

Land & Culture Corner

Upcoming Classes

For class descriptions and to view instructional videos visit our webpage at <http://www.grandronde.org/culture/>

<p>— [Grand Ronde Area] —</p> <p>Chinuk Wawa First and Second year Mondays 5:00 - 6:30 pm CTGR Cultural Center</p> <p>First year Wednesdays Noon - 1:00 pm CTGR Adult Ed, Room 207</p> <p>Dancing & Drumming Tuesdays 4:00 - 5:00 pm CTGR Adult Ed, Room 126</p> <p>Regalia—Wing Dresses Thursdays 4:00 - 7:00 pm CTGR Adult Ed, Room 126</p> <p>Moccasins February 27 and March 13 & 27 4:00 - 7:00 pm CTGR Adult Ed, Room 126</p> <p>CTGR Adult Education and CTGR Elders Activity Center 9615 Grand Ronde Road CTGR Cultural Center 8720 Grand Ronde Road Grand Ronde, OR 97347</p>	<p>— [Portland Area] —</p> <p>Chinuk Wawa Wednesdays First year: 5:30 - 7:30 pm Second year: 5:00 - 7:00 pm CTGR Portland Office</p> <p>Lifeways Mondays 3:00 - 7:00 pm CTGR Portland Office</p> <p>Button Blankets Tuesdays 5:30 - 8:30 pm CTGR Portland Office</p> <p>CTGR Portland Office 4445 SW Barbur Boulevard Portland, OR 97239</p>	<p>— [Eugene Area] —</p> <p>Chinuk Wawa February 24 and March 10 & 24 5:30 - 8:30 pm Lamb Cottage</p> <p>Lifeways February 25 and March 11 & 25 1:30 - 4:30 pm Lamb Cottage</p> <p>Button Blankets February 26 and March 12 & 26 3:00 - 7:00 pm Lamb Cottage</p> <p>Lamb Cottage (located in Skinner Butte Park) 101 Cheshire Road Eugene, OR 97401</p>
--	---	--

NOTE:

Grand Ronde Tribal members: No charge for the classes or materials.
 Grand Ronde Tribal member spouses, family and descendants: No charge for classes, see materials below.
 Members enrolled in any other federally-recognized Tribe: \$10 per class, see materials below.
 All others: \$15 per class, see materials below.
 Materials: If materials for a class are required, there is no charge for Grand Ronde Tribal members. All others must bring their own materials, use donated, if available, or reimburse for any materials provided. See instructor for details.

For additional information on classes visit <http://www.grandronde.org/culture> or contact Flicka Lucero, Cultural Education Specialist, at 503-879-2268.

Willamette Falls

The Willamette Falls are an important part of Grand Ronde’s cultural landscape. It is the place of treaty signing, villages, and the place of many of our *ikanum* or myths that discuss how our world came to be. In the Chinuk Wawa language we call the Willamette Falls *Tumwater*, in Tualatin Kalapuya it is called *Chatuulik*, Molalla *Chakaawa*, and in Clow-wi-wal-la *Kwgchyawhesuschk*.

Our community has many stories that discuss how the Falls were created; in one story Coyote creates a fish trap that is so effective Coyote berated it for being too successful. His displeasure with the trap led to people today having to work to catch salmon. In another story, Coyote and Meadowlark together create the Falls, but by accident place them in their current location at Oregon City, rather than as intended in the Salem area.

Other stories tell about a monster known as *imnextk’we’nma* or Tongue lived nearby and terrorized the people but was eventually defeated by a boy. In one version of the story the Boy becomes the first salmon and ascends the falls and picks the Santiam River as the place where salmon will forever go to spawn. Another story is about a place called *k’asxeksix*; a place where stones are exposed and by touching them you can change the weather in the area.

Today, the Tribe gathers lamprey here at the Falls and also holds its first salmon ceremony nearby. The Tribe is working with local governments and museums to tell our story and many of our Tribal members live in the Portland area and recreate near this important place. Willamette Falls is one of the places Grand Ronde is vitally connected to, and will continue to tell our story.

For more information regarding the stories mentioned above, please see the following books or articles: *The Clackamas Chinook Text Part 1 and 2* by Melville Jacobs, University of Washington Press, 1956; *The Kalapuya Text* by Melville Jacobs, Leo Frachtenberg and Albert Gatschet, University of Washington Press, 1945; and *The Reminiscences of Louis Labonte*, The Quarterly of the Oregon Historical Society, Vol.1, No. 2 (Jun 1900), pp. 169-188.



Page created by the Land and Culture Department