

## Changes to fire camp crews this season

Warm Springs Fire Management this year is making major changes to its camp crew program.

The changes will create a more highly trained and versatile camp crew program, capable of responding to various FEMA emergencies in addition to fires, said William Wilson, assistant Fire Management Officer-Logistics.

Starting this year, camp crew members, like other fire-fighting personnel, will be required to have a valid Red Card.

The card shows that the person is qualified for certain aspects of fire fighting, including the camp crew duties. The qualification requirements will be: Incident Command System 100, Leadership 180, and Incident Sys-

tem 700. Fire Management will provide the necessary training.

Fire Management will require pre-employment drug testing prior to camp crew training and orientation.

Because of these added training requirements, the number of Warm Springs camp crews will be reduced for the 2014 season, said Wilson.

There will be five Fire Management camp crews this year, with 14 members per crew. The 14 members include three alternates. Last year there were nine crews. In past years there were as many as eleven.

Fire Management plans to increase the number of crews in coming years, as the new qualification requirements are implemented, Wilson said.

The camp crew members for 2014 will be selected from the crews of previous years. Fire Management chose six candidate crew bosses who will organize the crews. If necessary, one of the six will be absorbed into one of the five crews.

The crew bosses are: Gerald Cardenas, Louis LeClaire, Monty McKinley, Alberto Briseno, Jose Barrera and Tony Thompson. The candidates are responsible for providing the names of the crews they wish to take out. The bosses will also be responsible for the crew members filling out the necessary forms for qualification and training.

The crews will be based on who provides the information first, as to getting their crews qualified for Red Cards.

In addition to the five camp crews, there will be a pre-selected group of 20 to 25 alternates who will be invited to participate in the 2014 camp crew program. The alternates will also need to be qualified to have a Red Card.

Orientation for the camp crews will consist of one day of training and one day of filling out the required hire paperwork and other administrative work.

There will be a five-day Supervisor Crew Training. The supervisors will be required to attend all five days, and crews will be there on Wednesday through Friday for team building and crew orientation. For more information call William Wilson or Bob Medina at Fire Management, 541-553-1146.

From the Secretary-Treasurer

### Regarding IRS notices

From the Office of the Secretary/Treasurer-CEO, Jake Suppah:

Some tribal members recently received confusing and misleading emails from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) suggesting that tribal members are required to report tribal per capita payments on their 2013 federal income tax returns.

The IRS message does not apply to the Warm Springs tribal per capita payments. Warm Springs per capita payments are made from the revenue generated by the utilization of tribal trust re-

sources, mainly timber stumpage.

Under well established federal law, per capita payments to tribal member from the Tribe's trust revenue accounts is tax exempt. Accordingly, if you have received an email or other message from the IRS implying that you should report and pay income tax on your Warm Springs per capita payments, please ignore the IRS notice.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Secretary/Treasurer-CEO.

Thank you.

## Cougars 16-and-under, 13-and-under tourneys in March

The Warm Springs Cougars All Indian 16 and Under Boys Basketball Tournament is set for Friday through Sunday, March 21-23 at the Warm Springs Community Center Gym.

The entry fee is \$175 due by this Friday, March 7. Awards are:

Ten Championship coats; ten Runner-Up crew necks; third- and fourth-place awards. Also:

Most Valuable Player, Mr. Hustle Award, ten All-Tour-

ney Awards, and coach t-shirts.

For more information contact Austin Greene, tourney director, at 541-553-1953(h); or (541) 553-3243(w). Or email:

[Austin.greene@wstribes.org](mailto:Austin.greene@wstribes.org)  
The mailing address is Austin Greene, PO Box 1327, Warm Springs, OR 9761.

### 13-and-under Co-ed

The Warm Springs All Indian 13 and under Co-ed

Basketball Tournament is set for Friday through Sunday, March 21-23 at the Warm Springs Community Center gym.

Entry fee is \$150 per team. The deadline to submit the fee is this Friday, March 7 (open to the first six All-Indian teams).

Tournament awards include ten Championship ¼ zip pullovers; ten Runner-Up crewnecks; ten finalist t-shirts; Most Valuable Player Award; and All-Tourney.

For more information contact Austin Greene (same information above).

The Twenty-First Annual Heart Smart Dinner will be held on Wednesday, March 12 from 4-7:30 p.m. at the Agency Longhouse. The events will include a mini health fair, salmon dinner, blood sugar screenings, raffles, entertainment, education and fun. The year's dinner will be in honor of atwai Michael Spaulding and his years of dedication to the Heart Smart Dinner and the Warm Springs Community.

## Tribal Council March agenda

(The following are some of the items on the March Tribal Council agenda:)

### Wednesday, March 5

9 a.m. - WSFPI with Duane Darnell and Chuck Currier.

1:30 p.m. Tribal Court Update Tribal Court/Tribal Attorney.

### Monday, March 10

9 a.m. Review minutes/resolutions (Sept.-Dec. minutes) with Jake Suppah/S-T.

1:30 p.m. PGE Agreement discussion with Jim Manion.

3 p.m. WS Power & Water Enterprise update with Jim Manion.

### Monday, March 17

9-11 a.m. Enterprise cost savings discussion.

### Tuesday, March 18

9 a.m. Land Use Committee update

10 a.m. Timber Committee update

11 a.m. Range/Ag Committee update

1:30 p.m. Water Board update

### Monday, March 24

9 a.m. Secretary-Treasurer

update  
10 a.m. April agenda/travel delegations/review minutes

11 a.m. Draft resolutions with the S-T.

1:30 pm Legislative Update Call Matt Hill/Federal & Michael Mason/State

3:00 pm Enrollments Lucille Suppach-Samson/Vital Stats.

### Tuesday, March 25

9 a.m. U of O President presentation

10 Kahneeta resort update with Carlos Smith

11 a.m. Credit enterprise update with Lori Fuentes

1:30 p.m. Indian Head

Casino update Harold Baugus  
3 Composite Products update with Duane Darnell and Chuck Currier

### Wednesday, March

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Natural Resources update with Bobby Brunoe.

3 p.m. Ventures update with Jeff Anspach

(All draft resolutions must be sent to the S/T by email in word form two weeks prior to being taken into council for presentation. Copy to lynn davis at the mgmt office.)

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The Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club is open 3-5:30 after school, and on no-school days from 10-5.

The club is located in the Vern Jackson home. All school age youth can attend the club.

Stop by for an application. The fee is \$25 for the school year.