

2007-2008 Grand Ronde Royalty Contestant Profiles

Alexus Lane

Age: 8 yrs. old
Grade: 3rd
Parents: Elisha Lane
Grandparents: Diane and Clayton Lane
Tribe: Umpqua
Hobbies: Love to work with animals on the farm, beading, arts and crafts, fishing, dancing, and swimming.
Position you are running for: Little Miss Grand Ronde
Why do you want to serve on Grand Ronde Royalty? I want to dance for our people who can't, and to go to pow-wows.

Promise Rain Rimer

Age: 8 yrs. old
Grade: 3rd
Parents: Molly and Chad Leno
Grandparents: Jackie and Duane Many Hides, Chuck and Donna Holmes, and Ron and Jeanne Rimer
Tribe: Umqua, Rogue River, and Oglala Sioux
Hobbies: Tap dancing, traditional dancing, attending pow-wows and ceremonies, swimming, singing, and reading
Position you are running for: Little Miss Grand Ronde
Why do you want to serve on Grand Ronde Royalty? I want to meet people, learn new things, learning to be polite and graceful, and learn to speak clearly.

Goldie Elizabeth Bly

Age: 9 yrs. old
Grade: 3rd
Parents: Penny Bly-Guardiola and Jimmie Silva
Grandparents: Rodger and Betty Bly
Tribe: Chinook
Hobbies: Going swimming, dancing, and shopping.
Position you are running for: Jr. Miss Grand Ronde
Why do you want to serve on Grand Ronde Royalty? I want to serve on royalty because it will be fun. I will meet new people and make new friends.

Lindsay Nicole McCue

Age: 11 yrs. old
Grade: 6th
Parents: Jodie and Mike McCue
Grandparents: Betty and Rodger Bly, and Dave and Louis McCue
Tribe: Chinook
Hobbies: Pow-wow, swimming, soccer, fishing, and beading
Position you are running for: Jr. Miss Grand Ronde
Why do you want to serve on Grand Ronde Royalty? I want to serve on royalty because it would be an honor and also a privilege. It would be a good opportunity to learn about my culture and heritage.

Larisa Laree Logan

Age: 9 yrs. old
Grade: 4th
Parents: Lydia and Lenny Logan
Grandparents: Linda and Duke Olson, Frank Hostler, and Lester and Carol Logan
Tribe: Rouge River, Kalapua, and Chinook
Hobbies: I like to play with my cousins and pets.
Position you are running for: Jr. Miss Grand Ronde
Why do you want to serve on Grand Ronde Royalty? I want to serve on royalty for my Grandpas that crossed over, for the Elders, and to show respect for our Tribal members.

Josie Faris

Age: 17 yrs. old
Grade: Senior - I will graduate this year from Amity High School.
Parents: Jodie McCure & Jock Faris
Grandparents: Betty Bly & Rodger Bly
Tribe: Chinook
Hobbies: Archery is a great passion of mine, and I enjoy showing my artistic side through painting murals. Also, I express my emotions through singing.
Position you are running for: Sr. Miss Grand Ronde 2007-2008
Why do you want to serve on Grand Ronde Royalty? I would like to be Sr. Miss Grand Ronde because I believe it would be an honor to lead and represent my Tribe with pride. It will also be a great cultural experience to learn about my heritage. The opportunity of being Sr. Miss Grand Ronde is something that will stay with me for the rest of my life.

Tenatia Jackson-Crain

Age: 16 yrs. old
Grade: 11th
Parents: Natalie Ann Jackson & Darrin Lee-Crain
Grandparents: Evelyn "Toni" Quenelle and the late Walter Jackson
Tribe: Umpqua
Hobbies: I like to write, play volleyball, hang with my friends, listen to music, and sew.
Position you are running for: Sr. Miss Grand Ronde
Why do you want to serve on Grand Ronde Royalty? I want to help my Tribe and further my knowledge of my community and other Tribes as well.

Serving on Grand Ronde Royalty enhances the lives of our Tribal youth girls by providing leadership and personal growth activities. It allows them to serve as ambassadors of the Tribe which provides positive public relations on behalf of the Tribe and surrounding communities.

All contestants for royalty must be enrolled Grand Ronde Tribal members between 5-18 years-of-age. Because the girls act as a

Tribal representative, it is also a requirement that they be in good standing in school and uphold a positive image at all times.

The girls are competing in three categories, Little Miss Grand Ronde, Jr. Miss Grand Ronde, and Senior Miss Grand Ronde. The competition consists of two parts; participation, which is based on a points system, and the pageant.

Points are earned by participating at pow-wows, volunteering for fundraisers and special events, and selling raffle tickets for the Annual Pow-wow. Each

contestant is required to earn a minimum amount of points to be eligible to compete in the pageant competition.

The pageant is held just prior to the beginning of the Annual Pow-wow on August 17. Each contestant is judged based on the deliverance of a speech, a personal interview, and a dance competition.

The judges will compare the participation points with the pageant points and determine a winner for each category just prior to Grand Entry. The girls will be crowned and begin their reign

with Grand Entry.

During their time on Grand Ronde Royalty, the girls will learn important life skills. They will travel to pow-wows and special events and gain experience in public speaking. They will have communications and interaction with both Tribal and non-Tribal representatives, and will learn about responsibility, accountability, and respect for others.