

## Health & Wellness Center entrance

**Reminder:** The drive-through entrance at the Health & Wellness Center is for loading and unloading only. The entrance was built with our Elders and those with mobility issues and their ease of access in mind.

If you are coming to the center to pick up prescriptions, please park in one of our regular parking spaces. ■

## Introduction to Construction Training



Offering entry level skills training for individuals interested in construction careers.

Receive over 40 hours of training including:

- OSHA 10 Certification
- Basic First Aid / CPR Card
- Entry Level Equipment Operation: Skid Steer, Manlift, Telehandler

Trainees will also be invited to engage with potential employers.

**Tuition: \$3500—Waived for those who qualify.** To receive additional details, including registration information complete the online form located at: <https://forms.office.com/r/ThrkzJkbKB>

### GENERAL INFORMATION:

**Individuals must be at least 18 Years old to register and must be an enrolled tribal member of a federally recognized tribe**

Tuition support is provided through a Future Ready Oregon Grant via the Willamette Workforce Partnership. A complete Future Ready Oregon application package will be required of all trainees who receive tuition support.

All trainees must have a valid drivers license, and comp/steel toed footwear—all other PPE will be provided.

Consistent participation during training is required. Any absence



Willamette Workforce Partnership/Knife River Training Center is an equal opportunity program/employer. Language assistance is available to individuals with limited English proficiency free of cost. Auxiliary aids or services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Oregon Relay 1.800.735.2900

### \*SCHEDULE:

Mon.—Fri.; 8:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.  
June 5—9, 2023

@Knife River Training Center  
35973 Kennel Rd. SE, Albany OR

\*Schedule may be subject to change due to registration or training conflicts.

Complete request for registration/ at:



## Kotek's decision about gambling has never changed

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“Gov. Kotek has been consistent throughout her tenure as a representative, as speaker of the House and now as Oregon’s governor,” said Grand Ronde Tribal lobbyist Justin Martin. “It should come as no surprise that her position and policies around gambling have not changed. Gov. Kotek has been very clear with her policies on off-Reservation gaming and also clear that she does not want to see expansion of gambling as a whole within the state.”

Ironically, it was the Siletz Tribe attempting to obtain approval for a Salem casino decades ago that created the Oregon governor hurdle. The Siletz Tribe’s plans had been approved by the George H.W. Bush administration, but was hamstrung by a 1997 U.S. Court of Appeals decision upholding a governor’s right to veto off-Reservation casino construction.

Then-Gov. Barbara Roberts overruled the federal decision and struck a deal with the Siletz Tribe, laying groundwork for Chinook Winds.

The Siletz Tribe filed an application with the Department of the Interior to build an 180,800-square-foot casino with 2,000 gaming devices and 45 table games north of downtown Salem in April 2020.

During a January 2022 Bureau of Indian Affairs virtual public hearing on the Siletz proposal, 21 of the 28 speakers were Grand Ronde Tribal members or employees who unanimously spoke in opposition to the idea of allowing the Siletz Tribe to leapfrog over Spirit Mountain

Casino and build a second casino closer to Salem.

In 2017, the Siletz Tribe proposed building a second casino at the 20-acre site off Interstate 5 and splitting the proceeds with the state of Oregon and eight other federally recognized Tribes in Oregon. The Grand Ronde Tribe objected to that proposal as well.

The Salem market has become more important to Grand Ronde’s Spirit Mountain Casino following the Cowlitz Tribe opening Ilani Casino approximately 17 miles north of the Portland-Vancouver metropolitan area in April 2017.

Kotek’s letter also was sent to Department of the Interior Secretary Deb Haaland and Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Bryan Newland.

“Her transparency and communication with Oregon’s sovereign Tribes has been great throughout her time in the Oregon Legislature and we expect that to continue,” Martin said. “As governments, both the state and the Tribes have utilized gambling as a means to an end to be able to provide for their citizens, funding education, economic development, water, parks and wildlife, health, housing and veterans programs.

“The last thing Oregon needs is an arms race for more and more gambling, and Tribes spending precious resources that fund vital governmental programs. Attempting to leave rural Oregon to pursue long-shot projects and locations in our most populated cities like Portland, Salem, Bend, Eugene and Medford just doesn’t make much sense.” ■



## TRIBAL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

Contact us at (503) 879-1484 or via e-mail at [CTGRtribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org](mailto:CTGRtribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org)

### Veterans!

**You may not need it now, but you could in the future.**

As a veteran who has served your country, you deserve to apply for these benefits and resources.

You may think another veteran needs it more than you or you are taking resources from another veteran, but you are not.

You may not want benefits, but having them can benefit your spouse and your family.

Contact the Tribal Veterans Service Office to ask questions, find out more information or file for a service-connected disability today!

Ad by Samuel Briggs III

## Youth Education Summer College Trip!

**When?** June 5th-9th

**Who?** For 2023-24 High Schoolers (\*Preference will be given to Juniors and Seniors)

**Where?** From Grand Ronde to Chico, CA, visiting 6 College Campuses, with fun extracurricular experiences along the way!

**Want to join?** Go to the following link to apply online: <https://forms.gle/W2MHrer1oBHrgWjV7>

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