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Camp hoohoolii: Reflections on Water, Celebrating Our Next Generations



Contributed by Angela Henry, Camp Director

Imagine an evening much like a middle school dance, lights turned down low, music blaring, and songs most of the staff don't know. Youth are jumping, laughing, and belting out lyrics at the top of their lungs. Green lights from the karaoke DJ illuminate the brave souls who have signed up to perform. It's Wednesday night, Karaoke Night! One of the most anticipated events of camp. This year, we brought in a professional Karaoke DJ, making the night feel even more exciting and real. Energy filled the room. Laughter echoed. It was joyful, loud, and a little chaotic in the best way. And then, in the midst of it all, the room fell silent. One of the youngest campers stepped onto the stage. Her voice, even into the microphone, was barely audible in the large lodge. The crowd leaned in, turning their bodies, quieting themselves to listen. And there she was, Jaina, reading *The Foot Book* by Dr. Seuss for her turn at karaoke. Sitting cross-legged on the lodge floor, under the soft glow of the DJ lights, she read her story. When she finished, there was a moment of stillness. Then...an eruption of cheers. The applause for her bravery was infectious. It spread from group to group, from Tribal member to Tribal member. In that moment, she was fully seen, supported, and celebrated. This is camp. This is the essence of Camp hoohoolii, where even the quietest voices are heard and lifted up by their peers, and their Tribal community. This is the healing work of camp. It is where the next generation begins to build positive relationships, confidence, and leadership. In moments like these, we are reminded that the future of our Tribes is strong, caring, and growing.

Building Something Stronger

Now, let's rewind.

This year, the Department of Culture and Natural Resources set

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Also in this Edition:

Tribal Council Election Results and New Officers



Chair
Teresa Spangler



Vice Chair
Brad Kneaper



Council Member
Debbie Bossley

April 15, 2026 For Immediate Release

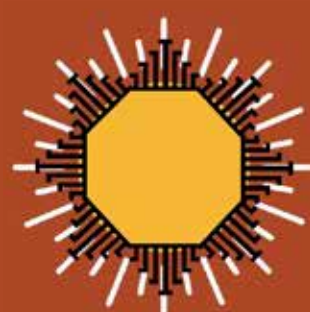
COOS BAY, OREGON— The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) is pleased to announce the selections of Teresa Spangler as Tribal Chair and Brad Kneaper as Vice Chair following its most recent election that saw both Chair Spangler and Vice Chair Kneaper re-elected along with Tribal Council member Debbie Bossley...

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June 19 - 22, 2026

(more info on page 7)

Tribal Council Business

Activity of Elected Tribal Council Members from March 8, 2026 - April 12, 2026

Chief Doug Barrett

03/08 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
 03/09 Sea Otter Recovery – Tribal Engagement Meeting, US Wildland Fire Leadership Meeting with Tribes, Doc / Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting
 03/10 Dahna Black from Senator Merkley Field office Visit and Tour, Elakha Alliance Board Meeting
 03/11 NAAC – OYA Monthly Meeting
 03/12 Shutter Creek Redevelopment Meeting, Culture Committee Meeting
 03/13 Elders Honor Day
 03/14 Elders Honor Day
 03/17 Land Camp Kenote Speaker Discussion Meeting
 03/18 maniiis teihap' Data Canoe Planning Meeting, MHA / LADPC
 03/19 Meeting with Senator Anderson, Leaders Circle Meeting
 03/24 NAIC Monthly Board Meeting
 03/25 Camp hoohoolii, invite for Council to serve Lunch, GFORB & Tribal Council Business Meeting
 03/30 Culture Items Task Force Meeting
 03/31 NARA Board Meeting
 03/01 Tribal Council Special Meeting, Leaders Circle
 04/03 New Beginnings for Tribal Students Collaborative Meeting
 04/08 LaneACT Monthly Meeting
 04/09 Culture Committee Meeting
 04/12 Tribal Council Election Day, Tribal Council Meeting – General Council Meeting (Talking Circle)

Total hours: 156

Teresa Spangler, Chair

03/08 Regular Council meeting
 03/10 Meeting and tour with Merkley Staffer Dehna Black
 03/19 Meeting with the Port Of Coos Bay, Meeting with Senator Dick Anderson
 03/21 Council Forum
 03/25 Visit to camp hoohoolii, GFORB Meeting, Business Council Meeting
 04/02 Special Meeting, Leaders circle
 04/09 Housekeeping meeting

Total Hours: 104

Brad Kneaper, Vice Chair

03/08 Tribal Council Regular Meeting
 03/09 ZOOM Meeting with Legal and CEO to discuss future legislation
 03/10 Meet with Senator Merkley Field Representative for discussion of issues and given a tour of some Coos County Properties
 03/11 Meet with Staff at Administration offices, Meet with Coquille Tribal Chair Meade at her office regarding land bill
 03/13 Attend and MC Elder's Honor Day at Three Rivers Casino and Hotel in Florence
 03/14 Attend the Elder's Honor Day Breakfast
 03/17 Attend the Oregon Tribal Gaming Alliance (ZOOM)
 03/19 Meet with the Port of Coos Bay at the Community Center to discuss

the Intermodal Port Project: No progress on beginning construction. Has received approximately \$100 Million in Funding, Meet with Senator Anderson at the Community Center, Leader's Circle: Meet with the Federal Government Accountability Office (GAO) to discuss Public Law 280, which transfers criminal and civil jurisdiction from the Federal Government to the State; A Research Permit request; Discussion on ODFW and Whale Entanglement Regulations; Discussion on Siletz Fee to Trust issue

03/21 Tribal Council Candidate Forums at the Community Center.

03/25 Tour and Serve lunch to Camp hoohoolii attendees, Gaming Operational Review Board (GFORB), Meet with CEO and Staff for updates, Tribal Business Council Meeting.

04/02 Special Council Meeting, Leader's Circle: Interviews; Forestry Products Permit Policy Review; SB 13 Education Curriculum presentation; Discussion on government issues
 04/09 Informal Council Meeting to discuss Sunday Regular Council Meeting Agenda Changes

Total hours: 201

Julie Siestreem

03/08 Tribal Council/General Council regular monthly meeting Coos Bay Community Center (zoom option available)
 03/10 Tribal Council on site visit Dahna Black Coos Bay properties, 4j NATIVES Program IPC mtg. Eugene
 03/11 4j NATIVES Program Culture Gathering Eugene
 03/13 Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Oregon Elder's Honor day Three Rivers Casino Hotel Florence
 03/17 Education Committee mtg. zoom
 03/19 Pacific Coast Intermodal Port-Oregon International Port of Coos Bay Leaders's Circle mtg. Kyle Stevens request Coos Bay Community Center, Senator Dick Anderson District 5 Lincoln City request Coos Bay Community Center
 03/20 KoKwell Oregon Elder's Honor Day North Bend Kokwell Casino Hotel
 03/21 Tribal Council Election Forum Community Center Coos Bay March 23, 2026. Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care Training Walk-Through Dana Castano zoom
 03/24 Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care Alliance regular mtg.
 03/25 Camp hoohoolii invite, Angela Henry, Gaming Facility Organization Review Board regular monthly mtg. Three Rivers Casino Hotel Florence,

Tribal Council Business regular monthly mtg. Three Rivers Casino Hotel Florence
 03/30 Home Visiting Action Network zoom
 03/31 Rescind Water Quality Standards Regulatory Revisions Protect Tribal Reserved Rights zoom
 04/02 Tribal Council Special mtg. Coos Bay Community Center, Tribal Council Leaders Circle mtg. Coos Bay Community Center
 04/03 My Tribal Council personal FBI Fingerprinting Chief of Tribal Police-Brian Dubray Administration building Coos Bay, New Beginnings Tribal Students gathering Tribal Hall Coos Bay
 04/06 Oregon Department of Land Conservation and Development zoom
 04/09 Tribal Council informal mtg. Coos Bay Community Center
 04/12 Tribal Council General Council regular monthly meeting Coos Bay Community Center (zoom option available) Quorum not met so a Talking Circle was held by all who wanted to participate, Tribal Council General Council Election process Coos Bay Tribal Hall, Community Center open, Plankhouse open

Total hours: 130

Debbie Bossley

03/13-03/14 - Elders Honor Day
 03/19- PCIP Meeting, Meeting with Senator Anderson, Regularly Scheduled Leaders Circle
 03/21 – Tribal Council Election Forum
 03/25 – Tribal Council Business Meeting
 04/02 – Leaders Circle
 04/12- Tribal Council Regular Meeting, General Council Meeting and Election Day

Total hours: 80

Iliana Montiel

03/13 Elders Honor Day
 04/02 Special TC meeting \ Leaders Circle Limited hours due to Vacation and work travel

Total hours: 15

Ashley Russell

03/18 Reviewed Leader's Circle packet
 03/19 Meeting with Pacific Coast Intermodal Port (PCIP) and Senator Anderson, Leader's Circle
 03/25 Reviewed Business Meeting packet
 03/26 Camp hoohoolii, Business Meeting
 04/02 Reviewed Leader's Circle packet and sent notes
 04/09 Special Meeting
 04/11 Reviewed Regular Meeting packet
 04/12 Tribal Council Meeting and General Council Talking Circle
 04/13 Special Meeting: Oath of Office, Chair and Vice Chair Determination and old business, drafted action items from General Council Talking Circle notes, business report

Total hours: 57.75

Information

QUESTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS?

The CLUSI Tribal Council welcomes your ideas, comments, criticisms, etc. Please write to: Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians ATTN: Tribal Council 1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

COMMITTEE INTEREST LIST

If you are a Tribal member and interested in being on a committee, please contact Lorin Krossman at 541-435-7178 or enrollment@ctclusi.org We are currently keeping a list of those interested so that when a committee vacancy occurs we can fill it as soon as possible, so please contact us whether there is a vacancy or not.

ATTENTION VETERANS AND FAMILIES

Veterans we need your help. Veterans are honored at the Salmon Ceremony each year. Please contact Lorin Krossman at 541-435-7178 or at email lkrossman@ctclusi.org for new requirements needed to be honored.

US FOREST SERVICE

NORTHWEST FOREST PASSES

Now available at the Tribal Administration Building, Florence and Eugene Outreach offices. Requirements are: 1. Must be a CTCLUSI Tribal member. 2. Must be over 16 years old. 3. You may only be issued one per year. The passes hang from the rear view mirror and are good for access to some Forest Service fee areas. Area maps available.

CHANGES?

Please let us know if you have a change in address, phone number, name or addition to your family. Changes should be submitted to Enrollment Dept., either online at www.ctclusi.org/enrollment or mail to Enrollment Dept., 1245 Fulton Ave., Coos Bay, OR 97420. Phone: 541-435-7178 or Fax: 541-888-2853.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

The full meeting video is available at www.ctclusi.org If you are an enrolled member of CTCLUSI and would like to receive typed copies of the Tribal Council Meeting minutes please submit a written request to Jeannie Miller at 1245 Fulton Ave. Coos Bay OR 97420 or lkrossman@ctclusi.org Please include the meeting date requested, your name, current address, and Tribal Roll number for verification.

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Budget Committee

1. Martin Harris
2. Allen "Butch" Swigert
3. Margaret Corvi
4. Stephanie Watkins
5. Kerry Brainard
6. Sarah Marical
7. Roseana Perry - Chair

Cultural Coalition Committee

1. Enna Helms
2. Cynthia Hovind
3. Pam Stoehlsler
4. VACANT
5. VACANT

Culture Committee

1. Earla Kirk
2. VACANT
3. Alyssa Lydick
4. Nicole Romine
5. Michael Brainard
6. Patricia Whereat-Phillips - Chair
7. VACANT

Education Committee

1. Lorin Krossman - Chair
2. Julie Siestreem
3. Nicole Romine
4. Ashley Russell
5. Michael Brainard

Elders Committee

1. Arleen Perkins - Chair
2. Laura Fortin
3. Warren T. Brainard
4. VACANT
5. Mike Lent
6. Stan McNutt
7. Teresa Spangler

Enrollment Committee

1. Courtney Krossman
2. Patricia Whereat-Phillips
3. Skip Brainard
4. Vicki Faciane - Chair
5. Teresa Spangler

Housing Committee

1. VACANT
2. Dan Krossman
3. Enna Helms
4. Tyler Slyter - Chair
5. Melinda Sprague

Language Committee

1. Nicole Mendoza
2. Tammy Evarts
3. Ashley Vandevort
4. Jade Fong - Chair
5. VACANT
6. Jesse Beers
7. Ayuthea Cisneros

Election Board

1. Jade Fong
2. Michael Brainard - Chair
3. Tes Gagner
4. Mark Petrie
5. Kathy Perkins
6. Kimmy Bixby
7. Ashley Russell

All committee members with an expired term have been notified and are encouraged to submit a letter of interest for reappointment. If you wish to no longer participate as an active member, please send an email to enrollment@ctclusi.org

Interested in being on a committee? Submit a letter of interest (can be found on the Enrollment page on the Tribal website). Members can serve on up to three committees simultaneously.



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Council Meeting

May 11, 2026

Regular Meeting 10:00 a.m.
Coos Bay Community Center
338 Wallace Ave.
Coos Bay, Oregon 97420

Please login to the citizen portal of www.ctclusi.org and click Council Meetings for the zoom link to this meeting.

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Approval of Minutes as needed
4. Tribal Council Reports
5. Tribal Chief Executive Officer Report
6. Chief Financial Officer Report
7. Old Business
8. New Business
9. Other
10. Good of the Tribes
11. Executive Session as needed
Council meeting video available to view at www.ctclusi.org



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If you or anyone in your Tribal family has had any recent special awards or achievements that you would like to share, please submit your information and photos to the newsletter. I look forward to hearing from you!
-Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist
mgaines@ctclusi.org or 541-888-7536

Upcoming Events

Turn to page 19 of this publication for a monthly calendar of upcoming events or visit the Events Calendar on the tribal website at <https://ctclusi.org/events/>

Council Corner

Greetings,

For those who may not know me, I am the granddaughter of Dorothy Kneaper (Barrett), and it is a privilege to return to the council for another four years. While considerable progress has been made during our tenure, we still have a lot of work ahead. I sincerely appreciate your support and confidence in electing us for another four-year term. My hope is that we continue to advance as a unified community for the benefit of all.

We are actively pursuing expanded insurance options for members and will maintain our efforts in this area. Additionally, we are exploring economic development opportunities designed to benefit all tribal members. It is our vision to improve and expand health benefits outside the Five County Service area. We hope to provide additional employment opportunities for Tribal Citizens through economic development. We would love to

see our tribal members come back to our homelands for careers within the Tribal government, or other tribal employment opportunities. I am aware coming home means you need a place to live. Housing has remained a primary concern for me in recent years. I consistently raise the challenges of securing affordable housing during discussions with other government representatives, recognizing the difficulty faced when renting or purchasing homes in our communities. The objective would be to establish accessible housing solutions for working individuals while enabling them to meet their other obligations.

Today, I wished to briefly address these topics. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any suggestions you may have. I hope we can move forward together in service to all members of our community.

Thank you for your time,
Teresa Spangler, Tribal Chair



Chair Teresa Spangler

Tribal Council Election Results...continued from cover page


...As Tribal Chair, Spangler will lead the Tribal Council in its continued mission to promote the health, education, and economic well-being of the Tribal Membership while protecting the Tribe's sovereignty and natural resources. Chair Spangler brings a wealth of experience to the role, having previously served as Vice-Chair since 2024 and on Tribal Council for multiple terms.

Chair Spangler shared, "I am honored to serve my Tribe for another four years, and very grateful to my peers for electing me as chair. This responsibility is one I take very seriously. I look forward to working closely with our Tribal community to help advance the well-being of our people—not only now, but for the next seven generations."

Brad Kneaper, selected as Vice-Chair, will continue his role supporting Tribal Membership as a Tribal Council officer, having previously served as Chair from 2022 to 2026.

"I want to thank all those who voted for me to continue on Council as I am looking forward to building on our goals and initiatives from the previous 4 years. I made the decision to step down as Chair so I can dedicate more focused attention to key projects and issues that are important to the Tribe. In this role, I will continue working closely with the Council and the Chair to ensure these priorities remain active and moving forward. I am honored to continue to serve the Tribe and extend a hand to tribal members wherever located." Vice Chair Kneaper stated.

The Tribal Council is the governing body of CTCLUSI responsible for policy development, oversight of Tribal Government operations and legislative actions.



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ELECTION RESULTS FOR THE TRIBAL COUNCIL POSITIONS
April 12, 2026 - TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTION

POSITION #2	
Bradley Kneaper	143
Sarah Marical	93
Howard Roy	16
POSITION #4	
Teresa Spangler	144
Tyler Slyter	85
Jack Garcia	24
POSITION #6	
Debbie Bossley	130
Justin Krossman	119

These are the sworn results of the April 12, 2026, Election for Tribal Council Positions #2, #4, and #6 by Isler CPA, Eugene, Oregon.

Michael Brainard
Chairperson Election Board

[Signature]
Isler CPA Representative

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HEY!

ATTENTION!
We Want to Hear From You!

We are looking at overhauling our website ctclusi.org and would love your feedback on how we can improve the website user experience, and any changes or features you would like to see. Please share any recommendations or requests by emailing news@ctclusi.org or contact 541-435-7175.

Resolution Summaries

Number	Date	Subject/Title	Vote
26-046	03/08/2026	Committee Appointment - Coos Bay Estuary Management Plan (CBEMP) - Patty Whereat-Phillips	7-0-0
26-047	03/08/2026	Approval to Award Microgrid Feasibility Study Contract	7-0-0
26-048	03/08/2026	Approval of Property Disposition	7-0-0
26-049	03/25/2026	Amendment #3 to Environmental Science Associates Professional Services Contract for the haich ikt'at'u (formerly named Waite Ranch) Project	5-0-1
26-050	03/25/2026	Approval of PO-25-D49E Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian Health Service Sites Sanitation Facilities Program	6-0-0
26-051	03/25/2026	Approval to Submit Indian Health Services HCFC Staff Quarters Funding Application	5-1-0
26-052	03/25/2026	Professional Service Contract	3-2-1
26-053	03/25/2026	Gaming Order	6-0-0
26-054	03/25/2026	Gaming Order	6-0-0
26-055	03/25/2026	Lobbying Agreement	6-0-0
26-056	04/02/2026	Criminal Background Check for Currently Seated Tribal Council Members	6-0-0
26-057	04/12/2026	Amendment to Chapter 2-14 (Peacegiving Court) for Second Reading and Final Approval	7-0-0
26-058	04/12/2026	Cultural Resources Assessment for Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians Forest Tracts	6-0-1
26-059	04/12/2026	Enrollment of New Members	7-0-0
26-060	04/12/2026	Enrollment Name Change and Corrections to the Roll	7-0-0
26-061	04/12/2026	Enrollment-Active to Historic	7-0-0
26-062	04/12/2026	Amendment of Chapter 10-2 (Tribal Forest Management Code) for First Reading and 28-day Comment Period	7-0-0
26-063	04/12/2026	Amendment No 1 to the Memorandum of Agreement between the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Oregon State Historic Preservation Office for the Coos Bay North Jetty Critical Repairs Project in Coos County	6-0-1
26-064	04/12/2026	MODA Health Plan Inc Provider Participation Agreement	6-0-1
26-065	04/12/2026	IHS Negotiations Attorney Contract	6-0-1
26-066	04/12/2026	Enrollment	7-0-0
26-067	04/13/2026	Approval to Submit EDA Supplemental Grant Application	7-0-0
26-068	04/13/2026	Approval to Amend Tribal Ready Master Service Agreement	7-0-0

Hidden Image Search: Can You Find Me?

In this edition of The Voice of CLUSI there is a hidden image of a **LAVENDER sprig exactly like the one pictured here**. It could be any size and on any page, but will look exactly like the one shown here. If you find it, email mgaines@ctclusi.org to have your name entered into a prize drawing. **In your email you must include your name, age, address (for mailing purposes) and contact phone number.** **In your email you must also let us know what page and where on the page you spotted the LAVENDER hiding!** **Must email by May 15th to be included in the raffle drawing.** Winners will be notified by phone or email and their name will appear in an upcoming edition of the Voice of CLUSI paper. Prizes will vary and are provided by different CTCLUSI Government departments.

Thank you to all of the Tribal Government Departments that donate raffle prizes!

Thank you to everyone for playing, and for your patience as the raffle prizes for the winners are mailed out.

Questions?
Contact mgaines@ctclusi.org

April Arrow Raffle Winners:
Adult - Harmony Hermsen
Youth - No youth responded for April arrow search

The arrow was hidden on page 13, bottom right photo blended into the American Flag pole.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CODE AMENDMENTS

The following proposed Code amendment draft was passed for First Reading by Tribal Council on April 12, 2026

**TITLE: 10 Natural Resources and the Environment
Chapter 10-2 Tribal Forest Resources Management**
The Tribal Council has determined the need to amend Chapter 10-2 Tribal Forest Resources Management Code.

This Code amendment is necessary to comply with requirements set forth by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in the approval of the Tribe's Indian Tribal Asset Management Pan (ITAMP).

Tribal Council hereby approves the amendments for First Reading and required posting for a twenty-eight (28) comment day period.

DATE OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING AT WHICH THE PROPOSED CODE IS EXPECTED TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL PASSAGE:

June 14, 2026

Please visit www.ctclusi.org for complete draft of the Code.

The notice of the proposed amendment/creation of Code/Ordinance shall be published in the Tribal Newsletter and the draft text will be posted for public comment for twenty-eight (28) days in the Administration Building, Tribal Hall, Outreach Offices, on the Tribes' website and at Three Rivers Casino (Office of the Gaming Commission). Written comments should be sent to the Tribal Council by May 31, 2026, in care of Jeannie Miller, CTCLUSI, 1245 Fulton Avenue, Coos Bay OR 97420 or email: jmiller@ctclusi.org.

Glass Float Hunt & Narcan Training

May 2nd, 2026
11:30AM- 3:30PM
Florence, OR

Abby's Pizza

1374 Oregon Coast
Highway, U.S. 101,
Florence, OR 97439

R.S.V.P.

541-435-7155

Lunch Provided
Narcan Training
Glass Float Hunt
Beach Clean Up



**Drug, Alcohol, & Commercial Tobacco
Free Event**



Cultural Event Interest Questionnaire - For CTCLUSI Tribal Members & Families

The Department of Culture and Natural Resources (DCNR) Culture Sector would like to hear about current community interests to make sure our programs and offerings are aligned with what our tribal community is wanting and needing at this time.

Please take a minute to fill out this form individually or as a family.

k'ele naluwehe, luuwii niluwechise, hiisach hai (with a good heart)

Scan the QR Code below or visit

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QDZPKPS>

to fill out the survey today!



CTCLUSI Field School

The CTCLUSI Field School is designed to introduce Tribal youth to workforce opportunities and practical skills within the Tribe's Natural Resources and Forestry Departments. Through field-based learning and workshops, participants gain real-world experience while exploring potential career pathways.

This year's Field School is open to Tribal youth, youth living in Tribal households, and youth from neighboring Tribes. As well as youth of CTCLUSI Staff. This program is open to youth 14-18 years of age. Participants will attend workshops and take part in forestry and natural resource field activities throughout the week.

Program Length: One Week

Dates & Schedule

Sunday, June 28: Set-Up & Family Salmon Cook

Monday, June 29 - Thursday, July 2: Field Days

Friday, July 3: Camp Wrap-Up, Clean-Up, and Pick-Up

The CTCLUSI Field School is a paid workforce program. This program only has 15 spots available. Interested youth must fill out an application. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of CTCLUSI employees from both the Forestry Department and the Department of Culture & Natural Resources. Applicants will be notified by email if they are selected.

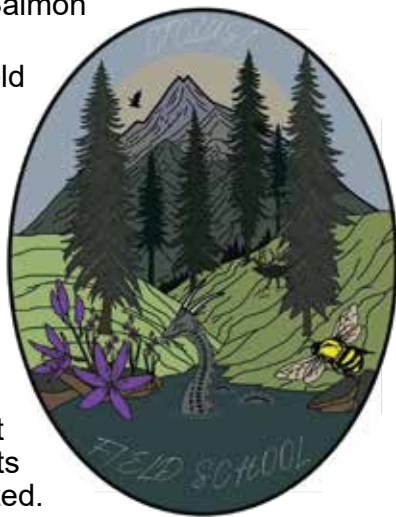
Accepted participants will receive additional information regarding required gear, employment paperwork, and program logistics.

Application Deadline: May 15, 2026

To apply, please complete the registration form here:

<https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Field-School-2026>

For questions, please contact:
Angela Henry – Camp Director
Email: ahenry@ctclusi.org
Cell: 541-294-9602



Scan QR Code for Application

GATHERING TRIPS FOR BARKS, WEAVING & MEDICINES

JOIN US!

For
CTCLUSI
Tribal
Families

May 22nd (Cedar Bark focused)

June 5th (Maple Bark focused)

*Gathering trips are subject to change based on location and season. For the most up-to-date information, please RSVP by email or phone. Once you RSVP, we'll add you to our outreach list and send a reminder text with confirmed details for each gathering trip three days in advance.

Snacks and lunch will be provided*



RSVP for detailed information

Contact: Alycia Cossey, DCNR, Cultural
Stewardship Associate
acossey@ctclusi.org or Call: (541) 294-1237



JUNE 19-22 TRIBAL HALL

GIVING THANKS TO THE SUN

- Potlach/gifting
- Plankhouse
- Games
- Traditional earth oven cooking
- Shinny
- Food + first foods
- Rest
- Sweats
- Songs & Dances
- Community

Camping available around Tribal Hall & the Plankhouse

For more Details Contact
Alycia Cossey @acosseyctclusi.org
541-294-1237

RSVP By June 10th

FLIP TO SEE SCHEDULE

“Giving Thanks to the Sun”
JUNE 19TH-22ND

19
FRI

- 11 am – 2 pm — Arrival & Camp Setup
- 2 – 5 pm — Women’s Sweat
- Traditional foods cooking together cooking, earth oven
- 5 pm – 7 pm — Dinner
- 7 pm – 8 pm — Opening Circle, Songs & Dancing

20
SAT

- 9 am - 10 am — Breakfast
- 11 am - 2 pm - Men’s Sweat
- 11 am - 2 pm - Cedar Cape Workshop Series 5
- 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm — Lunch self-serve
- 3 pm - 4:30 pm - Sunset/Shinny/Games
- 5 pm - 7 pm — Dinner (picnic sunset state park)
- 8:00 pm — Ceremonial Fire

21
SUN
(SOLSTICE DAY)

- 9 am - 10 am — Breakfast
- 11 am – 2 pm — hijii, xe, s’a sweat
- self-guided activities
- 1 pm - 2 pm — Lunch self-serve
- 2 pm - 5 pm — Free Time, Games,
- 5 pm - 10 pm — Feast, Games, Gifting, & songs/Dancing/s’mores campfire

22
MON

- 8:30 am - 9:30 am Light Breakfast self-serve
- 9:30 am - Closing Circle
- 10: 30 am - Camp Teardown

* please note as this is ceremony, time is just a guideline and is subject to change*

Spring Language Classes 2026

CTCLUSI Tribal Families and Households are invited to join us for Spring Language Classes.
March 31st through June 2nd
Last class for all languages Tuesday, June 2nd



Tuesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm: **miluk**
Wednesdays, 4:00-6:00 pm: **hanis**
Fridays, 4:00-6:00 pm: **wa’as**

- ✓ High Schoolers: Earn your Seal of Biliteracy
- ✓ College Students: Complete your Language Requirement
- ✓ Classes are fun, engaging, and open to Tribal member household!

Contact: language@ctclusi.org (541) 888-1303 –the Language Team

Join a Tribal Committee

Chapter 7-5 GENERAL COMMITTEE CODE 7-5-1: General Policy: Committees are established to assist the Tribal Council in carrying out its responsibilities, to provide quality services to the Tribal membership and to develop, maintain and protect the assets and interests of the Tribes.

Tribal Committee appointments are made by Tribal Council and are for a four (4) year term. Tribal Code allows for you to be on no more than three (3) committees at a time and you may only server two (2) terms, unless special consideration is necessary. You must complete a Letter of Interest Form to be considered by the Tribal Council.

Below is a list of Tribal Committees:

Budget Committee	Election Board
Culture Committee	Enrollment Committee
Cultural Coalition Committee	Housing Committee
Education Committee	Language Committee
Elders Committee	Visions Committee

Letters of Interest forms can be found on the Tribes’ website: www.ctclusi.org. Questions? If you would like to know any further details, please contact: Lorin Krossman by email, enrollment@ctclusi.org or call 541-435-7178

LANGUAGE CLASSES

SPRING LITTLE’S PROGRAM

dai chil sla, shin dai sla, niishachii chmanii.

FOR AGES: 0-5

WHERE: VIRTUAL ON ZOOM
ALL 3 LANGUAGES: miluk, hanis, sha’yuusht’a ut quuiich
WHEN: SATURDAY 9:00 - 10:00AM

CTCLUSI Tribal Families and Households are invited to join us as we continue our Littles Language Program this spring.

This program will be geared towards 0-5 year olds with parental support on zoom.

If you are interested in joining class or would like more details please see the contact information below.

If you are unable to make class times we have material and support available and would love to connect.

DATES:
April 4
April 11
April 18
April 25
May 2
May 9
May 16
May 23
May 30

REGISTER: SCAN THE QRC TO REGISTER FOR CLASSES OR GO TO:
HTTPS://LASERFICHE.CTCLUSI.ORG/FORMS/LANGUAGE-CLASS-SIGN-UP

CONTACT: language@ctclusi.org (541) 888-1303 - the Language Team

Student Recognition Lunch 2026

Join us to Honor our Graduates

Saturday July 11th
11a - 3p

All Tribal Members and Families
Welcome!
at the Community Center - 338 Wallace, Coos Bay
For more information contact Education
541-888-1319 education@ctclusi.org

Lunch Provided

Scholarships
will be announced!



RSVP




AMAZON BACK TO School Vouchers

Who is this for?
CTCLUSI households with K-12 students (Tribe-wide)

What does this help with?

- Backpacks
- Notebooks
- Binders
- Folders
- Pens
- Pencils
- Calculators
- Lunch gear and basic school supplies

\$110 per student



Please contact Lyndsay Carroll at
lyndsay.carroll@ctclusi.org

Attention CTCLUSI Higher Education Students

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Scholarship applications are open for the 2026-2027 academic year!

Current and new CTCLUSI Higher Education students are encouraged to apply!

Winners will be announced in person at the 2026 Student Recognition event on July 11, 2026, from 11am to 3pm at the Tribal Community Center located at 338 Wallace St. Coos Bay, OR 97420

Link to Apply: <https://ctclusi.org/scholarships/>

Applications Close:

Friday May 15th, 2026 @ 11:59 PST

Scan QR code at right to open Scholarship Page on website



YOUTH CAMP SUPPORT PROGRAM

FOR CTCLUSI K-12 FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR YOUTH CAMP SUPPORT, LIVING OUTSIDE THE 5-COUNTY SERVICE AREA

WHO IS ELIGIBLE.

- CTCLUSI HOUSEHOLDS WITH K-12 STUDENTS
- STUDENTS MUST RESIDE OUTSIDE OF THE TRIBE'S 5 COUNTY SERVICE AREA (LANE, COOS, DOUGLAS, LINCOLN, AND CURRY COUNTIES)

PROGRAM PERIOD

JULY 1, 2026- DECEMBER 1, 2026

WHAT THE PROGRAM SUPPORTS!

- Education and academic enrichment
- Cultural learning
- Leadership development
- STEM: science learning
- Outdoor and nature based experiences
- School break enrichment camps

ATHLETIC AND SPORT SPECIFIC CAMPS ARE NOT INCLUDED AT THIS TIME

FUNDING IS LIMITED
FUNDING IS LIMITED AND AWARDED AS AVAILABLE. EARLY SUBMISSIONS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED. PAYMENT IS MADE DIRECTLY TO AN APPROVED CAMP VENDOR. NO REIMBURSEMENT TO FAMILIES. UP TO \$300 PER ELIGIBLE YOUTH, AS FUNDING ALLOWS

INTERESTED?
PLEASE CONTACT Lyndsay Carroll at lyndsay.carroll@ctclusi.org



2026-2027

Applications OPEN:
Tuesday January 6th 2026 @
12:01 AM PST

Applications CLOSE:
Friday May 15th 2026 @
11:59PM PST

SCHOLARSHIPS



Dress for Success

Educational Readiness Support



What Is Dress for Success?

Dress for Success helps remove clothing-related barriers that prevent students and youth from fully participating in school, training programs, interviews, and career preparation activities.



Who Can Participate?

CTCLUSI-enrolled students Kindergarten through age 24

Students ages 18-24 must be enrolled in Higher Education or provide a current or upcoming vocational, career-tech, or college class schedule.



What Support Is Covered?

- Participants may receive funding for:
 - School-appropriate clothing
 - Interview or career-readiness attire
 - Shoes
 - Outerwear
 - Other essential items required for participation



Funding Available

Up to \$250 per student



Questions or need more information? Please contact Lyndsay Carroll at lyndsay.carroll@ctclusi.org

PROGRAM LAUNCH DATE: JUNE 1, 2026 through December 1, 2026

Education Department

Seeking Multiple Artisans to Honor Our Graduates



Non-specific example of a decorated graduation cap



Example of cedar graduation cap

The Education Department is seeking Tribal artisans to customize graduation caps and to create a limited number of cedar graduation caps.

Interested? Questions?
Call Daylen Cossey @ 541-294-7732
or
Email: dcossey@ctclusi.org

CTCLUSI Workforce Training Program

CTCLUSI EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

WHO'S IT FOR?:

CTCLUSI Enrolled Students Ages 14 to 24

- PAID TRAINING OPPORTUNITY
- SHORT-TERM LEARNING EXPERIENCES
- CAREER EXPLORATION

DESCRIPTION:

Connecting youth to structured workforce experiences, career exposure, skill- building, and pathways into higher education and employment

For questions, please contact Jemiah Wassman at jwassman@ctclusi.org • 541-294-4105

ATTENTION GRADUATES



Congratulations on your Accomplishment!

Send your graduation photo and information to be featured in a future edition of The Voice of CLUSI paper.

Email Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist at mgaines@ctclusi.org



Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country (GHWIC)

Saturday, May 30, 2026

Time: 10 am - 1 pm

In partnership with



All AI/AN community members and all Three Rivers Health Center patients are eligible; no referral is required. Please come!

SALMON CANNING

COMING YOUR WAY

RSVP via Dennita at 541-888-7521 by May 29

LOCATION:
250 HULL STREET
COOS BAY, OR

Camp hoohoolii...continued from cover page

the bar higher than ever. After the success of last year's camp, the DCNR team came together with a shared goal: to build an even stronger program.

We worked to:

Engage more youth

Increase registration and participation

Expand hiring opportunities

Strengthen collaboration across departments

Our vision was clear, to deepen cultural programming, incorporate language into daily activities, and create meaningful experiences to ground youth in their identity. We wanted to create core memories and lasting friendships that will grow into strong leadership within our Tribal communities. This year, we had 53 registered youth for Camp hoohoolii. "hoohoolii" is a sha'yuusht'a word meaning "Reflections on Water." As the camp continues to grow, the name feels more meaningful than ever. Our youth reflect on our culture, lands, and waters, while we, as mentors, reflect on

their growth into the incredible individuals they are becoming.

The Rhythm of Camp Life

Days at camp feel both long and short all at once. There are never enough hours for all the activities we want to offer. Meals can't come fast enough and are gone just as quickly. Sleep always feels just a little too short. And yet, we would do it all over again in a heartbeat.

Why?

Because of moments like Jaina reading The Foot Book. Because we get to witness the kindness, courage, and energy of this next generation. Because we see the way they support one another, lift each other up, and create a space filled with belonging. Those moments stay with us.

What It Takes

Camp doesn't just happen. It takes months of dedication and planning. Behind the scenes, months are spent developing curriculum, purchasing supplies and coordinating logistics. Meals are planned

and prepared, vehicles and transportation is organized. Safety protocols are developed and checked, from archery equipment to camp emergency readiness. Endless meetings are attended; adjustments are made. Every detail is carefully considered. Then the final preparations are made. Sleeping bags are piled high. Vans are loaded. Supplies are packed. Hundreds of hours are collectively spent by dozens of people preparing for camp. All of it is done with one purpose: To create a space where youth feel safe, supported, and free to be themselves while learning the shared culture and develop their identity within the tribe.

***This is Camp hoohoolii.
This is Next Gen.
This is our future.***



Supporting the Next Gen at Camp hoohoolii

Hello, my name is Amanda Galer, and I'm a mental health therapist at Three Rivers Health Center, specializing in work involving children and families, with an emphasis in trauma and attachment. It has been my honor and privilege to work with Tribal families and children over the past couple of years, in various capacities, but today I wanted to talk a little about attending Camp Hoohoolii at the end of March 2026. This was my second spring camp, having had the opportunity last year to attend and get started in my work with Tribal Youth.

Let me first congratulate all parents on a job well done! It has been a wonderful experience getting to know your children and learning alongside them in such a beautiful environment that Camp Cleawox offers. The children were attentive and well-behaved, eagerly learning cultural

lessons and building friendships to last a lifetime. Secondly, and not to be forgotten, is our Camp Director, Angela Henry, who has demonstrated over the past two years that she has a clear and amazing vision for youth and camps. Working with Angela is always a pleasure, as her calm spirit leads those around her. Lastly, to all the adults and youth working at camp- THANK YOU for the hard work you each demonstrated, showing your good heart and desire to support the Next Gen. I look forward to our continued preparation and work in future camps.

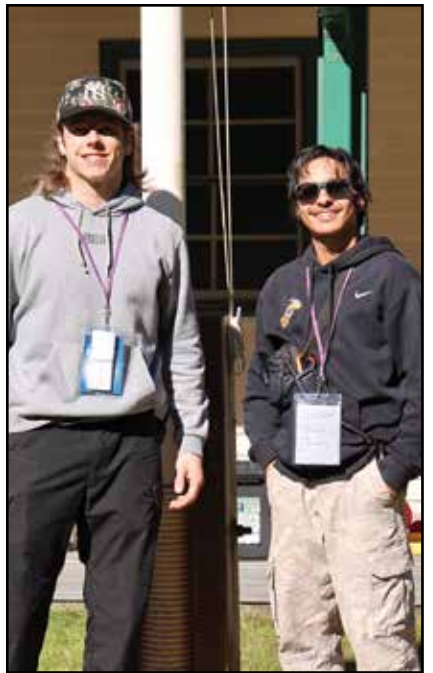
To learn more about services offered at Three Rivers Health Center, including primary care, pharmacy, behavioral health, please call 541-435-7200, to find out more.



Amanda Galer, LCSW



Camp hoohoolii...continued from cover page



New Protocol Developed for Honoring Tribal Council Members for Years of Service

Tribal Council was honored for their years of service during the Sunday, April 12, 2026 regular Council meeting.

Tribal Citizen Alycia Cossey read a statement about this new culturally meaningful practice, while Chief Doug Barrett placed dentalium necklaces around the other members of Council, and then Chair Brad Kneaper presented Chief with his necklace.

Here are the important words spoken during this new protocol created at the request of the Election Board and developed by the Culture Department of the Department of Culture and Natural Resources (DCNR).

"Today we are introducing something new. While the Council has long been honored quietly and in private, we felt called to bring this practice into a more visible and culturally meaningful form.

This protocol was developed by the Culture Department of DCNR, with guidance from administration, and is grounded in our cultural practices. As part of this, we have created something tangible to carry this honoring forward.

What we share today is the beginning of a living protocol, one that will guide how we honor Tribal Council for generations to come. It carries intention, care, and meaning, and reflects the responsibility of those who serve.

Today we begin that practice. Before we begin this council meeting, we take a moment to honor our Tribal Council for the responsibility they carry and the work they do on behalf of our people.

Dentalium has long held deep value among our people. It represents wealth, not only in a material sense, but in responsibility, relationship, and the trust placed in someone by their community. Each piece carries weight, just as leadership carries weight.

As members of Tribal Council, you are asked to make decisions that reach far beyond today. Your work carries forward into the next seven generations. The choices you make now will shape the wellbeing of our people, our lands, our waters, and our animal relatives long into the future.

That is not a small responsibility. It calls for balance, humility, strength, and a good mind and heart.

Before the work began creating these gifts, artisans gathered together to smudge, to center ourselves, and to move forward in a good way.

Each of these gifts carries the care and intention of the hands that made them and we want to acknowledge this year's artisans: Amanda Craig, Alycia Cossey,

When you wear these dentalium strands... They are also a reminder of the voices of the people, those who feel heard, and those who are still waiting to be heard. A reminder to listen deeply, to act with fairness, and to remain accountable to the community in all that you do.



Chief Barrett places dentalium necklaces on members of Council

Angela Henry, Isaac Dull, Courtney Krossman, Nicole Romine, Lorin Krossman, Tes Gagner, and Morgan Gaines.

These necklaces are given in recognition of that work I mentioned, and as a reminder of the responsibility that comes with it.

Each strand represents a year of service. With each year, another strand is added, marking your continued commitment, your growth, and the time you have dedicated to serving the people. Over time, these strands will grow, just as your experience and the impact of your leadership grows.

For those who are newly appointed, your first strand will be earned after your first year of service. This reflects that leadership is not only accepted, it is carried, learned, and shown through your actions over time.

When you wear these dentalium strands, they are a visible reminder of the responsibility you hold. They also serve as a reminder of the prayers, hopes, and trust the people have placed in your leadership.

They are also a reminder of the voices of the people, those who feel heard, and those who are still waiting to be heard. A reminder to listen deeply, to act with fairness, and to remain accountable to the community in all that you do.



Chair Kneaper places necklace on Chief Barrett

These necklaces carry the meaning we have shared today, they reflect the responsibility, the trust, and the commitment that comes with serving the people.

We lift our hands to you for the work you have done, and for the work you will continue to do, and for the wellbeing of our people, our lands, our waters, and all our relations.

May you walk in a good way as you carry this responsibility.

May your minds be clear, your hearts be strong, and your decisions guided with care and the input of the community you represent.

May you lead in a way that brings our people together, strengthens trust, and reflects the values we all carry.

May you always remember who you serve, and those yet to come.

We thank you, we honor you, and we lift our hands to you."

Elders Corner

Elders Lunch

Thursday
June 11, 2026
Three Rivers Casino Resort
Florence

(Events Center)

Doors Open 11:30am
Lunch 12:00pm - 1pm



Please RSVP to Doug Morrison By Friday June 5, 2026
(541) 997-6685



Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw Indians
 Health Services Division Elders Activity Program
Limited Transportation is available from Coos Bay & Eugene

*Welcome New
 Tribal Elders*

*Laurie Chavira
 Jason Brainard*

Supplemental Security Income Program for Elders

On December 18, 2026 Tribal Council approved Resolution 25-217 to Increase the Tribal Elders Pension and Supplemental Security Income beginning on January 1, 2026. Tribal Elders aged 65 and up are eligible for this \$1,000 monthly supplemental security income.

An application form is required. The form can be found on the Tribal Government website or using this web address <https://laserfiche.ctclusi.org/Forms/Elder-Supplemental-Security-Income>

Need assistance filling out your application or have questions about the program?

Contact the Enrollment Department today at 541-435-7178.



Seeking Qualified Candidates for Blue Earth Federal Corporation Board of Directors

Contributed by Kerry Brainard, President-Blue Earth Federal Corporation

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians (CTCLUSI) invites enrolled Tribal members and qualified applicants from the public to apply for open positions on the Board of Directors of **Blue Earth Federal Corporation**.

Blue Earth is a federally chartered, 100% Tribally-owned corporation focused on creating sustainable economic opportunities, generating revenue for the Tribe, and building long-term prosperity for our people. As a board member, you will play a key leadership role in setting strategic direction, exercising strong financial oversight, and advancing projects that honor Tribal values and priorities.

Ideal candidates will offer:

- Significant business, financial, or operational expertise
- Deep commitment to Tribal sovereignty and economic self-sufficiency
- Integrity, strategic vision, and collaborative leadership skills
- Ability to attend regular board meetings and contribute actively

This is a meaningful opportunity to serve your Tribe and help guide one of CTCLUSI's most important economic engines. Board service carries important fiduciary responsibilities and the chance to create lasting impact.

How to Apply: Submit a letter of interest and current resume to: Kerry Brainard, President Blue Earth Federal Corporation Email: kerry.brainard@blue-earth.us Phone: 541-953-2854

Applications reviewed on a rolling basis until positions are filled.

Help build a stronger, more diverse economic future for our people.
 Apply today!

Blue Earth Federal Corporation



**Confederated Tribes of Coos
 Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians**

Family Needs Assessment

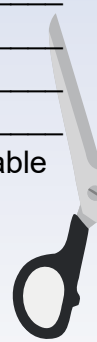
The Social Services Department is planning upcoming family activities and would like your input. Please review the list below and indicate which activity you would like to participate in by checking the box next to your choice(s). You may select more than one option.

- Cooking** -Cooking healthy meals on a budget, meal prepping for busy weeks and learning new recipes.
- Reading Time / Storytelling**
- Budgeting Classes (Online)** Strategies for saving, understanding credit, managing monthly expenses effectively
- Budgeting Classes (In Person)** Strategies for saving, understanding credit, managing monthly expenses effectively
- Digital Literacy & Career Growth** - Computer skills, resume building, navigating online to locate resources and services.
- Digital Wellness & Family Connection** - Setting healthy screen-time boundaries for children, protecting family privacy online, or using technology to stay connected with family.
- Social Connection & Belonging** - Community dinners, family field trips, hosted events.
- Indoor Environmental Wellness** - Preventing mold and moisture, improving indoor air quality, making non-toxic cleaning products.

Other Activities (please list any additional activities you would like to do with your children):

Thank you for your participation. Your feedback will help us plan meaningful and enjoyable activities for families.

Mail responses to: Attn: Social Services, 1245 Fulton Avenue, Coos Bay, OR 97420
or email socialservices@ctclusi.org



THE VOICE OF CLUSI MONTHLY TRIBAL PAPER



If you or anyone in your family has had any recent special awards or achievements that you would like to share, please submit your information and photos to the newsletter.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Visit www.ctclusi.org/events to view the online event calendar

Morgan Gaines,
Communications
Specialist
Office:
(541) 888-7536
Cell: (541) 808-7918
Email:
mgaines@ctclusi.org

Make Parenting a Pleasure

Free Parenting Workshop Series via Zoom!



May 12th to June 16th
Tuesdays 6pm-8pm



Sponsored by the CLUSI Social Services Dept. & In Partnership with the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians & the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians

Please RSVP Shayne Platz
541-297-3450 or Nichole Benner 541-888-9577

Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Event

The Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians Social Services is hosting a Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Event.

Saturday, May 9, 2026

Coos Bay Boardwalk, 200 S Bayshore Drive
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Event open to everyone, please consider wearing red in honor of those that we have lost.

This event is being held in honor of May 5th which is National Missing and Murdered Indigenous People's Day. This is to raise awareness of the epidemic of violence affecting our Native communities. Native people experience violence at a significantly higher rate, leading to many of our relatives going missing and being murdered. Help us bring awareness to this epidemic by joining CTCLUSI Social Services at the Coos Bay Boardwalk on Saturday, May 9th from 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.



Tribal Families Make the Most of Their Spring Equinox Boxes

Contributed by Amanda Craig, Assistant Director Department of Culture and Natural Resources

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in this year's Spring Equinox Box program. With 240 families signed up, it was incredible to see such strong community participation in celebrating this season of renewal. We especially loved receiving and sharing the beautiful photos of community members enjoying the items in their boxes. Seeing these moments of connection, nourishment, and joy truly reflects the spirit of this program. Thank you for being part of this with us and for helping bring these traditions to life. Wishing you all a joyful and vibrant spring!



Above photo courtesy of Melinda Sprague



"We are loving the goodies we got from the tribe. The picture I attached is of my daughter (Isla) and dog (Moses) "helping" me build garden boxes for the new seeds we received.

Thank you for the box of goodies!!! Also I'm planning on making tamales soon with the recipe I found in the native cook book!!!yummmms!!!"
-Ashley Eckroth



"k'ele, luwii for your work and all those who contributed in sending out the equinox box. Mexeye and i got to plant the wildflower seeds, the peas, lettuce, dill and basil. He enjoys watering them every day! We enjoyed all of the other items in the box as well! Attached are some pictures of mexeye watering the seeds that are just starting to come up."

-Ashley, Daniel, Mexeye



"First off, thank you and the Tribe so much for the Equinox Box. My partner and I are super excited, and we planted some starts today from the package. Attached you'll find a photo of what we planted so far."

-Michelle Lott



"Happy spring equinox! We had a great day with our box! We planted the wildflowers in our yard, then started some of the other seeds in an egg carton. For dinner, I was inspired by the recipe cards included so we made fry bread together and had fry bread tacos. I also used some of the jam that was included for a sweet frybread. It was delicious! We are so thankful to be part of this community and for the boxes."

-Alyssa Weidner



"Thank you so much for the spring box - it brought so much joy and excitement for the new season! I used the amazing bag at the farmer's market!"
- Olivia Hirsch Sklar

"Here's a photo of my helper Vivien and I enjoying some seed starting. The box was so appreciated and a wonderful idea! Thanks again!"
-Gabby (Gabrielle Bellini)



Staff had a blast packaging all the Spring Equinox Boxes for you! Pictured at right: At-a-glance look at the supplies sent out in the boxes.



Qa'aich Residents Can Garden in New Raised Beds

Contributed by Leslie Thompson, Housing Assistant

On a warm Wednesday morning in March, residents of Qa'aich Tribal Housing in Florence, Oregon, along with the Department of Culture and Natural Resources (DCNR) and Housing Staff came together to place raised garden beds and distribute 10 cubic yards of soil amongst them.

This was a collaborative project that took planning, preparation, teamwork, and a lot of elbow grease. By working together with DCNR staff, we were able to use leftover resources and contribute funds to build and fill the raised garden beds for the residents.

Gardening is beneficial in many ways whether you plant flowers or food. It can provide a light whole-body exercise, assist in improving diet when growing your own food, reduce health risks related to heart disease, stroke, and type 2 diabetes, all while giving your body a Vitamin D boost. It also has mental and emotional benefits such as enhancing your mood, aiding in relieving stress and anxiety, along with providing a sense of purpose and accomplishment.

These beds will do all the above while also fostering community connection and learning opportunities. It was an awesome day, and it was great to see everyone come together. A special Thank You goes to Brandon Lowers and Isaac Dull for getting the materials and building the raised beds.



Photographs courtesy of Housing Department



Tooth Gems Sparkle in Dental Clinic

The Three Rivers Health Center Dental Clinic has a new program to encourage good oral hygiene. For those patients who come in for an exam and have healthy gums and no cavities, they are eligible for a free tooth gem. We have lots of different shapes, sizes and colors in stock. Those that don't meet the requirements on examination can work on improving their oral health and qualify for the free gem after demonstrating improved brushing.

Call to make an appointment: 541-888-6433



New Alert, Same Goal: Keeping You Safe

Starting in March 2026, the National Weather Service is updating the Tsunami Warning messages you receive on your cell phone. When every second counts, clarity is key!

The updated Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) are now more direct:

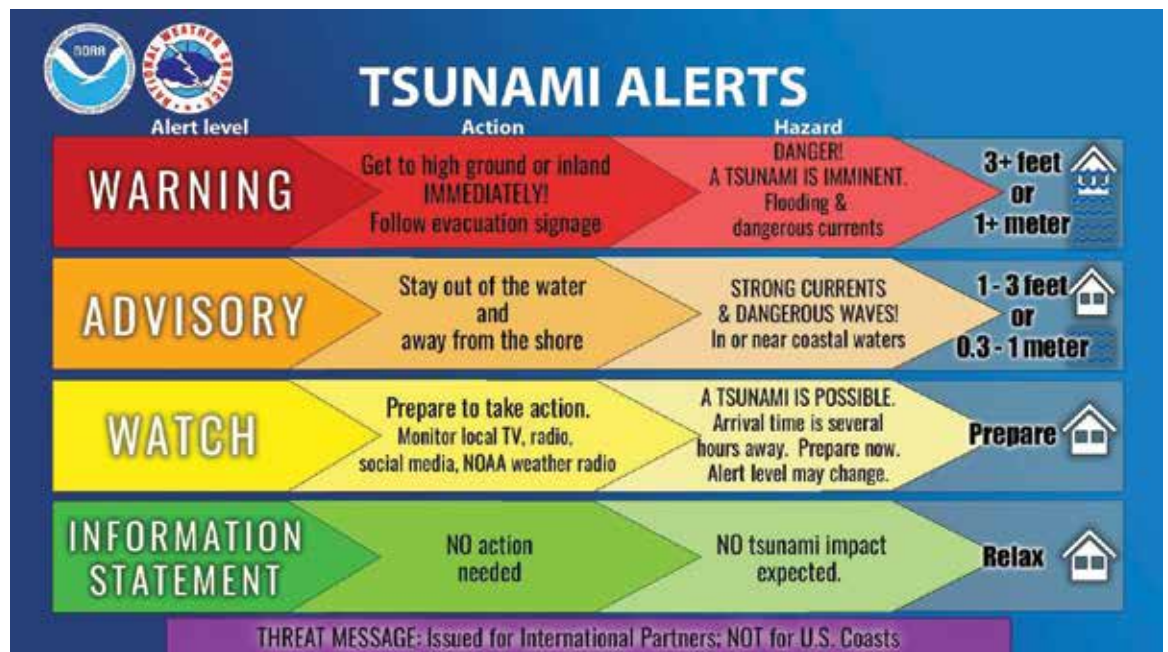
- Clearer Instructions: "MOVE TO HIGH GROUND OR INLAND NOW."
- Urgent Tone: Emphasizes "life-threatening currents and waves."
- Stay Informed: Reminds you to stay away until officials give the "all clear."

and Removes language that said "You are in danger", as some tsunami alerts go well beyond intended recipients, creating confusion for those on safe, dry ground.

If your phone buzzes with that distinctive alert tone, don't wait. Follow the instructions immediately.

You may also receive other Wireless Emergency Alerts from your community with instructions during a tsunami alert. This message is the only one sent by the National Weather Services Tsunami Warning Center.

What YOU choose to do is always up to YOU. It starts with knowing if you're in a tsunami hazard zone. If you're in the zone, you should move. If you're not in the zone, there's no need to change locations. Alerts will still reach more people than necessary- again- you need to #KnowYourZone.



The 4 Levels of Danger:

Not every alert means "run". Do you know the difference between a Warning, Advisory, Watch, and Information Statement? Knowing the levels tells you exactly how to react.

The National Weather Service's National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program made these changes at the request of and through collaboration with your State Emergency Management teams focused on tsunami safety for your community.

Learn more about the updates and how to stay Tsunami Ready: <https://www.tsunami.gov/>

Tribal Nations Collaborate to Showcase Cultural Artifact

Coquille Indian Tribe Awarded Oregon Heritage Grant to Create Permanent Canoe Fragment Exhibit
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE March 10, 2026

Coos Bay, OR — A true team effort is bringing a story to life on Oregon’s South Coast. One that has been hundreds of years in the making.

The Coquille (Ko-Kwel) Indian Tribe has been awarded a \$7,500 Oregon Heritage Grant to assist in a \$15,000 project that will design and construct a permanent exhibit for a traditional dugout canoe fragment discovered near Sunset Bay State Park. The Coquille Indian Tribe worked closely with the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians, the Oregon Department of State Lands, and South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve are part of this cooperative project.

The artifact, believed to date from the 18th or 19th century, offers physical evidence of Indigenous life along Oregon’s southern coast and will be housed at the South Slough Reserve Visitor Center in Charleston.

Coquille Indian Tribe Chairman Brenda Meade said this is a great example of tribes working together to accomplish something of tremendous importance for all.

“The exhibit being built is going to be so helpful in telling our people’s story now and for future generations,” Meade said. “This project honors all the Indigenous peoples of this area who have walked these lands since time immemorial.”

The canoe fragment, carefully preserved through collaborative efforts between tribal and state partners, will be displayed in a custom-designed exhibit featuring a pedestal and display case, a nature-inspired mural, and an interpretive plaque. All components will be created by local and regional Indigenous artists, ensuring cultural authenticity and respect.

“It is an amazing opportunity to educate the public and celebrate our shared heritage and we are already looking forward to the next step in the process,” Meade added.

The exhibit will serve an estimated 10,000 annual visitors and support ongoing studies in archaeology, history, and anthropology. It also reflects a broader commitment to preserving and sharing untold stories of Oregon’s Indigenous communities.

“The South Slough Reserve is honored to showcase this cultural artifact and co-steward these lands with our tribal partners so that this place may continue to teach and inspire us for generations to come,” said Reserve Manager Patricia Fox.

This project is supported in part by a grant from the Oregon Heritage Commission, Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. A public dedication ceremony is planned upon completion.



CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Coquille Indian Tribe, in collaboration with the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, The Siletz Tribe and South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, is seeking an Indigenous artist to create artwork highlighting an historic canoe fragment on display at South Slough found at Sunset Beach. Components will consist of a four-sided pedestal wrap and a 6' x 8' wall mural.

The chosen artist will work through our internal creative review process and with the Arts and Exhibits Team to ensure we present a unified and culturally grounded identity.

SEND LETTER OF INTEREST, PORTFOLIO, CONCEPT SKETCHES, RESUME, AND PROPOSED BUDGET TO:

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Chief Barrett Smudges and Harvests from Gray Whale Washed Ashore

Contributed by Morgan Gaines, Communications Specialist

On March 27th Chief Doug Barrett received a call from Tribal Elder Earla Kirk that a gray whale had washed ashore in Florence, Oregon. Chief immediately went to the beach in front of the Driftwood Shoes Resort, where the 37-foot-long juvenile male gray whale (estimated to be 1-4 years old) was found.

Chief Barrett performed a smudging ceremony over the whale before representatives from Oregon State Parks and crews with the Oregon Marine Mammal Stranding Network began their work. A necropsy and samples were taken to determine the cause of death. Results from the necropsy may take several weeks.

Four small pieces of blubber, some of the baleen plates, liver pieces, and muscle were harvest by Chief Barrett. He shared that nothing will be done with the harvest until testing results come back and they are determined safe to use.

Representatives from Oregon State Parks were there, including spokesperson Mike Baden, who shared that “the animal appeared emaciated and likely died overnight before washing ashore”. The activity regarding the whale necropsy and burial did not affect the protected habitat of the nearest snowy plover nesting closure, north of the area.

This is the fourth whale to beach on the Oregon coast since February, adding to the many numbers already being reported out of Washington State. Gray whale strandings typically occur from April

through June, when whales are migrating along the western coastlines. The number of dead whales so early in the stranding season is concerning. In those whales, for which examinations was possible, malnutrition continues to play a major role in their deaths.



Photograph from Oregon State Parks



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COOS BAY JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Department	Job Title	Status	Age	Starting Wage
Health Services	Clinical Pharmacist	FT	18+	\$127,874/yr - DOE
Gaming	Surveillance Agent I - Graveyard	FT	21+	\$22.50/hr - DOE
Health Services	Nurse Practitioner*	FT	26+	\$124,656/YR - DOE
Health Services	Certified Pharmacy Technician	FT	18+	\$27.00/hr - DOE
Health	Pharmacy Biller	FT	18+	\$24.65/hr - DOE
Planning	Realty Program Coordinator	FT	25+	\$26.59/hr - DOE
Special Events	Depends on Assignment	OC	14+	Depends on Assignment
Natural Resources & Culture	Tribal Archaeologist**	FT	25+	\$68,000/yr - DOE

FLORENCE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

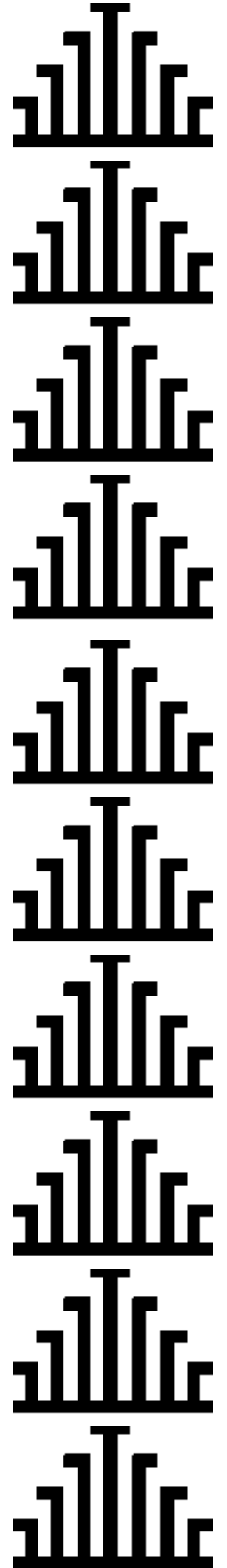
Department	Job Title	Status	Age	Starting Wage
Special Events	Depends on Assignment	OC	14+	Depends on Assignment
Gaming	Gaming Inspector	FT	25+	\$22.00/hr - DOE
Natural Resources & Culture	Tribal Archaeologist**	FT	25+	\$68,000/yr - DOE

EUGENE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Department	Job Title	Status	Age	Starting Wage
Health Services	Public Health Nurse*	FT	25+	\$83,200 - DOE
Special Events	Depends on Assignment	OC	14+	Depends on Assignment
Natural Resources & Culture	Tribal Archaeologist**	FT	25+	\$68,000/yr - DOE

*Position requires a valid driver's license and ability to be insurable by CTCLUSI's insurance agency.
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 Updated: 04/15/2026



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If you or anyone in your family has had any recent special awards or achievements that you would like to share, please submit your information and photos to the newsletter.

I look forward to hearing from you!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

**RSVP for events by calling
1-541-435-7155**

MAY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28 miluk class 4pm	29 hanis class 4pm	30	1 wa'as class 4pm	2 Glass Float Hunt & Narcan Training, Florence 11:30 a.m. Littles Program Language Class 9am
3	4	5 miluk class 4pm	6 Siletz Elders Honor Day hanis class 4pm	7	8 wa'as class 4pm	9 MMIP Awareness Event CB Boardwalk 11am Littles Program Language Class 9am
10 Mother's Day	11 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 am	12 Parenting Workshop Online via Zoom 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. miluk class 4pm	13 hanis class 4pm	14	15 Scholarships Deadline! Field School Application Deadline! wa'as class 4pm	16 Littles Program Language Class 9am
17	18	19 Parenting Workshop Online via Zoom 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. miluk class 4pm	20 hanis class 4pm	21	22 Cedar Bark Gathering wa'as class 4pm	23 Littles Program Language Class 9am
24 31	25 Memorial Day All Tribal Offices Closed	26 Parenting Workshop Online via Zoom 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. miluk class 4pm	27 hanis class 4pm Business Council Meeting 6:00 pm	28	29 wa'as class 4pm	30 Littles Program Language Class 9am Salmon Canning TRHC on Hull St. 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31	1	2 Parenting Workshop Online via Zoom 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	3	4	5 Gathering Trip (Maple Bark)	6
7	8	9 Parenting Workshop Online via Zoom 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	10	11 Elders Luncheon TRCR Florence 11:30 a.m.	12	13
14 Regular Council Meeting 10:00 am	15	16 Parenting Workshop Online via Zoom 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	17	18	19 Juneteenth All Tribal Offices Closed Summer Solstice Celebration	20
21 Summer Solstice Celebration	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1 CTCLUSI Field School	2	3 Independence Day Observed All Tribal Offices Closed	4 Independence Day

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Tribal Council Upcoming Dates

Regular Council Meeting*

**This meeting to be held on
Monday, due to Mother's Day*

May 11th at 10:00 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting

June 14th at 10:00 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting

July 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting

August 9th at 10:00 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting

September 13th at 10:00 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting

October 11th at 10:00 a.m.

General Council Meeting

October 11th at 1:00 p.m.

Regular Council Meeting

November 8th at 10:00 a.m.

Regular Council Meeting

December 13th at 10:00 a.m.

**CTCLUSI Community Center
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