

## 2nd Annual CTGR Youth 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

Hosted by CTGR Recreation Department

**For Who:** CTGR Tribal Member, Native American, Descendant or Grand Ronde Community Youth (Open to other Native Tribes to participate)

**Cost:** Free.

**Divisions:**

- Division 1: Middle School Students (entering into 6th through 8th grade in the 2013-14 school year);
- Division 2: High School Students (entering into 9th through 12th grade in the 2013-14 school year)

**Each team must have a coach who is 18 years or older.**

**When:** Tournament starts 5 to 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 16. 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 17 (breaks for lunch and dinner). 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 18 (play games as needed).

**Where:** CTGR Powwow Grounds

**Prizes:** 1st and 2nd place teams for each division and 3-point contest

**Deadline to Register:** 5 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 8.

**Limited Openings!** A limited amount of teams allowed due to the amount of courts and time to play games. Don't wait to the last minute; secure your team spot by registering today.

Registration forms and sign-ups are available at the Youth Education Department front desk.

**Contact Recreation Coordinator Matt Mosley at 503-879-1369 for more information. ■**



Darla Patterson

## GED Graduate Spotlight Interview with Darla Patterson:

**Tell me a little bit about yourself.**

My name is Darla Patterson and I am 31 years old. I have four wonderful children who I completely adore and an awesome husband who I have been married to for 14 years.

**What is your plan for the future?**

My plan for the future is to become a drug and alcohol counselor and give back to my community what they have given me, which is being clean and sober. I will be clean one year on June 1 and I owe that to the Tribe for getting me the help I needed.

**What did you complete (GED, college degree, etc.)?**

I completed my GED in November 2012 and started working on my college degree in January 2013.

**What will be your major in college?**

I am currently working on my Associate of Applied Science degree in Addiction Studies, which includes an addiction counselor certification.

**What college are you attending?**

I am attending Chemeketa Community College Yamhill Valley campus in McMinnville and will be going to the Salem campus to finish up my degree.

**What are some of the challenges you have had along the way in your educational journey?**

I have had a lot of challenges to get where I am at today. I am a full-time mother, work part-time and am going to school full-time. In my spare time, when I have spare time, I like to spend it with my family.

**What are you doing now?**

I am working toward getting my Associate of Applied Science degree and then possibly transferring to a university after that to receive a bachelor's degree and eventually work toward a master's degree.

**What factors influenced your decision to do what you are doing now?**

What helped with my decision making on what I am doing now has a lot to do with my past. On June 1, 2012, I had to check myself into an inpatient treatment center for chemical dependency. The experience of going there changed my entire life. It was the best thing I have ever done for myself and my family. I would have never been able to go there without the Tribe's help. I owe a lot of my sobriety to the Tribe and so by going to school and getting my degree to be an A&D counselor, maybe I will be able to help someone in our community, and that will be my way of giving back to the Tribe for the help they have given me.

**Why is getting an education important to you?**

I feel getting an education is really important because I dropped out of school in the ninth grade and I missed out on a lot of things. So I finally decided that I am not missing out on any more.

**What is your ultimate educational/career goal/future plans?**

My ultimate education/career goals are to get my AAS degree and to have a great job that I love (an A&D counselor or just a counselor) all within a five-year period.

**What are your hobbies/interests?**

My hobbies are spending time with my family, going to church and going to the beach. Also, letting the kids have as much fun as possible.

**What advice do you have for those that are undecided in their major/college goals?**

I would have to say DO NOT take a math, writing or reading class your first term because that might scare you away. Well that is what everyone told me. I would tell them you don't have to decide what you want to do your first term. Get an adviser at your school and give them an idea of what you like doing and they will help you with your decisions on classes to take and narrow it down to what degree or certificate you need.

**How do you think your situation is different from other college students?**

I really do not think my situation is different from the other college students. We are there to learn.

**How will you be successful in college?**

I will be successful in college because it means a lot to me and I want to be a light to my children. I want my kids to say, "My mom went to college, so I am going, too." ■

## Need scholarship help?

Are you looking for scholarships and don't know where to start? Do you need assistance with your scholarship applications and/or personal statements? If so, contact the Tribal Scholarship Office at 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1345, or e-mail [luhui.whitebear@grandronde.org](mailto:luhui.whitebear@grandronde.org). ■

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THESE PROGRAMS ARE 477/EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING AND THE GRAND RONDE TRIBAL VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM.

THE VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PROGRAM WORKS WITH TRIBAL MEMBERS WITH A DISABILITY THAT HAS BEEN A BARRIER TO GAINING OR RETAINING EMPLOYMENT

THE 477 EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAM SUPPORTS TRIBAL MEMBERS WITH JOB RELATED SERVICES  
477 CAN SERVE GRAND RONDE TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO LIVE IN MARION, MULTNOMAH, POLK, TILLAMOOK, WASHINGTON AND YAMHILL COUNTY.

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FOR INFO CONTACT:  
THE SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT AT  
503-879-2034 OR 1-800-242-8196  
TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRAMS AND TO DETERMINE WHICH ONE CAN BEST ASSIST YOU