

Peace & Dignity Journey to visit Grand Ronde on July 18

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Smoke Signals editor

The 2012 Peace and Dignity Journey will visit Grand Ronde on Wednesday, July 18, as participants enjoy Tribal hospitality and stay overnight at the Tribal gym.

Youth Prevention Program employee Shannon Stanton said the runners will be arriving in Grand Ronde at about 4 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. in the Community Center and the runners will leave Grand Ronde the next morning after breakfast and head to Siletz.

Peace & Dignity Journeys has held Native American spiritual runs across North and South America every four years since 1992. The journey this year started May 1 in Chickaloon, Alaska, and another group is running from Tierra del Fuego, Argentina, at the tip of South America.

Participants will carry sacred staffs through both continents and meet on Nov. 28 in Guatemala.

The run in Oregon will divide in Portland on Monday, July 16, with one group going down the Willamette Valley to Salem, Philomath, Eugene, running around Crater Lake and then to Chiloquin before

passing into California.

The "coastal" run will pass through Grand Ronde, Siletz, Reedport, Coos Bay and Gold Beach before moving south to California.

This year's run is dedicated to bringing awareness about the importance of water to all of Mother Earth and Native communities. The journey has grown over the years and now there are at least five routes crossing North America.

Peace and Dignity Journeys was inspired by an ancient prophecy of the Eagle and the Condor coming together, representing the unification of indigenous people from North and South America after centuries of colonization.

"Many Native communities are not on this route, but are encouraged to travel to greet runners and maybe run with them," said Mel Huey of Eugene. "Communities might also organize a tributary run and have their local runners run to the communities hosting the main run."

Grand Ronde Elder Carol Logan is leading the preparations for the stay locally.

For more information, visit the Web site <http://sandiego.indymedia.org/pdj/>. ■

Changes to your Skookum Health Plan

For Tribal members residing in the counties of Washington, Multnomah, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk and Marion, you will soon be receiving a new Skookum card with changes to your health plan ID number. This does NOT affect Tribal employees with the Shasta employee plan.

We are making a few changes to your health plan group identifier, which means that you will need a new ID card.

- The first three letters of your current ID number will be changing from GRT to GRC.
 - o Your current ID number looks like: GRT123456.
 - o Your new ID number will look like: GRC123456.
- Your ID number affects how your claims are paid, so to ensure your claims are paid correctly, please THROW OUT your old card and KEEP the new card starting with the GRC ID number.
 - o When you go to a doctor, dentist, pharmacy or eye doctor, make sure you give the provider your new ID card so the bill will be processed for payment correctly.
- The final change relates to your Explanation of Benefits (EOB). Going forward you will only receive an EOB if you owe the provider a portion of the claim costs or if the claim has been denied.
- If you have any questions on the above changes, please call Shasta Administrative Services' Customer Service at 1-800-880-5877 or Contract Health Services at 1-800-775-0095.

Again, these changes only affect Tribal members residing in Washington, Multnomah, Tillamook, Yamhill, Polk and Marion counties! This does not affect Tribal employees. ■

Zumba held Monday, Wednesday in Grand Ronde

Zumba, a Latin-inspired and calorie-burning dance fitness party, is held from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday in the old Grand Ronde Middle School.

The first class is free and \$6 thereafter for drop-ins, or \$5 if participants purchase a punch card.

For more information, contact Tribal Recreation Coordinator Matthew Mosely at 503-879-1369 or matthew.mosely@grandronde.org. ■

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University of Oregon store seeks artwork for sale

The University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History's museum store, Past and Presents, is seeking a limited number of artists interested in selling their original artwork on consignment in the store.

Pacific Northwest Tribal members interested in the opportunity should submit five images of their work for consideration to tracey@uoregon.edu.

The university's Museum of Natural and Cultural History protects significant collections, enhances knowledge and encourages stewardship of human and natural history through research, preservation and education.

Past and Presents offers a comprehensive selection of regional books and gifts that reflect the museum's exhibits, collections and research, as well as the inspiration of the Pacific Northwest landscape.

For more information, contact Tracey Bell at 541-346-1574. ■

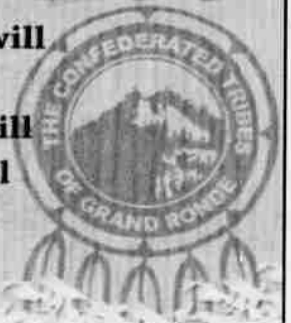


Carving Class

Come learn the Columbia River art style. Cultural Resources will be having an ongoing apprenticeship class every Wednesday at the carving shop down by the food bank. We will only have room for 10 students. Please contact Brian Krehbiel

at 503-879-4639.

or e-mail brian.krehbiel@grandronde.org.



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