

# Tree Lighting Festival at casino

Indian Head Casino will host the much-anticipated 2023 Tree Lighting Festival—featuring the largest digital Christmas in Oregon, a winter wonderland like no other, and visit with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Clause. The spectacular holiday event is for the whole family. Stop by the casino plaza from 6 to 8 p.m. this Sunday, December 3.

At the base of the magnificent tree, you'll discover a magical red-carpet pathway winding through its impressive trunk. As you stroll inside the only walk-through tree

in the Pacific Northwest, you will have the unique opportunity to meet Mr. and Mrs. Claus, and snap a photograph with them.

The festival continues with Christmas carols, and a traditional Round Dance performed around the tree.

For the young ones filled with holiday wishes, the casino will have a special booth where each child can write a wish for Christmas. In addition, indulge in complimentary cookies, cupcakes, and hot cocoa,

and tea or coffee to keep you warm.

And if you're looking for a perfect holiday gift, don't miss the holiday booths featuring some exquisite creations by local artists. Tribal Councilman Carlos Calica will give the traditional blessing.

Beyond its premiere gaming opportunities, Indian Head Casino fosters our community spirit by hosting family events like this and concert throughout the year.



## TRIBAL HEALTH SCHOLARS

Tribal Health Scholars (THS) is a paid externship program for American Indian / Alaska Native (AIAN) high school sophomores, juniors and seniors. Students are supported and inspired to envision themselves as healthcare professionals and to pursue education required for a career in healthcare.

THS has two components:

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Applications close January 20th, 2024

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The Portland Trail Blazers and Rip City celebrated Native American Heritage Month at the Moda Center in November. A special tribute recognized the work of filmmaker Laronn Katchia. Also on hand for the Blazers game was Oklahoma City Thunder Lindy Waters III (below left), who is Kiowa and Cherokee. Mina Shike presented him with a beaded key chain featuring his OKC team colors and jersey number (below). Native drums and dancers of the Northwest performed at half time (bottom picture).



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### Rehearing request on controversial pipeline

Two Oregon environmental non-profit groups and the governor of the state of Washington are requesting a rehearing of a plan to expand a natural gas pipeline in the Pacific Northwest. The Confederated Tribes have also voiced opposition to the proposal.

The recently approved GTN XPress pipeline project would increase the capacity to ship natural gas from British Columbia to the Oregon-California border.

A request for rehearing was first proposed by Columbia Riverkeeper and Rogue Climate. The groups are asking the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to review its October approval of the pipeline expansion to take into consideration what they say are conflicts with the National Environmental Policy Act and Natural Gas Act.