

EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

2008 Honor & Recognition ceremony changes

The Honor & Recognition ceremony has been a Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde tradition to honor and celebrate Education Program student achievements.

Preschool graduates, eighth-grade promotions, high school graduates, GED graduates, college graduates, K-12 achievement awards and Education scholarship recipients are all recognized.

Last year, more than 100 students were recognized during the ceremony.

With an increasing number of students, the ceremony has become quite long. It is our hope that we can better emphasize the successes of individual student achievements through offering a variety of educational ceremonies.

The Education Program will celebrate student achievements by category for the 2007-08 school years. The following is a brief outline of those categories.

- ◆ The Early Childhood Education program will celebrate the graduation of our preschools at the Aug. 14 preschool graduation ceremony.
- ◆ Youth Education program will host a celebration for our local eighth-graders promoting to high school. Date and time to be announced.
- ◆ Youth Education Achievement and Recognition awards will be not be recognized during a ceremony. All awards will be mailed to students.
- ◆ Youth Education and Higher Education will recognize high school, GED and college graduates on June 20.
- ◆ Higher Education Scholarship recipients will not be recognized during a ceremony. Recipients will receive notification of award via mail.

Education programs will provide more details of individual ceremonies in upcoming issues of *Smoke Signals*. ■

STEP and SCEP program information

The Student Temporary Employment Program (STEP) provides an opportunity for students to earn money, continue their education, train with professionals and combine academic study with on-the-job experience.

Work does not have to be related to the student's academic or career goals.

Students may work part-time when school is in session and full-time during vacation periods.

The one-year STEP employment can be renewed at the supervisor's discretion.

A student does not need to be enrolled in the National Multicultural Initiatives to participate in STEP, but most students enrolled in the Initiatives begin their employment in the STEP.

The Student Career Experience Program (SCEP) is the primary source for external recruitment for entry-level hires in the Forest Service. SCEP provides work experience that is directly related to the student's academic program or career goals.

SCEP students may be non-competitively converted to career, term or career-conditional appointments. SCEP gives students exposure to public service while enhancing their educational goals.

A student does not need to be enrolled in the national Multicultural Initiatives to participate in SCEP, but many students enrolled in the Initiatives eventually enter the SCEP.

For more information, contact Mei Lin Lantz at 541-822-7250 or 541-510-5368 or mlantz@fs.fed.us. www.fs.fed.us/fsjobs/openings.html.

Classes ongoing in Portland

Chinuk Wawa and Carving classes are ongoing Wednesday nights at the Tribe's Portland office at 3312 S.W. Kelly Ave.

Chinuk Wawa is offered from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and 6:30 to 9 p.m., and the Carving class is offered from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

For more information, contact Cultural Education Specialist Misty Thorsgard at 800-422-0232, ext. 2320, or e-mail misty.thorsgard@grandronde.org, or call the Portland office at 503-235-4230.

FULL-TIME STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

1. All full-time students are required to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) each year. A copy of the FASFA and Student Aid Report (SAR) must be submitted to the Tribal Education Program.
2. All full-time students are responsible for having their grade reports sent to the Higher Education Programs upon completion of each term/semester.
3. All full-time students must maintain a 2.00 GPA and successfully complete a minimum of 12 credit hours per term/semester to remain eligible for funding.
4. Full-time students who do not meet the minimum academic requirements will be placed on academic PROBATION. Students who are placed on PROBATIONARY STATUS will not be awarded the following term until they have provided a copy of their grade report/transcript.

NO AWARD WILL BE MADE UNTIL GRADE REPORT/TRANSCRIPTS HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED.

5. Failure to meet the minimum academic requirements during the probationary term/semester will result in SUSPENSION from the program.
 6. Full-time students must notify the Higher Education Programs of address, telephone and e-mail changes as soon as they occur.
 9. Each year full-time students must sign a "Release of Information" form allowing correspondence with the school of attendance regarding financial aid, educational budget, attendance and grade reports.
 10. Students who withdraw or do not complete a term/semester will be required to reimburse the Higher Education Programs for funding received for the term/semester.
- Please keep in contact with the Higher Education Programs; we are here to provide assistance and support you while you are attending school.



Tribal Library News

LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday – Friday: 9 A.M. – 6 P.M.
(closed Monday - Friday noon – 1 P.M.)
Saturday: 10 A.M. – 2 P.M.

Statistics for April 2008: 10 new cards were issued; there were 462 patron visits with 405 circulations. We had a record high of 468 donations with most items to be added to the collection. 82 people signed in for computer use. There were 21½ days of service in April.

Additions to the collection (cataloged and ready for circulation) include: 233 books, 62 videos, 23 DVDs and 10 puzzles.

The Tribal Library collection consists of just over 8,000 items now; this is up from just 800 in mid-2004. A high percentage of collection items come from our generous community members and friends of our library. Recent donations have been made by John & Elli McEl-downey, Peter and Jennifer Grout, Sheila McDonald, Pam Warren & Alex & Kathryn, Lynn Winters, Roy & Joyce Zimbrick, Vickie Reibach, Angie Fasana & Justin and Cheyanne, Joshua Clift and Mick McFadyen. "Thank you to all of these generous people!"

Library Collection Search, a Follett software program, has been added to the library computers. This program allows patrons the ability to click on a library search icon and then be able to look up a specific book title, author and or subject to see if we have it here in our library. Another option patrons have is to go to worldcat.org to look up a title for other libraries may have and it will show what library has the item and how many miles it is to that library location.

This year's Summer Program theme is "Catch the Reading Bug!" The summer program will start up in mid-June so watch for more information in the next issue of *Smoke Signals*. The Summer Program will include the Reading Incentive Program for ages 4-17 and the Reading & Activity Sessions for the various age groups.

May is poetry month! The library has a good selection of poetry books and there is a small display of them up throughout this month.

Hope to see you at the Tribal Library sometime soon!