "woman."

Sometimes the debate has other origins. For example, Vaughn said, the board has approved renaming two features on Upper Klamath Lake in Southern Oregon as Sesti Tgwaals point and marsh. The Klamath Tribes said the Sesti Tgwaals name is historic and refers to the view of the 14,000-foot volcano to the south, Mount Shasta. But, Vaughn said, local officials point out that

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But the change has come not much faster than the glacier in the Three Sisters peaks from which Whychus Creek flows.

The Legislature's deadline passed a year ago. So far, the chairman of the state Geographic Names Board says, about 25 names have been charged, including the 16 announced last Thursday. More than 100 remain to be changed.

"It's been much slower than I expected," said Champ Vaughn of Molalla, a geographer and retired U.S. Bureau of Land Management official. "You can't

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Due to budget cuts the

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Team seeks family meetings on IRMP III

The Integrated Resources Management Plan III (IRMP III) team is looking for people interested in hosting a family meeting to discuss IRMP III for the community and industrial areas. The meetings would provide families an opportunity to learn about IRMP III, and to make comments on the plan. Anyone interested in hosting a meeting should contact Lonny Macy at 553-2024.

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