

Credit Recovery begins June 17

The Youth Education Department is offering the opportunity for students to take advantage of the Credit Recovery Program to make up high school credits that they need to graduate.

This year's program will run from June 17 through Aug. 8. Students will be able to work on their classes at any time in any of the Tribe's computer labs. However, there will only be instructional assistance offered from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

Students and parents must sign a contract that reviews the program's rules and expectations. There is a \$50 refundable deposit to participate.

Contact High School Lead Chris Bailey at 503-879-4534 with any questions or to sign up. ■

Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority



~ GRTHA's corner ~

- Tether balls will be placed in Family Housing for tenants. They will be located near the basketball court.
- There will be additional "doggy" clean-up stations located in Elders Housing.
- The Housing Authority is adding additional Security/Tribal Police Patrols for housing communities.
- As per a democratic process where Elder tenants voted, a decision has been made; there will be no speed bumps installed in Elder Housing at this time.
- Deborah Kroeker (503-879-4522) is requesting volunteers to staff some resource tables for the Veterans Summit to be held on the powwow grounds, July 9-12, 2013.
- Meeting (date to be announced) to be held regarding GRTHA's parking regulations and permits for Elder's Housing at Elders' Activity Center.

Applications being accepted

A grandfamily is defined as: A family, whose head or spouse is Elder, containing minor children in the legal long-term custody or guardianship of the Elder. A grandfamily shall not include any other adults under the age of 55 (including the parent(s) of the minor children).

If your family fits this definition, qualifies as low income and you are interested in moving into our new grandfamily units, which are part of Elders' Housing Phase II, we started accepting applications on Jan. 2.

You can pick up an application at the Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority offices at 28450 Tye Road, Grand Ronde, Ore., 97347. If you cannot come into the offices to pick up your application, you may call the front desk at 503-879-2401 and an application will be mailed to you.

Make sure you specifically request the application for "grandfamily housing."

Applications will be handled on a first-come, first-serve basis. It is important that applicants provide all requested documentation at the time they submit the application. If you have any questions, contact Leon Ramos or Deborah Kroeker at Grand Ronde Tribal Housing, 503-879-2401. We look forward to working with you.

Down Payment Assistance Program

The Grand Ronde Tribal Housing Authority (GRTHA) has 2013 Down Payment Assistance available for applicants with moderate to low incomes. Although the budget for Tribally funded Down Payment Assistance has been committed for 2013, HUD funds may be available for qualified Tribal applicants whose gross household income either meets or is less than the guidelines below:

Family size/Gross income	
1	\$40,900
2	\$46,750
3	\$52,600
4	\$58,400
5	\$63,100
6	\$67,750
7	\$72,450
8	\$77,100

Call Victoria Jones, Homeownership Coordinator, at 503-879-1465 to pre-qualify for HUD funded assistance.

Save Our Skookum (SOS)

Frequently asked questions

Q: What is the point of making members apply for Oregon Health Plan/Medicaid or other state coverage?

A: To save Tribal dollars. If you are eligible for a state plan, this would become primary and pays claims before Skookum, which saves Tribal funds.

Q: Does Tribal Council know you're doing this to the membership?

A: Yes. This was a directive from Tribal Council. (We are doing this FOR the membership ... to benefit everyone by keeping the plan sustainable.)

Q: What information can be submitted to the Skookum Secondary Payer Group if I don't qualify for the state coverage?

A: Income verification, such as a pay stub or tax information showing you are over the income limits would be acceptable.

Q: If I am an Elder receiving the Tribal Elder Pension, single family of one, do I have to apply?

A: No, not if you are a single family of one, receiving the Tribal Elder Pension. The Skookum Secondary Payer Group will verify your pension information with Member Benefits.

Q: If I am a married Elder receiving Tribal Elders Pension, and my spouse is working, do I have to apply?

A: If you are a family of two, receiving Tribal Elders Pension, the Skookum Secondary Payer Group will need to verify income information for your household to help determine whether or not you need to apply for OHP/Medicaid.

Q: If I have a primary insurance, do I have to apply?

A: No, not at this time. This will only affect Tribal members using Skookum as their only coverage.

Q: Isn't my Skookum Health Program benefit insurance coverage?

A: No, Skookum is not an insurance plan, therefore, it is not considered to be insurance by definition. You should not reference Skookum as insurance, as it is not. It is a benefit you receive from the Tribe because you are an enrolled Tribal member.

Q: What happens if I do not comply?

A: Your claims will be suspended in a pending status at Shasta and not paid until you fulfill your obligation. Once it is confirmed that you have fulfilled your obligation, we will instruct Shasta to process and pay your claims.

Q: I might be getting a job soon; if I do, should I drop my Medicaid?

A: Keep your Medicaid until you have new coverage in effect and notify Medicaid of your change in status.

Q: How do I apply for Medicaid?

A: Many states have an online application and eligibility information or you can call the Department of Human Services in your state to learn about what is available to you.

Q: Will there be Tribal staff available to answer my questions about applying for Medicaid?

A: Yes, there will be Tribal staff available to assist you with questions.

Q: Am I required to pay for insurance through my employer?

A: We encourage those Tribal members with alternate resources, such as employer sponsored insurance, to enroll in those plans and use Skookum as a secondary coverage to pay for any balances that are patient responsibility. But, at this time, you aren't required to enroll in your employer plan if there is an associated premium that you must pay. (But you may certainly choose to.) ■

Thank you to everyone that has responded to this effort and/or provided necessary documentation. We look forward to hearing from you! Please call with your questions.

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