

EDUCATION

Become a bilingual speaker

Are you planning your next vacation in sunny Spain or romantic Paris? Would you like the advantage of being bilingual when you apply for that great job you've always wanted?

A wonderful opportunity to learn French and Spanish is now available to tribal members through the Tribe's Education department. This self-paced computer program begins with the most basic words and concepts, and progresses through the vocabulary and grammar of first year college level. It will enable you to speak, read, and write the language.

A favorite feature of the program is a learning process that mimics steps we have each used in learning the English language — it feels comfortable, rather than overwhelming. The interesting presentation balances numerous visual prompts with auditory support, and allows you to check your pronunciation progress. You'll be amazed how quickly you can learn, and how much you remember from each lesson. For students struggling with Spanish in their high school classrooms, this may be the solution for getting it all to make sense and saving your GPA.

To schedule a time for study, please call Hollie Larsen at 879-2275.

Community welcome in GED program

Each of us wants to feel good about who we are, and what we can accomplish. Education can make a wonderful difference. If you haven't completed high school — consider the advantage of completing your GED.

With a GED certificate you have increased job security, and the option of going to college. Spring term tutorial sessions are held Mondays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., and Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call Susan at 879-2282 for information, or come into the GED office in the CTGR Education Department at 9615 Grand Ronde Road.

First American Education Series

American Indian Art

American Indian art is explored through literature, storytelling, and plays written by American Indians. The music, dance, and regalia of the pow-wow are discussed from a cultural and historic perspective.

Literature May 2 5:30 to 8 pm
 Instructor: Debbie LaCroix, PhD
 Location: Grand Ronde — Tribal Governance Center, Room 204

Sherman Alexie May 19 5:30 to 8 pm
 Instructor: Sherman Alexie*
 Location: Portland — PSU, Extended Studies Bldg., Basement Room 9

*At Mr. Alexie's request, admissions for his May 19 presentation will be two or more cans of food which will be donated to Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc. (NARA).

Tuition is \$45 per course.

TO REGISTER CONTACT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES:

GRAND RONDE — Tribal members may contact Hollie Larsen at 879-2275; or Deena LaRue at 879-4591; or 1-800-422-0232.

SALEM — Please contact Bee Jai Repp, PhD at (503) 315-4587; or email: repp@chemek.cc.or.us.

PORTLAND — call (503) 72-LEARN (725-3276).

FREE SUBSCRIPTION

SMOKE SIGNALS is available to anyone at no cost.

Fill out this form with your name and address, mail to:

Smoke Signals, Attn: Justin Phillips

9615 Grand Ronde Road ~ Grand Ronde, OR 97347

OLD ADDRESS:

NEW ADDRESS:

GRAND RONDE ROLL #:

Honor & Recognition DINNER & AWARDS

Sat., May 20 • 1 p.m. • Grand Ronde Elementary

THIS SPECIAL DAY IS TO RECOGNIZED TRIBAL MEMBER:

- Graduates — preschool thru high school • GED gradates
- Continuing Education programs • Achievement & Recognition recipients

RSVP FOR DINNER:

Call Hollie Larsen at 879-2275 or 1-800-422-0232.

PRESCHOOL • 8TH GRADE • HIGH SCHOOL GED • COLLEGE • PROPRIETARY GRADUATES

It is important that all graduates this year call the Education department to be included in the program.

Call Hollie at (503) 879-2275.

Summer youth program offered in Ashland and Medford

A Native American Youth Academy residential camp for youth in grades 5-10 is being offered this summer, along with many other programs. Call (541) 552-6331 for more information.

Summer sponsorship applications

Summer Sponsorship is a program designed to support Grand Ronde tribal youth in kindergarten through 12th grade in participating in extra-curricular activities and summer programs. This program will pay a maximum of \$200 toward registration costs only. Youth may apply to receive sponsorship one time per year. Sponsorship is on a first come basis.

To request an application, students may call Lisa Leno at 879-2224 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2224. Allow two weeks to process a completed application.

Education Deadlines

The Higher Education programs have established deadlines for accepting applications to the Adult Vocational Training program and the Higher Education program in regards to entry dates as follows:

Fall Term/Semester

..... July 1, 2000

Winter Term/Spring Semester

..... November 1, 2000

Spring Term

..... February 1, 2001

Deadlines are established so the Education department is able to complete the eligibility determination prior to the first day of class.

Because both of these programs are federal and tribal-need based funded we need to have complete Federal Financial Aid information prior to being able to make an eligibility determination. Federal Financial Aid applications are available at the Education office, all colleges and universities, and high school counseling offices. Contact the Tribal Education office for more or other information and program applications.

Students corresponding by mail please identify which program and who you want your information routed to. For example: Higher Education Program — Marion Mercier OR Short Term, Continuing & Distance Education Program — Deena LaRue.

EDUCATION FAX: (503) 879-2286

PRE-SCHOOL OPENINGS

What does the Head Start program offer?

- Bus service for Grand Ronde, Sheridan and Willamina areas.
- Cultural —
 - ✓ Chinook Jargon with Tony Johnson, twice a month.
 - ✓ Drumming with Dustin Harmon, twice a month.
- Health —
 - ✓ Linda Mann from Dental visits once a month.
 - ✓ Wellness visits once a month.
- Education —
 - ✓ Age appropriate field trips, both fun and educational.
 - ✓ Open play area.
 - ✓ Always busy experimenting and experiencing.
 - ✓ Fun/loving/safe environment.
 - ✓ A wonderful experience to prepare your child for the years of schooling to come.

Recruitment for Twah Sunchako Head Start has begun for next school year, starting September 4. Tribal and Native children will receive the first placement. If there are openings after all applications are returned we will then take community members.

To sign up for our waiting list or any questions, contact Marissa Leno at 879-2161, or visit us down the road from the old A&D building. Spots are filled on first come, first serve basis.