

Hatfield Fellow application deadline extended

Applications for the 2025-26 Hatfield Fellowship program funded by Spirit Mountain Community Fund are now being accepted through Thursday, June 12.

Spirit Mountain Community Fund annually sponsors a Native American to serve as the Hatfield Fellow and intern in an Oregon congressional office. Placement of the fellow rotates through the Oregon delegation to enhance mutual understanding between leadership in Washington, D.C., and Indian Country.

Fellows are provided an opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of how to navigate the political process in Washington, D.C., while working on issues that affect Native Americans.

Fellows begin their Capitol Hill experience in November with a month-long orientation at the American Political Science Association, which is followed by an eight-month term working in a congressional office. The fellowship includes a monthly stipend and relocation and travel expenses.

The fellowship is for Tribal members from the nine federally recognized Tribes in Oregon, as well as members from any Tribe in the United States who are currently living in the Pacific Northwest. Preference will be given to members of Oregon Tribes. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or be graduating in June 2025 and be 21 or older.

For more information, visit thecommunityfund.com/grants-programs/hatfield-fellowship or go to youtu.be/7TOnNoFgUYs to watch an informational video about the Hatfield Fellowship.

The fellowship was created in 1998 to honor the late Sen. Mark Hatfield's public service to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest. ■

NRD coordinates Hunters Education Field Day

The Natural Resources Department Parks and Recreation program is coordinating a Hunters Education Field Day Saturday, June 7, at the Natural Resources office, 47010 SW Hebo Road. Registration for the class must be done via the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife website, <https://vem.myodfw.com/eventprofile/328>.

There is a \$10 per student fee for the class. It will be open to both Tribal and non-Tribal members ages 12 to 17 by the beginning of the 2025 hunting season.

This class is only the field day and all students must have attended either a conventional course or an online course prior to the field day. There will be limited spots for the field day, so if interested, sign up as soon possible.

In Oregon, all youth hunters ages 17 years and younger must pass a certified hunter education class prior to hunting, unless they are participating in the Mentor Youth Hunter Program (youth aged 9 to 14 eligible).

The minimum age to hunt big game is 12 (at the time of the hunt) and hunters ages 13 and younger must be accompanied by an adult 21 years of age or older when hunting (unless on land owned by parent or legal guardian).

Hunter Education can be completed with a conventional classroom course or online course with a hands-on field day.

Class size is limited in all of these courses and students must attend all sessions of the course they sign up for.

For a full list of youth hunter regulations, visit <https://myodfw.com/articles/hunting-opportunities-youth>. ■

GRIEF & LOSS GROUP

GRAND RONDE HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Salem BH Team: Amy Reid LPC

DATE – JUNE 2, 9, 16, 23
TIME – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Save the Date

FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Date: August 22, 2025
Time: 4:00pm
Location: Grand Ronde Tribal Gym

FOOD
PRIZES
RIDES
RESOURCE BOOTHS

Please note: This is just a save the date, formal invitations will be sent out closer to the event date.

Save The Date!

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde

2025 VETERANS SUMMIT

All Veterans are invited to join us
Friday, July 11
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Veterans Resources & Information
Claims Assistance, presentations and more!!

At the uyxat Powwow Grounds ~
9600 S.W. Hebo Rd. Grand Ronde, OR 97347

The CTGR Veterans Powwow is Friday, July 11, Saturday, July 12, and Sunday, July 13th.
All are welcome to attend!

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Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Institute for Applied Ecology

LAE Volunteer Opportunity

Champoeg Volunteer Days

Help restore habitat for First Foods at Champoeg State Heritage Area

Saturdays monthly (see below)
9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
Champoeg State Heritage Area

You are invited to join the Institute for Applied Ecology and the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to help restore prairie habitat—at a **First Foods Harvest Area** in Champoeg State Heritage Area. All are welcome! Join us to remove invasive weeds like tansy ragwort, while contributing to the recovery of the land. Thanks to the Marion Soil and Water Conservation District for funding this project.

Dates: Saturdays on May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug. 16
Times: 9am – 1pm
Where: Champoeg State Heritage Area, Oregon
What: Planting native plants in a First Foods harvest area
RSVP: Contact Evan at evanlasley@appliedeco.org

A restroom is available on site, and limited carpooling from Corvallis is available. Learn more at appliedeco.org/calendar.

What are "First Foods"?
First Foods were eaten by indigenous groups before the arrival of Europeans, and continue to be harvested, grown, and collected today. Native Americans have a long history of food gathering at Champoeg State Heritage Area. The word "Champoeg" comes from an indigenous word that names it as "the place of the yampa," an edible root that was harvested there. As part of the Plants for People project, yampa has been reintroduced to this site, as well as many other First Foods such as camas, brodiaea, oekow, yarrow, and many others.

Learn more about our work to conserve native species and habits in the Willamette Valley at www.appliedeco.org.

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