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Bring Your Family to the Siletz Pow-Wow

Many different Tribal nations will be represented at the annual Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow on Aug. 13-15, 2010, in Siletz, Ore., held by the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians. The public is invited to attend this family-friendly event, a tradition for the Siletz people and other American Indians.

All events, except the parade, take place at the Pauline Ricks Memorial Pow-Wow Grounds on Government Hill in Siletz.

“This is a great way for people to experience American Indian culture right here on the Oregon Coast,” said Mona Fisher, cultural education coordinator for the Siletz Tribe. “You can learn about the different styles of pow-wow dancing, see the beautiful regalia up close and even participate yourself in some of the inter-tribal dances.”

The celebration will start with the crowning of the 2010-2011 Siletz Royalty on Aug. 13 at 6 p.m. All dance styles will enter the arena at 7 p.m. during the first Grand Entry. Dances in which the public can participate that are non-competitive will follow the Grand Entry.

A parade winds through downtown Siletz at 10 a.m. on Aug. 14. This hometown event includes Tribal royalty, drummers, dancers, equestrian units, vintage cars and floats.

Pre-registration is available by accessing a registration form on the Tribe’s website – www.ctsi.nsn.us; picking one up at the Siletz Tribal administration building, 201 SE Swan Ave. in Siletz; or by contacting Mona Fisher at 541-444-1230 or 800-922-1399, ext. 1230.

Registration also is available the morning of the parade at 8 a.m. at the Siletz Tribal administration building. If you are not registered by 9 a.m., you cannot take part in the judging, which starts at 9 a.m. You can, however, still participate in the parade.

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The parade is followed by a Grand Entry at 1 p.m. Competition dancing for youth and teens takes place in the afternoon. Competition dancing continues after the 7 p.m. Grand Entry with Golden Age and adult categories and the finals for youth and teens.

On Aug. 15, the final day of the pow-wow, a Grand Entry takes place at noon. This session will end with awards for the Golden Age, adult, teen and youth category winners. Prizes range from \$25 to \$500.

A variety of food and Native arts and crafts and jewelry will be offered for sale by more than 50 vendors on the pow-wow grounds.

“Our vendors will have lots of American Indian-made items,” said Nick Sixkiller, pow-wow emcee and education specialist for the Siletz Tribe. “You’ll see beadwork, clothing, art and tons of delicious food, all for sale by many families who supplement their income with sales at various pow-wows throughout the pow-wow trail.”

A free shuttle will be available from various parking lots in Siletz to the pow-wow on Government Hill. Signs will be posted. Parking is extremely limited at the pow-wow grounds, which makes the shuttle the best way to get there.

This alcohol- and drug-free event is free. Listen carefully to the pow-wow announcer, who will tell you when you can and when you should not take photos. The announcer also will explain the significance of the events taking place in the dance arena throughout the pow-wow.

Pow-Wow Schedule

Aug. 13

6 p.m. – Royalty Crowning
7 p.m. – Grand Entry

Aug. 14

10 a.m. – Parade
1 p.m. and 7 p.m. – Grand Entry

Aug. 15

Noon – Grand Entry

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