
GRAND RONDE ENROLLMENT

During the past month of December, the enrollment clerks have been trying to contact Our People by personal contact on a door-to-door basis. Our bad weather arrived and consequently stopped any progress in that manner. We then proceeded to mail out enrollment forms and Health and Housing Survey forms, telling the people we would pick them up later the following week. All the information gathered was taken and compiled for our statistics for the recent trip to Washington D.C. by Marvin K. and Merle H. on January 23, 1982.

Unfortunately we had only received half of the forms returned to us from the Grand Ronde area. We need your support in order to establish a good statistical percentage for Our People. PLEASE get those enrollment forms in, so we can have the information for any other trips the future might hold in store for Our Tribe. You all need to be counted in order for Our People to reach our goals toward health, education, housing, we all are trying so hard to become a reality in our work towards becoming a Federally recognized Tribe again.

There has been a area of our enrollment department that has caused some concern, that is the amount of money that we have been spending on postage to mail out enrollment forms. We are on a limited budget and are allotted a certain amount of money for postage per month to do so. For example: to mail out eight enrollment forms, it will cost us 54¢. Then we might receive those forms back incomplete, not signed, dated, no Birth Certificates, to establish eligibility to complete your files, no family trees, and no quantums listed, as well as names of Tribes of Grand Ronde not listed. There will be another 54¢ postage to re-mail those forms and with the possibility they may not be returned again and with postage due and incomplete once again. So please try and complete those forms accurately and correctly before you mail them back to us.

Another misunderstanding has arisen about what we need as a birth certificate. We cannot accept the certificate that comes from the hospital as a Original Birth Certificate. That is the record you must mail to receive the Original birth certificate from the Vital Statistics Unit from the state in which that person was born. We do have those forms in the office for you to mail in. If you need one, please state so in your enrollment requests. Also if you have filled out the first enrollment forms and are on file here, we will xerox your family tree on the new forms for you if you want us to. Let us know you want this done and have a file established already.

Answer all the questions to each form; including the ages of your children and grades they are in school. Your answers to each question in each area are needed to support our evaluation of our needs for Our People. If the question does not apply to yourself or your children please acknowledge it by marking it NA for no answer so we know that you have read and understood the question instead of leaving it blank.

Our rolls are getting larger by each passing week. We are now receiving back forms that were mailed out-of-state. We are now trying to locate as many of our People in Oregon through our contact Persons in different designated areas of the state. If personal contact becomes impossible as scheduled because of the weather or some other obstacle unforeseen, we will mail enrollment forms out to the people we have on the previous enrollment files and any we have addresses for. Again I'd like to stress to you if you know of anyone who might be eligible for enrollment on the tribes of Grand Ronde, let us know by phoning or writing, so we can get them enrolled.

A special THANKS to all of those persons who have given us all of the information required to complete their files in our new up-dated enrollment roll files.

Cheryl Carl/ Tribal Enrollment Clerk