

Notice to all Tribal members on the Tribal Supplemental Security & Disability Income & Medicare Part “B” Reimbursement Programs:

It’s getting to be that time of year again. Time to submit a copy of your 2020 benefit award letter from the Social Security Administration (SSA) so that we can update your file and confirm your eligibility status in our programs. If you haven’t received your 2020 benefit award status letter from the SSA, you can request a copy by calling the SSA at 1-800-772-1213 or go online at www.ssa.gov. Your current award benefit statement must be received in our office by **5 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 15**, to avoid any future delays in your benefits.

Note: It is the responsibility of the Tribal member to notify the Tribe of any changes in your benefits from the Social Security Administration SSI/SSD program. Failure to notify the Tribe may result in an obligation to repay ineligible benefits received and/or interrupt or delay your Tribal Supplemental Security Income and Disability payments or Medicare Part “B” reimbursements.

Please mail copies of your benefit award statement to:
CTGR Member Services
ATTN: Shannon A. Simi
9615 Grand Ronde Road
Grand Ronde, OR 97347
You also may fax your copy to 503-879-2480 or e-mail them to Shannon.simi@grandronde.org
If you have any questions and/or concerns, contact Shannon A. Simi at 503-879-1358 or 1-800-422-0232, ext. 1358. ■

2020 Contest Powwow date changes to Aug. 14-16

The 2020 Contest Powwow will be held Aug. 14-16 and not the following weekend as tentatively listed in the recently released Tribal calendar.
Powwow Special Event Board Chair Dana Ainam said the Powwow SEB had been working to confirm the dates of the Siletz Tribe’s annual powwow due to Aug. 1 falling on a weekend. Ainam received confirmation after the calendar was sent to be printed by the Publications Department. The Grand Ronde Contest Powwow will be held Aug. 14-16 instead of the originally estimated date.
In addition, the annual Agency Creek Round Dance is now scheduled for the weekend of April 3-4.

Tribal members are encouraged to check *Smoke Signals* for any events listed as “tentative” in the 2020 Tribal calendar as the event date approaches, said Publications Coordinator Dean Rhodes.
“Since we have to work so far ahead when creating the calendar, some event dates were still tentative when we had to send the document to our contractor,” Rhodes said.
For more information on the 2020 Contest Powwow, contact Ainam at 503-879-2037 or dana.leno@grandronde.org. ■

WERNATIVE

For weekly health tips, contests, and life advice
text NATIVE to 24587

Please encourage young people in your community to sign up.

- Topics include:
- Teachings from Native leaders
 - Wellness and Life Balance
 - Family Relationships
 - Mental Health
 - Tobacco, Drugs and Alcohol
 - Violence and Bullying
 - Peer Pressure
 - Sexual Health
 - Healthy Relationships
 - School Pressures
 - Getting Help
 - Quizzes, polls, and discussions
 - Scholarships, conferences, internships
- *Standard rates apply. It's just like texting your friends and family.

In 2012, the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board will launch a companion website: www.weRnative.org. The site is being designed for Native youth, by Native youth, to encourage healthy behaviors, share youth-friendly media and current events, increase cultural identity and pride, and share the positive impacts Native youth are having on their communities.

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For more information, please contact
Jessica Leston: jleston@npihb.org or visit us at: <http://www.npihb.org/epicenter/project/projectredtalon>



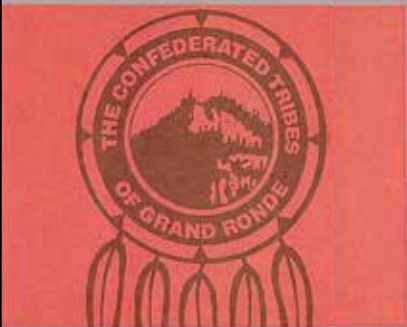
WALK-IN DENTAL APPOINTMENTS FOR KIDS <6

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY FOR DENTAL CHECK-UPS FOR KIDS 5 AND UNDER WHO ARE ELIGIBLE TO BE SEEN AT THE TRIBAL CLINIC.
JUST COME ON IN!
We will check your child’s teeth during any of our clinic hours without an appointment. Dental check-ups are recommended beginning with the first tooth!

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Dental Clinic
Phone 503-879-2020
Hours: Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 8:00–5:00; Thur 9:30-5:30



CTGR TERO Announcement
Traffic Control Flagger
Training Certification



When:
Thursday, February 13th, 2020
Where:
Employment Services
Center in Training
Rooms A & B
Time: 9 a.m. to 5p.m.
Registration is limited to 25
No cost for enrolled Tribal members from federally recognized Tribes and \$90 for non-Tribal members
Register with the TERO office by calling 503-879-2188 or
Email - TERO@grandronde.org

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