

**Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde  
Tribal Court Appointed Special  
Advocate (CASA) Program  
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"Speaking for Children/Youth"**

Each year, approximately 780,000 children in the U.S. are caught in the court and child welfare maze because they are unable to live safely at home.

Approximately 13,965 children in the state of Oregon have been in foster care at least once during the past year.

Currently, there are approximately 87 Grand Ronde children in foster care. Half of those children are wards of the Tribal Court right here in the Grand Ronde Community.

The Grand Ronde Tribal Court is looking for committed, caring volunteers who want to help these children by advocating for the child. The Tribal Court CASA Program will train all volunteer advocates. Give these children a voice during this difficult time, help these children to receive the services they need, stay connected to their culture and find safe permanent homes.

If you would like more information on how to volunteer and better serve our Tribal Children, please detach and complete this form and return it to: Tribal Court Programs Specialist, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, Oregon 97347. For additional information, call 503-879-4623 or e-mail: [Julie.boekhoff@grandronde.org](mailto:Julie.boekhoff@grandronde.org)



- please send me a CASA Advocate Application  
 please send me more information about the Tribal Court CASA Program

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS**

**COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL EVENT BOARD VACANCIES**

The following Committees and Special Event Boards have vacant positions.

Veterans' Special Event Board	1 Vacancy
Culture Committee	1 Vacancy
Rodeo Special Event Board	1 Vacancy
Cultural Trust Board	2 Vacancy
Ceremonial Hunt Board	1 Vacancy
Social Services Committee	1 Vacancy
Fish & Wildlife	2 Vacancy
Education Committee	1 Vacancy

Please send completed applications to Dakota Whitecloud, Tribal Council Relations Coordinator, 9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.

**Camp's theme is  
'Art of the Canoe'**

"Art of the Canoe: Looking and Making Art from the Native People of the Pacific Northwest" is the theme of this year's summer camp offered by the Oregon College of Art & Craft's "Journeys in Creativity: Explorations in Native American Art" program.

The program is a pre-college camp for Native American, Native Hawaiian and other indigenous teenagers ages 15 to 19. The camp is free to all students involved with the exception of travel to and from the camp.

It will be held Aug. 8-21 on the Oregon College of Art & Craft campus in Portland. Students will live on campus with a chaperone for up to two weeks. Teens 15 to 17 are allowed to stay for one week while those 18 and 19 years of age can stay the two weeks.

The applications process is competitive and qualifying youth are selected by a review panel of Native American artists and college administrators. Completed applications must be received by June 1.

For more information, contact Shirod Younker by e-mail at [syounker@ocac.edu](mailto:syounker@ocac.edu) or by phone 971-255-4148. The application can be found at the college's Web site, <http://ocac.edu>, under the Community Programs tab. ■

**The Confederated Tribes of the  
Grand Ronde Community of Oregon**

to visit and participate in some of our annual events

**Veterans' Powwow  
July 8, 9, 10**

**Competition Powwow  
August 19, 20, 21**

