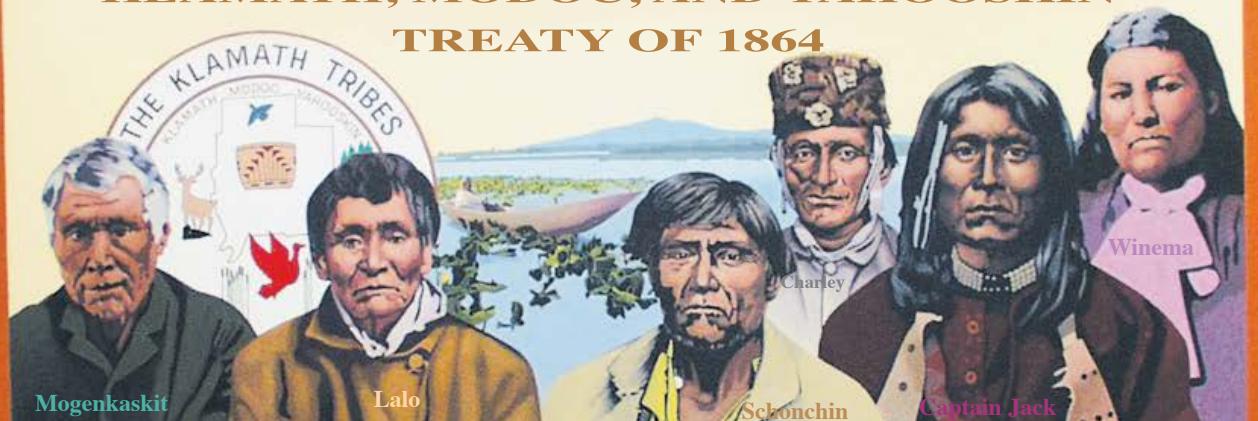


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## 300 Mile Run! For the Return of the Salmon and Clean Water!



Photo by Norma Cummings, taken near Klamath Falls, Oregon, along the final 10 miles of the 300 mile journey.

May 26-28, 2017, tribal people, friends and clean water supporters, raced from the Pacific Ocean in California, to Klamath Falls, Oregon, in an annual relay run to raise awareness for Klamath River Salmon, and to oppose a proposed pipeline that threatens clean water, people, and fish- The LNG (Jordan Cove) Pipeline.

Runners came from California and across Southern Oregon for the 15th annual Salmon Relay Run, a three-day journey following the path normally taken each year by spawning salmon back to tributaries of the Klamath River. People run for days in shifts, passing a female and male carved wooden salmon as relay batons.

Tribal people and supporters from across the region run because the fish can no longer travel the path they once came. Since 1917, four dams have blocked their way home for the past century... The Iron Gate Dam, Copco 1, Copco 2, and JC Boyle Dams were built with NO fish passage! (Article continued on page 2...)

Attention Tribal Members!

Important Klamath Tribal Community  
Meeting Notice!

Regarding: Water Issues

When: Monday, July 10, 2017

Time: 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Location: goos oLgi gowa  
Klamath Tribes Community Center  
35601 Choke Cherry Way  
off Hwy 62, near Chiloquin, Oregon

For more information contact:  
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**www.klamathtribes.org**

## 300 Mile Salmon Run- Protecting Our Children's Future...

This year marked the 15th time the tribes and others have coordinated the annual Salmon Relay Run, a three-day venture along the Klamath River, which ended Sunday, May 28, at the Klamath County Fairgrounds where the Klamath Tribes' annual Memorial Day Powwow was being held. This year, the Klamath Tribes' was especially proud of tribal youth, Aisha Wilson (pictured below in the gray shirt with her family and several powwow staff.) Ashia coordinated the 2017 Memorial Powwow. She is also a member of the Klamath Tribes Youth Leadership Council. Thank you Ashia for all your hard work and leadership.



### Clean Water Threatened...

There was an added cause behind the 2017 Run beyond raising awareness to dissipating fish habitats and salmon counts, as tribes and others stand in lockstep to oppose a proposed liquefied natural gas pipeline that would extend from Malin to Coos Bay crossing several locations and the Klamath and Rogue Rivers.

The run began at the mouth of the Klamath River on Yurok Tribal Lands, progressed through Northern California past the Iron Gate Dam, Copco 1, Copco 2 Dams, and JC Boyle Dam; which have prevented salmon from reaching natural spring migration spawning grounds at the Klamath, Wood, Sycan, and Sprague River's sources since 1917, when all four dams were built illegally without the mandated fish ladders.

More than 200 people participated along the journey in the roughly 300-mile run, to gain awareness of the plight of Klamath River fisheries. A proposal is already underway which may see the long-awaited return of salmon to Klamath County. Pacific Power recently submitted an application for surrender of the lower four Klamath Dams to be removed in 2020, a proposal currently under review by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Removal of the dams would lead to improvement of fish populations, habitats and overall water quality, spurring the possibility of spawning salmon's return.

While the dam removals would be considered a big win, a new threat has emerged to river health and fish populations, according to Tribes and others along the Klamath River. The **Jordan Cove Liquefied Natural Gas Pipeline** wants to connect existing natural gas pipelines to a hub located near Malin, then proceed to the Oregon coast (Coos Bay) for shipment to international markets.



Klamath Tribal Chairman Don Gentry (Blue shirt) and Karuk Tribal Chairman, Russell "Buster" Attebery (Red Shirt) stand at the proposed pipeline site (in Klamath Falls off Millier Island Road along the Klamath River), with runners and members of the Karuk Tribe, in solidarity against the pipeline and to pray for the fish and clean water. The proposed route includes portions that would destroy Klamath Tribal burial grounds and historic sites, as well as pose an environmental hazard as portions of the route would travel beneath both the Klamath and Rogue Rivers.



"We are working so hard to restore our river, we cannot let the progress we are making on dam removal be diminished by yet another destructive energy project," said Annelia Hillman, a Yurok Tribal member who is part of the annual run and other clean water events.

The run began in 2003, established by four Hoopa High School students, to raise awareness about the lower Klamath River fish kill the previous year that left over 60,000 adult salmon dead.

Diminishing fish populations and dam constructions have had direct impact on regional tribes, from Yurok tribal members pledging to have no commercial fisheries this year due to low salmon counts, to the Klamath Tribes utilizing only trout now for subsistence use, due to salmon runs ending a century ago, and the endangered c'waam (sucker fish) being on the endangered species list since 1986.



"This is the worst year for salmon in our history," said Karuk Tribal member Crispin McAllister (left), a Navy veteran and avid marathon runner. "We will limit ourselves to only 250 fish to serve at ceremonies. This is a traumatic loss to our culture and our families' access to a healthy traditional food.... So for me, Memorial Day weekend is the perfect time to do this because my community and my way of life was exactly what I was defending as a member of the U.S. military."



Salmon dipped in the Klamath River near Klamath Falls (by Mother and Son Karuk Tribal Members) to bless the event and bring the Salmon's spirit back to the place they once swam. The run is not exclusively for Native American tribal members. Anyone who is passionate about river health, fish habitats, salmon populations, or oppose the LNG pipeline are encouraged to participate in any way they choose.

The path of the run included an important stop along the Klamath River/off Miller Island Road near Klamath Falls (above), at the site of the proposed LNG (Jordan Cove) pipeline river crossing. Many prayed and stand in protest of the pipeline's construction.



Following the ceremony, the Salmon Runners, (which featured runners of all ages and several youth from the 4 River Tribes: Hoopa, Yurok, Karuk and Klamath), completed the run up the Klamath River, arriving in Klamath Falls, where they were greeted by the powwow committee and danced in the grand entry. Afterwards, the committee fed all the youth and visitors who participated in the run.



The culmination of the run is a spiritual return of the salmon to the Klamath Tribes area, even if the fish can no longer physically complete the journey. "We have not had salmon here for over 100 years, this led us to rely more on the resident c'wam, or sucker, which also faces extinction because of a century of poor water management," said Don Gentry, Klamath Tribes chairman.

Since the Run's inception, the cause has stayed the same,  
we pray for clean water and  
**THE RETURN OF THE SALMON**  
for FUTURE GENERATIONS.

## TOP STORY: Klamath Tribal Chairman defends water call

By HOLLY DILLEMUTH H&amp;N Staff Reporter Apr 30, 2017



Don Gentry, chairman of the Klamath Tribes, looks out at the point where the Sprague and Williamson Rivers meet in Chiloquin, Oregon behind the Klamath Tribes main administration headquarters.

**CHILOQUIN** —Don Gentry, chairman of the Klamath Tribal Council, isn't shy about defending the water claims made

by the Tribes to divert water on the Williamson and Sprague River systems in mid-April 2017, nor in explaining the justification behind them.

According to Gentry, the Klamath Tribes made the request for water to provide for maintenance of the streams, riparian areas and the lakes to provide for fish and other resources valuable to the Tribes. He sat down with the Herald and News paper reporter, detailing the ins and outs of the Tribes' water rights- dating back long before the Treaty of 1864. The agreement was signed by the Klamath Tribes and the U.S. Government, in an effort to preserve their water right for the years that followed.

The treaty allows the tribes to hunt, fish, trap, and gather on former reservation land, and according to a court case Gentry cited, the water is necessary to maintain those activities. "We have a right to treaty resources and we have a right to water to provide for those. That's a long-standing legal precedent that's been affirmed in the courts," Gentry said.

Ranchers in the upper basin have criticized the call, claiming they will have a short window to irrigate and water their cattle this spring, and they have no water available the rest of the summer. Some believe this call could put them out of business.

Gentry commented that while the wet weather throughout the winter and early spring has been helpful, the result of consecutive dry years in the Klamath Basin means there's a need to recharge water systems.

"A lot of the riparian area sort of acts as a sponge," Gentry said. "It takes a while to recharge the system and actually a lot of our systems are spring-fed. The water flows right out of the ground, and some of those springs with many years of drought, they're not flowing at the levels that they would typically flow. So that affects surface water."

The request for water by the Klamath Tribes could run through May 31, according to Gentry, and is subject to change. "When we put our claims together, we knew that it was apart of regular stream health and channel maintenance," Gentry said. "It's not only for maintaining water at certain levels, it's for the habitat and other riparian species that are important to the health of the stream ... To provide for those other species, flooding is a part of that."

Gentry emphasized that Oregon Water Resources Department (OWRD) is justified in validating the water claims, but are not giving the tribes new rights. Instead the state is validating long-standing rights already in place.

"A lot of this flows clear back to the treaty in 1864," Gentry said. "That was negotiated through provisions and opportunity in the Constitution of the United States, article six. Our treaty is just as valid as the Constitution of the United States."

"What good is a treaty right if you don't have the resources to use to exercise that right?" Gentry asked. "Essentially our treaty rights were a property right that were intended to be reserved ... We have those rights that were ours to begin with when we reserved the lands."

He acknowledged the concern and impact to Upper Basin irrigators as well. "I can see there's an impact on the agricultural community," Gentry said. "I don't want to marginalize that one bit."

Gentry then cited a court case, which he said affirms the right of the tribes to keep water in-stream to provide for treaty resources and maintain a modern standard of living. "After all these years, with our tragic history, and the things that have been imposed on us, we are not the bad guys, we're simply protecting the remnant of what we have left."

**Important Notice!****Klamath Tribes Strategic Action Plan Survey Now Available**Online at: [www.klamathtribes.org](http://www.klamathtribes.org)**We Need Your Input!**

The Tribal Community Input Questionnaire for the Klamath Tribes Strategic Action Plan is now available on our website Home Page at: [www.klamathtribes.org](http://www.klamathtribes.org)

The Klamath Tribes are initiating a Tribal strategic planning process to develop a three-year Klamath Tribes Strategic Action Plan that will identify Tribal priorities and goals. The strategic planning process is anticipated to be a 6-9 month inclusive process that incorporates the input and knowledge of Tribal Council, Tribal members, Tribal government, staff and Tribal enterprise staff.

The questionnaire will provide guidance in developing the plan. Please go to the website, or you can download the questionnaire, print and mail to:

## Mail or Personal Delivery:

Kathy Rich, Administrative Officer  
Klamath Tribes Administration (501 Chiloquin Blvd)  
P.O. Box 436  
Chiloquin, OR 97624

Fill it out ONLINE. Go to the Tribal Website:

[www.klamathtribes.org](http://www.klamathtribes.org)

The survey is located on the Homepage of the tribal website

(Click the Orange Bar) named -

**Strategic Plan Input Questionnaire.**

The Klamath Tribes logo is displayed in the top left corner. The main banner features a scenic sunset over a lake and mountains. Below the banner, a yellow button reads "Strategic Plan Input Questionnaire". To the left of the banner is a link for "Dwaa-nie pqa What's Happening". To the right are links for "Tribal Council", "Tribal Health", and "Kla-Mo-Ya Casino".

Strategic Plan Input Questionnaire

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## Save The Dates! Important Government Meeting Reminders!

### Next Regular General Council Meeting(s) Notice:

\*Saturday, August 19, 2017

10am - Tribal Administration, Chiloquin, Oregon

\*Saturday, November 18, 2017

10am- Tribal Administration, Chiloquin, Oregon

### Tribal Council Meetings--- Time Change Notice!

Regular TC (Tribal Council)

Meetings are now starting at 10:00am

TC Meetings are held 2nd and 4th Wednesday  
of each month at Tribal Admin Bldg.

### Klamath Tribal Community Water Meeting

Monday, July 10, 2017

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Off Hwy 62 near Chiloquin, Oregon

### No LNG Pipeline Informational Presentation

from Rogue Climate and Southern Oregon Rising Tide with

Klamath Tribal Council

Wednesday, July 19, 2017

Tribal Administration- 5:00-6:30pm

For more information/locations contact:

Tribal Secretary, Roberta Frost

541-783-2219 ext. 170

## No Fracked Gas Pipeline Informational Presentation

**Wednesday, July 19 from 5:00-6:30pm  
Klamath Tribes Administration Auditorium  
501 Chiloquin Blvd, Chiloquin, Oregon**

Join the Klamath Tribal Council for a presentation from...

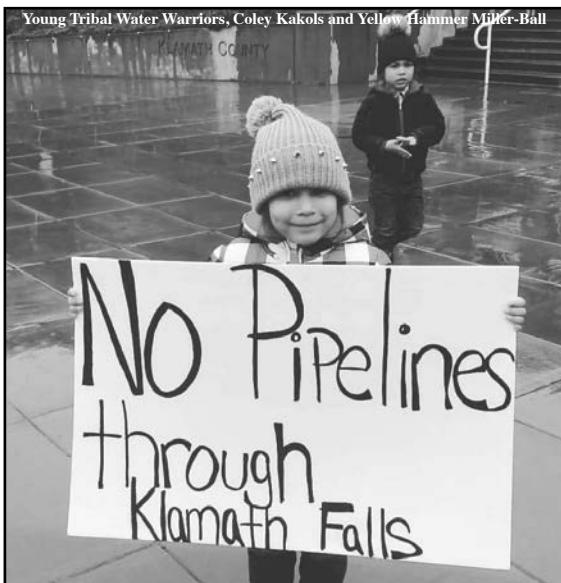
**Rogue Climate and Southern Oregon Rising Tide** about impacts  
of the proposed fracked gas pipeline. There will be a question and  
answer session to follow.

For more information contact: Klamath Tribal Chairman, Don Gentry at 541-783-2219

## Important Notice! 1954 Litigation Fund Update

The remaining balance of this fund which was \$396,281.13 as of August 10, 2016, plus accrued interest, remains at the BIA Northwest Regional Office. The Klamath Tribal Council has requested that the BIA Distribute the funds to the 1954 Enrollees and their heirs. The Bureau had planned to contract with Betty Scissons, a retired BIA employee who was familiar with the Klamath Accounts to perform the distribution, but before they were able to execute the contract the in-coming Trump Administration placed a hiring freeze on the federal agencies. The Regional Office stated that the lack of adequate staff could delay disbursement of the funds for up to two years. This item could be further complicated by the reassignment of Stanley Speaks, BIA NW Regional Director to the Southwest Region and a new Regional Director assigned to our area.

The Tribal Council was directed by the General Council to seek repeal of the Judgement Fund Act by Congress. Repeal language has been developed and introduced into committee by Senator Merkley's office. This issue is scheduled to be heard in Committee on July 12, 2017 and could be final as early as the Fall of 2017.





## The Klamath Tribes

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### KLAMATH TRIBES REFERENDUM RESULTS

**Referendum vote on 2 separate items: Ballot Measure 1 – Cannabis;  
Ballot Measure 2 – Ramah Navajo Settlement Funds**

**The result of the Klamath Tribes Referendum held on June 14, 2017, is as follows:**

**Ballot Measure 1 – Cannabis: Do you approve of the Klamath Tribes exploring potential business opportunities in the cannabis industry?**

582 Votes YES, I approve

**Ballot Measure 2 – Ramah Navajo Settlement Funds: How shall the Ramah Navajo Funds be allocated?**

777 Votes I approve Option 2 to allocate funds

#### Option 2:

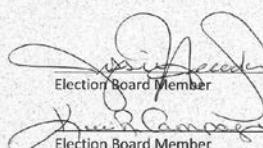
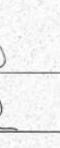
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- 20% - Long Term Investments for future Tribal Administration & Health Program Needs
- 20% - Disbursement to Tribal Members
- 15% - Future Land Acquisition

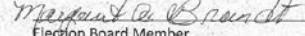
The above option has been chosen by a vote of the majority of the qualified voters voting in this referendum and shall be conclusive and binding.

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#### CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, of the Klamath Tribes Election Board, do hereby certify the above-recorded totals to be the final results of the 2017 Klamath Tribes Referendum Vote on 2 separate items: Ballot Measure 1 – Cannabis; Ballot Measure 2 – Ramah Navajo Settlement Funds, this 15th day of June, 2017.

  
Election Board Member  
  
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For information or questions regarding the Klamath Tribes Referendum Certification/Results Please contact: Election Clerk  
Kathy Rich at 541-783-2219 ext. 101  
kathy.rich@klamathtribes.com



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### CERTIFICATION OF THE KLAMATH TRIBES REFERENDUM

**Referendum vote on 2 separate items: Ballot Measure 1 – Cannabis;  
Ballot Measure 2 – Ramah Navajo Settlement Funds**

Total number of ballots mailed out: 4,055

Total duplicate ballots requested 23

Total number of ineligible ballots: 98

-No Roll Number and/or Signature 96

-Two Ballots returned in one envelope with one receipt 1

-Wrong Roll Number 1

Total Undeliverable Ballots – wrong address: 234

Total number of valid ballot envelopes: 1,028

Total number of valid ballots scanned: 1,021

Total number of invalid ballots: 7

Total number of valid votes: 1,013

-Ballot Measure 1 996

-Ballot Measure 2

#### Total number of votes cast for each option:

**Ballot Measure 1 – Cannabis: Do you approve of the Klamath Tribes exploring potential business opportunities in the cannabis industry?**

582 Votes YES, I approve

431 Votes NO, I reject

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**Ballot Measure 2 – Ramah Navajo Settlement Funds: How shall the Ramah Navajo Funds be allocated?**

777 Votes I approve Option 2 to allocate funds

219 Votes I approve Option 1 to allocate funds

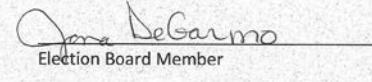
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**Celebration Held May 18, 2017 State Capitol, Salem Oregon**

Dear LCIS Members, Tribal leaders & Tribal and State agency key contacts:

Thanks to all who attended & participated in the LCIS/ 9 Oregon Tribes Spring Celebration at the State Capitol on May 18th. Special thanks to LCIS Members, Tribal Leaders, Tribal Representatives--and especially--the Grand Ronde Head start preschoolers who came with their teachers & danced with their canoe paddles and sang in their language. We were so honored to have so many young people from so many Oregon Tribes sitting together on the House steps during the program in the Capitol Rotunda. Thank you to all the Tribal Youth Council Ambassadors and other Tribal Youth who made the day so memorable.

Thanks to the Tribal Leaders, State officials, and Legislators who joined us: Speaker of the House, Tina Kotek, the Oregon Attorney General, LCIS Members and Tribal Chairs for sharing their thoughts on the day's theme: " Sharing Traditions: We Teach Our Children to Build Strong Tribal Nations." Thank you to LCIS Vice Chair & Cow Creek Chairman Dan Courtney for introducing several speakers including 3 LCIS Legislators: Senators Ted Ferrioli & Roblan as well as Rep Caddy McKeown -- each of whom shared their perspective on the importance to all Oregonians of respecting & learning from the traditions and lifeways of those who have lived on these lands and by these waters since time immemorial.

Over eighteen state agencies attended the Spring Celebration including the Director and key contact from Fish & Wildlife, the Deputy State Forester & 3 ODF staff, the tribal affairs directors for OHA, Dept of Education, DHS and OYA, representatives from the Youth Development Council and key contacts from Water Resources, Ag, Dept of Corrections, the Military Dept, HECC, the State Historic Preservation

Office and the Department of Geology & Mineral Industries. There were staff from the Governor's Office, the Attorney General's office, the Secretary of State's and Treasurer's offices as well as legislative and other Capitol Building staff.

Thank you to LCIS Member & Klamath Tribal Chair, Don Gentry (pictured left) for playing a song he composed: "Song for the Children."

Special thanks to the Oregon Governor, Kate Brown, signing a Proclamation declaring May 20-27 American Indian Week in Oregon. The Proclamation is downloadable from our website: [www.oregonlegislature.gov/cis](http://www.oregonlegislature.gov/cis).



Karen Quigley

LCIS, Executive Director- Salem Oregon

**Klamath Tribal Chief Judge Jeremy Brave-Heart brings Oregon Court Learning Process to Chiloquin High School**

Oregon Judicial Judges (DeVore, Ortega, and Garrett) preside over court hearings in Chiloquin, Oregon. Photos by: Taylor R. Tupper- Klamath Tribal News



Chiloquin, Ore. – May 2, 2017, the Oregon Court of Appeals was on site visiting Chiloquin Jr./Sr. High School. Leadership students had a rare opportunity to see how Oregon's judicial system runs when they came to the school. Students were able to hear oral arguments in three separate court cases. In addition, they heard from each judge and the attorney's handling each case about their careers, schooling, and choice of profession.

Both Klamath Tribes, Clerk of the Court- Michele Lyons, and Chief Judge- Jeremy Brave-Heart were on hand throughout the day for facilitation and assistance.

Jeremy Brave-Heart, Chief Klamath Tribal Judge, said, "Bringing the process into the 'real world' for the Chiloquin students helped them see, in person, how governments actually work. By being able to meet with and interact with the Judges, they were able to form new ideas and thoughts." He added, "It also allowed them eyewitness access to a legal process that very few people get to witness, and allowed their young and bright minds to see how seriously all governments and courts affect the core of who we are as human beings: Our liberty."

Klamath Tribes Chief Judge Jeremy Brave-Heart initiated this process by first coordinating directly with Judge Ortega, and then with Chiloquin High Principal Denise Brumels to bring the appellate court to Chiloquin. Following the hearings, the Judges and the Chiloquin Leadership class had an informal lunch where students could talk openly and ask more specific questions of the Judges and each case. *Chiloquin Youth Leadership Class pictured below.*



## **NOTICE TO KLAMATH TRIBAL MEMBERS OFFICE FURNITURE GIVE-AWAY Friday, August 4, 2017**

Klamath Tribal Administration will be making available to tribal members on Friday, August 4, 2017 between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm, the following office furniture that has been declared surplus.

### **Office Furniture**

(chairs, desks, file cabinets, office equipment)

\*Note: items are "as is" and may not be in operating condition. Repairs may need to be made to be functional.

### **LOCATION**

All surplus office furniture items will be set up at the Klamath Tribes Maintenance Building located at:

Tribal Administration

501 Chiloquin Blvd

Chiloquin, Oregon

### **TIME SCHEDULE/Bring I.D.**

**Tribal Elders/Veterans: 8am-9am**

**Tribal College Students: 9am-11am**

**Tribal High School Students: 11am-1pm**

**Tribal Members: 1pm-3pm**

**Tribal Employees: 3pm-4pm**

**The time schedule will be adhered to – if you fall into one of the above-mentioned categories, that is your scheduled time.**

A priority system for the release of the furniture and equipment has been developed. First priority will be for tribal elders/veterans; second priority is for tribal members currently enrolled in college; third priority is for tribal members currently attending high school; fourth priority is for general tribal membership; and fifth priority is for tribal members currently employed by the Tribes. College and high school students need to bring proof of school attendance and everyone will need to bring their tribal enrollment card.

Each individual will need to check in with the Receptionist. No one will be allowed to pick up any furniture and/or equipment for someone else or set aside for anyone else. You need to be present at the designated times, to select furniture. NO EXCEPTIONS.

**Questions call the Maintenance Program,  
at 783-2219 ext. 143 and ask for Todd.**

Hello Klamath Tribal Members,

The Klamath Tribes Administration 2016 Annual Report is now available to our Tribal Members thru the website.

1. Klamath Tribal Members can log onto the Tribes Website:  
**www.klamathtribes.org**

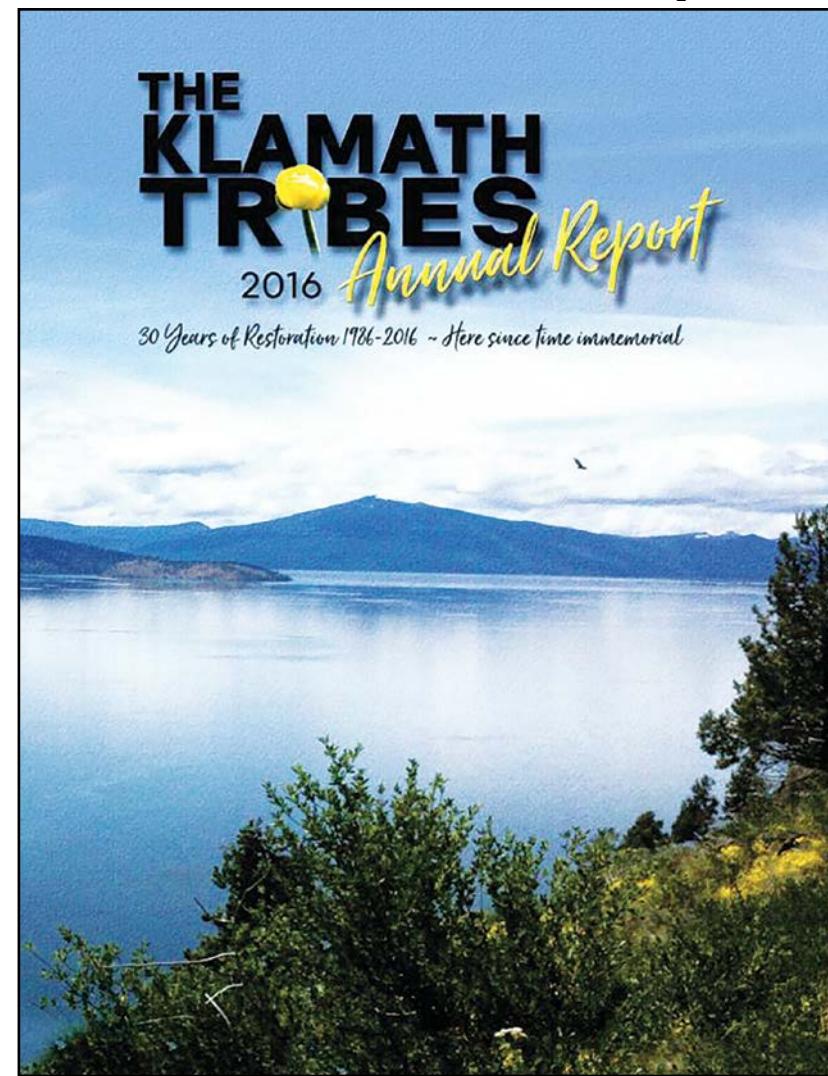
On the website Home Page go to:  
Departments- Members Section- Annual Reports

As you know, you will need to use your tribal password for access to this protected "tribal members only" section.

Or you can type in the link below to go directly to the Members Protected Section - Annual Reports.  
<http://klamathtribes.org/annual-reports/>

\*Note: If you are an Enrolled Member of the Klamath Tribes and do not have the password to the Members Only section of the website, please e-mail web administrator:  
[taylor.tupper@klamathtribes.com](mailto:taylor.tupper@klamathtribes.com)  
You will need to provide information and enrollment verification to receive the password.

### **Klamath Tribes Administration Annual Report**



# CULTURE CAMP

2017

6-12 YEAR OLDS

JULY 25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>

13-17 YEAR OLDS

AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>

Culture camp will be a day camp at Lake of the Woods  
Transportation and food will be provided.

## Registration Forms

Available at the Klamath Tribes Administration Office in Chiloquin, Oregon

Klamath Tribal Health and Family Services in Klamath Falls, Oregon

## Deadline

Youth Registration-June 30 or Until Full, 2017

**Medical release forms must be completed by a doctor's office**

For week 1 campers, medical forms must be done during the timeframe of **July**

**10-24th** For week 2 campers, medical forms must be done during the timeframe of

**July 17-31st**

**For more information: (541)783-2764 x101**



## ATTENTION ALL KLAMATH TRIBAL YOUTH!

**More Youth Leadership meetings are being planned in the near future, (and possibly a Youth Summit in August in Klamath Falls, Oregon)- TBA!**

We'd love to see all youth at our meetings!

For more information contact: George Lopez, Klamath Tribes General Manager at 541-783-2219, Will Hess, Klamath Tribes Prevention Specialist at 541-884-1841, and Alethea Barlowe, Native Youth Program Supervisor at 541-783-2040.



**Meet Ron Busby- Klamath Language Teacher**

When my mother (Barbara Barfield from Chiloquin, Oregon) got her termination payment, she and my dad left the Klamath area. I grew up north of Corvallis, Oregon. I went to Crescent Valley High School and graduated in 1975. I started at OSU in 1980 and transferred to U of O in 1982. I again transferred to the University of Hawaii-Manoa where I graduated with two bachelor degrees. I spent 4 years in graduate study there and was accepted into the PhD. program at the University of Pennsylvania, but had to leave the school 4 weeks before I completed my Master's degree. While at the University of Hawaii, I started a program in the languages of India. I completed the program in South Asian languages and literature. I've lived in India, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand where I taught and learned.

When I came back to the United States, I lived with my mother who was experiencing health issues. After my mother died, I began to work for the Tribe in 2007 part-time as the maqlaqg guy. After a couple years, there were a couple of young ladies who were in danger of not graduating because of their math class. Since they needed that credit to graduate from high school, I started tutoring them. After they graduated from high school, the director of Education, asked me to tutor full-time. So I tutored math at the high school and other schools in Klamath County for about 5 years.

I am now the Klamath Tribes Culture and Heritage Department Language Instructor. The Klamath Language is a very learnable language and with some effort by motivated people, we will soon have numerous Klamath speakers.

*So I will issue a challenge: If you've always wanted to speak Klamath, now is the very best time to do so.*

gepgank ?is hasaswaagi 'Please come and talk with me'

## Elders Wood Program

**Who:** All enrolled Klamath Tribal Elders 60 and older  
**What:** Community Service Department has 10 spots available for the 2017 Elders Wood Program (based on a first come first serve basis).  
**Where:** applications are at The Klamath Tribes Administration Building Located at 501 S. Chiloquin Blvd. Chiloquin, OR 97624  
**When:** Open until community Services has all 10 spots filled.

Contact: Please contact Casey Hicks, Community Services Support Specialist 541-783-2219 ext.134 or email at:  
[casey.hicks@klamathtribes.com](mailto:casey.hicks@klamathtribes.com).

## Energy Assistance

**What:** Community Service Department just received a small amount of year end funding for the 2017 energy assistance.  
**Who:** All enrolled tribal members from any federally recognized tribe. Must be living in the Klamath County service area and meet income/other criteria.  
**Where:** Applications and appointments are at The Klamath Tribes Administration Building Located at 501 S. Chiloquin Blvd. Chiloquin, OR 97624.  
**When:** Funding will be available July 1, 2017 -September 30, 2017, or if funds are spent out sooner than September 30th.  
Contact: Starting July 1, 2017, call Rachel Miller for an appointment at 541-783-2219 ext. 174.  
All other information please call Casey Hicks, Community Services Support Specialist 541-783-2219 ext.134 or email at:  
[casey.hicks@klamathtribes.com](mailto:casey.hicks@klamathtribes.com).

## Weatherization Program

The Klamath Tribes Community Service Department has a Low Income Weatherization Program that provides weatherization services for up to five homes per year, depending on funding.

For More information, contact Casey Hicks, Support Specialist at Klamath Tribes Administration office at 520 S. Chiloquin Blvd.; telephone (541) 783-2219, ext. 134; or email:  
[casey.hicks@klamathtribes.com](mailto:casey.hicks@klamathtribes.com).

The Oregon Human Development Corporation provides weatherization services to Tribal members who meet the guidelines and reside in Klamath County.

For more information contract Mike House, Program Coordinator at Oregon Human Development Corporation at  
531 S. 6th Street Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601  
Telephone number 541-883-7186 Fax number is 541-216-6138  
Email: [mike.house @ohdc.org](mailto:mike.house@ohdc.org)



## NOTICE

### Lost or Stolen Nez Perce and Annual Gaming Distribution Checks

If you have not received your Nez Perce Jewell Settlement check or the 2017 Annual Distribution Gaming check please call our office, as your check may have returned to us. These checks were sent to the address we have on file for you on March 17, 2017 (NPJ) and on Monday, June 19, 2017. If you have moved recently and have not updated your address with us, your check may have been returned by the USPS as "Insufficient Address" or "Unable to Forward."

If you believe your check is lost or stolen you can file a [Lost or Stolen Check Affidavit](#) form after July 4, 2017. The Affidavit form and directions can be downloaded from The Klamath Tribes website ([www.klamathtribes.org](http://www.klamathtribes.org)). The affidavit will need to be notarized, if it is not notarized, the form will be sent back to you. The affidavit will put a stop payment on the issued check, an inquiry will be made from the bank, and if your check has not cleared the account you will be issued a replacement check.

**December 31, 2017:** ALL checks will be **VOID after 180 days** and non-negotiable per KTRAP 50.14(l). **Please keep check stub for Federal Income Tax reporting. 1099 tax forms are sent when the income is over \$600.00.**

### NAME CHANGES, GUARDIANSHIP, DEATH BENEFITS

*It is the responsibility of each member to keep The Klamath Tribes Member Benefits Department informed regarding your and your minor children's address, name changes, and custodial appointments. If you have had any of the following, submit listed documentation to change name on file or claim death benefits.*

**Name Change:** Submit marriage license, divorce papers, court papers, adoption records to change name on record. Be sure to update Social Security Card and submit to Member Benefits Department.

**Change in Guardianship:** Submit guardianship papers or custody awards.

**Death Benefits:** Submit death certificate, copy of will or petition of personal representation to claim benefits for any member who may have passed away since the last per capita. Call and request a Death Benefits Claim form.

Please call 541-783-2219 and request Change of Address Forms, Member Benefits Applications, and Deceased Benefits Forms to be mailed to you or you may come in and pick up forms at The Klamath Tribes, Administration Building, 501 Chiloquin Blvd. Chiloquin, Oregon. All forms and applications are on our website [www.klamathtribes.org](http://www.klamathtribes.org)

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Member Benefits Department Notice 6-29-17



### DRIVERS NEEDED

The Klamath Tribes Community Services Department is in need of **Medical Drivers and Bus Drivers.**

This position is Temporary Part Time starting at \$10.51 per hour/No benefits/NTE 950 hours per year. Please go to the website Jobs section at:

**[klamathtribes.org](http://klamathtribes.org) to see the Job Description and Application.**

You may also come to the Klamath Tribes Administration Offices and get the Job Description and Application. For more information please call Michelle Carson at 541-783-2219 Ext. 175.

## Stay Connected! Email, Facebook, Web!

Did you know... in-between the quarterly tribal newsletter, you can stay connected by getting electronic tribal updates.

With this fast paced world of electronic Email, Facebook, and the World Wide Web, it is easier than ever to know the latest information about the Klamath Tribes:

### 4 Ways to help you stay connected?

#### 1. Klamath Tribal Member Emails

Send your email, name and roll# to:

taylor.tupper@klamathtribes.com

\*Information emails almost daily!

#### 2. Friends! If you're not an enrolled member, but would still like to be connected to the important work we do.... email your name and info to:

taylor.tupper@klamathtribes.com

#### 3. Facebook:

Become our Friend at: [www.klamathtribes.org](http://www.klamathtribes.org)

"click" the Facebook link on the web or find us at:

"The Official Klamath Tribes Page"

#### 4. "What's Happening" Link on Website

Visit the Website: [www.klamathtribes.org](http://www.klamathtribes.org)

Click : "What's Happening"

(Dwaa Nee Pqa) on the website homepage.

## The Klamath Tribes Gathering Place - Community Center



"When we have our own place  
that feels like Home,  
We can find our Voice and Sing"

- Thunder Horse 2017

gepgank ?is swini dola ?ans  
'Please come and sing with me'



#### Who We Are...

The Klamath Tribes (Gathering Place) Community Center, is a separate facility located on tribal lands near Chiloquin, Oregon, and is home to several programs that provide many uses and activities to Tribal Members and others living in the Chiloquin Tribal Community.

The new community center — a 7,444-square-foot, \$2.1 million project, funded by two grants (ICDBG and NAHSDA) — is completely debt free and was opened and dedicated in late 2016. Two departments have relocated to the center; Culture & Heritage and the Elders Program. The center is used for program services and community needs, such as:

- Powwows
- Weddings
- Graduations
- Elders Meal Site
- Cultural Activities
- Tribal Funeral Services
- Elder Culture and Craft Classes
- Klamath Tribal Youth Council Meetings
- Chiloquin Area Community Meetings



## Klamath Tribes New Child Development/Day Care Center

"Nalm tataksni nalm mbosant giwapk."

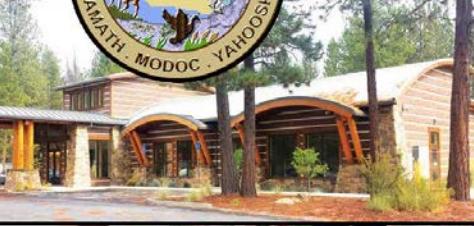
(Our Children are Our Future)



After years of dedication and planning, the Klamath Tribes officially opened our first-ever Child Development/Day Care Center in November, 2016. We are proud to announce the 2.4 million dollar center is completely debt free, and was funded by two grants- (ICDBG and NAHSDA).

Currently, our 6,380 square foot, state-of-the-art facility provides direct high-quality, center-based care for children, ages 12 weeks to 12 years old. Aspects of the tribal culture decorate the interior and exterior of the building, including a blue river walkway, that highlights the important significance of *umbo* (water) to the Klamath tribal people.

The new six classroom facility has created 8 new jobs and is committed to our children's early learning and educational development. We recognize there is nothing more important than our *tataksni* (children). We understand we live in a close-knit, family-oriented community, and we believe our new facility will enhance the lives of not only our children, but also support the parents that use our center, we are dedicated to holistic healthy families.



#### |The Klamath Tribes Veteran Committee Meeting

August 3, 2017 @ Tribal Administration Building Chiloquin

1730 in the Flint Room

All Tribal Veterans Welcome! Meeting August 3rd:  
For more information contact: Sub – Chief Charles Jackson Sr.

Cell: 541 331-5573 or Moduck29@gmail.com



(Left to Right) Fuzzy, Dennis US Army Medic, Brandon, Webster, Douglas Jr. US Army Infantryman, Kurtis, and Dustin Jackson

# Our Youth - Our Future



# 31st Annual Klamath Tribes Restoration Celebration

**August 25, 26, 27, 2017  
Chiloquin, Oregon**

## Celebration Contacts & Current Information:

### **Fun Run/Walk: Friday, August 25th at 10am-2pm**

At Chiloquin Elementary School- Registration begins at 8:30am  
Warrior Run 5k and Fun Walk 1.5k  
Healthy Meal will follow the Run/Walk  
For more information contact: Jackie Guiley 541-882-1487 ext. 304 or Erin Tecumseh 541-882-1487 ext. 222

### **Parade: Saturday, August 26th- 10am Downtown Chiloquin**

Line-up 9am at Chiloquin High School  
Information contact: Mary Gentry 541-783-2219 ext. 195

### **WSIRA Finals Rodeo: August 26 & 27th**

Chiloquin Rodeo Grounds. Rodeo starts at 1:30 Sat and 11am on Sunday. We will also be holding Open Youth events Saturday Morning at 9am

Rodeo Call-Ins will be on August 16th from 6-9pm 541-891-0194  
For list of events etc...contact: Tammy Anderson 541-891-0194

### **Co-Ed Softball: Saturday & Sunday, Spinks Park, Chiloquin**

Homerun Derby & Horseshoe Tournament  
Prizes 1st-3rd, MVP's & All-Stars, Special Awards  
For more information: Kaneeta Kirk 541-238-4492

### **Powwow: Competition Powwow**

Chiloquin High School Football Field- Chiloquin, OR  
Friday evening 7pm - Saturday (1 & 7) - Sunday (Noon)  
Camping at High School with showers available mornings only  
For more information contact: Lahoma Schonchin 541-539-7359  
Lena Schonchin 541-891-2936

**All Events Open to the Public!**

**All Events Drug, Alcohol & Smoke Free!**

**Quail Trail Bus will be available certain days**