

Medicare Part B reimbursement notice for Tribal members

If you are a Grand Ronde Tribal member, have reached the age of retirement (65) or have started to receive Social Security Retirement or disability benefits through Social Security (SSD); you may be eligible to receive Medicare Part B benefits through the Tribe.

To find out if you are eligible, or to get enrolled in Medicare Part B, please do the following; call toll-free 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or go online at www.medicare.gov. You will need to request an application for enrollment in Medicare Part B and return it to your local Social Security Office.

Once you are enrolled in Medicare Part B through Social Security, you will need to call our office to request a Medicare Part B Reimbursement packet to apply. As a Grand Ronde Tribal member, the Tribe will reimburse your Medicare Part B premium each month at the standard rate.

Note: If you are currently on the Skookum Tribal Health Plan it is required that you accept Medicare Part B when you become eligible. By not accepting Medicare Part B, your coverage for medical expenses could be drastically reduced.

If you need a Medicare Part B reimbursement packet sent to you or have any questions regarding the Tribes reimbursement program, please call Reina Nelson in Member Services at 503-879-2223 or toll-free at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 2223.

You may call Barbara Steere with questions regarding our Skookum Tribal Health Plan coverage at 503-879-2487 or toll-free at 1-800-749-2928. ■

Spring sweat scheduled

A Spring Equinox Sweat will be held at noon Sunday, March 20, at the Willamina home of Kathy and Don Provost. The Provosts also continue to seek sweat lodge cover donations. For more information, contact Tribal Elder Kathy Provost at 503-857-8440. ■

Cultural Trust Board seeks applicants

The Tribal Cultural Trust Board is beginning its 2011 grant-making round. Grants ranging from \$250 to a maximum of \$1,000 are available for Tribal members to use for cultural projects.

The grant-making round opened Feb. 15 and lasts through the end of March.

Interested Tribal members can pick up an application packet at the front desk of the Tribal Governance Center or call Cultural Trust Board Chair Perri McDaniel at 541-484-7085 to have an application packet mailed.

Completed applications must be received by 3 p.m. Thursday, March 31. ■

Cultural Resources holding classes

The Tribe's Cultural Resources Department is holding cultural classes this spring.

In March, the schedule includes Fish Clubs on March 17-18 and Leisters on March 24-25.

There is a maximum class size of 10 per class and an overflow list will be kept in case of cancelations.

People interested in taking the classes should contact Brian Krehbiel at brian.krehbiel@grandronde.com or call him at 503-879-4639. ■

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