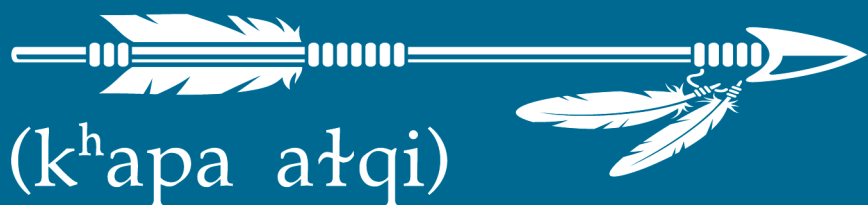


IN THE FUTURE



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- Wednesday, March 20 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, March 20 – Youth Lifeways, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Tribal Community Center, for youth ages 16 to 24. Dinner is provided.
- Wednesday, March 27 – Facebook Live, 11 a.m., “Get to know the new general manager.” Visit the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Facebook page to attend.
- Thursday and Friday, March 28-29 – Youth Grand Ronde GONA. Event begins at 8:30 a.m. 503-879-2034 or yep@grandronde.org.
- Saturday, March 30 – Easter egg hunt in the covered area at Tribal housing, 10 a.m., rain or shine. A Family Fun Run/Walk will follow at the West Valley Veterans Memorial on the Tribal campus. Grab-and-go lunches provided.

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- Wednesday, April 3 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, April 3 – Youth Lifeways, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Tribal Community Center, for youth ages 16 to 24. Dinner is provided.
- Sunday, April 7 – General Council meeting, Lane Community College Longhouse, Eugene, 11 a.m., and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, April 17 – Tribal Council meeting, 4 p.m., in-person attendance in Tribal Council Chambers and via Zoom. 503-879-2304.
- Wednesday, April 17 – Youth Lifeways, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Tribal Community Center, for youth ages 16 to 24. Dinner is provided.

To stay informed of future Tribal events, visit www.smokesignals.org/calendar.

Tribes invited to apply for climate change mitigation funding

The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation is requesting proposals to invest up to \$5 million in climate change mitigation projects in the Pacific Northwest. The Natural Climate Solutions in the PNW initiative will fund three to five projects.

“This initiative will invest solely in NCS projects, adding to the foundation’s legacy of backing science and technology-rooted conservation across the region and around the world, defined as deliberate, nature-based human actions that protect, restore, and improve management of forests, wetlands, grasslands, oceans, and agricultural lands to mitigate climate change,” a press release stated. “Recognizing the longstanding regional leadership, ecological stewardship, and knowledge of Indigenous peoples and local communities in local conservation efforts, projects that are led by, or work in direct partnership with, IPLCs are of particular interest to the foundation.”

The request for proposal is open to eligible nonprofit organizations focused on conservation efforts within Alaska, British Columbia, Idaho, Oregon and Washington. The deadline to submit a proposal is Friday, April 12. Selected organizations will be invited to submit a formal proposal by Wednesday, May 15. Proposals will be reviewed by an independent panel of science advisors with grantees announced in summer 2024.

For more information, visit www.pgafamilyfoundation.org. ■

Seeking two Elders for a once-in-a-lifetime experience at New York’s American Museum of Natural History

Elder Lottery drawing will be conducted by Tribal Council staff and/or Executive Office staff via Google Wheel of Names.

New York facts:

- Prepare for ample amounts of walking: The average New Yorker walks 6,000 to 10,000 steps per day – or 2.5 to 4.5 miles per day.
- There are five boroughs: Manhattan, The Bronx, Queens, Staten Island and Brooklyn.
- Top three specialties to try: Pizza, pretzels and pastrami.
- Free activities include: Walk across the Brooklyn Bridge, visit Grand Central Station and ride the Staten Island Ferry.
- New Yorkers speak more than 800 languages.
- The original people of New York were the Lenape.

Screening criteria for signing up:

- Minimum age is 55 years old.
- No health conditions that may prevent walking. (Should a companion be needed to assist with medical/mobility reasons, they must pay for their airfare and per diem. Elder and companion are responsible for making arrangements).
- Must have an operational cell phone.
- Must provide drop-off and pick-up contact information, if different from emergency contact information.
- Must be willing to tip any and all service staff – dining/bellhop/taxi/Uber.
- Must sign an agreement outlining representative duties and expectations.

◊ What is covered / provided?	◊ What is NOT covered / provided?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Round-trip, direct flight b. Lodging c. Per diem d. Mileage to/from airport 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Souvenirs f. Mobility needs g. Parking* h. Baggage fees* i. Uber/taxi/subway* <p style="text-align: right; font-size: small;">*possible reimbursement</p>

Screening criteria determined by Tribal Council and Staff Chaperones.

Tentative schedule:

- January through April 12: Enter name for lottery drawing.
- Late April: Tribal Council staff and/or Executive Office staff to select participants via Google Wheel of Names.
- Criteria meeting participants report to Chelsea Baranski in Tribal Council to complete important travel information – current license/ID, valid vehicle insurance, emergency contact(s), primary care physician, list of medications and any dietary restrictions.
- May: Dinner with interns and delegation.
- June: Pick up travel packets.
Delegation travels to New York for CTGR Tomanowos Meteorite Ceremony.
- July: Submit receipts – lodging/baggage; parking/taxi/Uber if any.

Elders can sign up for the lottery at the Elder Activity Center or chelsea.clark@grandronde.org.

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