



## Join Siletz Tribal members for 20<sup>th</sup> Run to the Rogue

The community is invited to join Siletz Tribal members and friends on Sept. 11-13 (Friday-Sunday) for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Run to the Rogue.

This event is a 234-mile relay run/walk in memory of the Siletz Tribal ancestors who were forcibly removed from their homeland in Rogue River country in the mid-1800s and marched north to Siletz and the confinements of the Coast Reservation. This annual relay run is the closest today's Tribal members can come to their ancestors' experience on the journey from their homeland.

You can register at 8 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 11, or at any time on the run. The run begins in Siletz on Sept. 11 at 8:20 a.m. at the Tribal Community Center and ends Sunday, Sept. 13, at Oak Flat on the Rogue River. Lunch then will be served at Cougar Lane Lodge, 4219 Agness Road; turn right when leaving Oak Flat onto Agness Road.

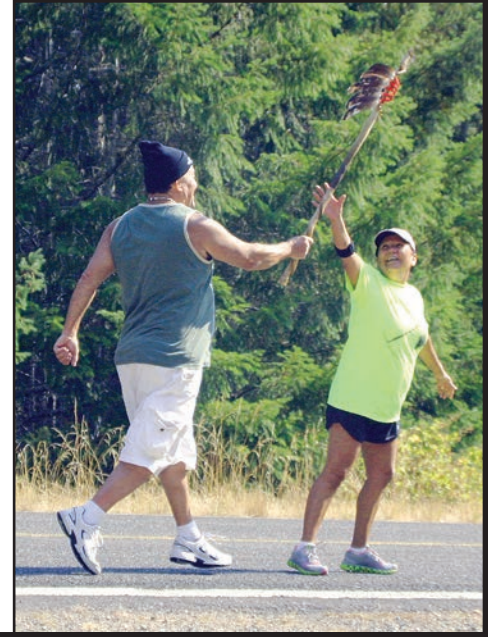
Please be aware of the following:

- Volunteers are welcome to run, walk or help out with camp setup, cleanup, cooking and other areas. You do not need a relay team to participate. Individuals are welcome.
- Youth can participate but need a designated adult committed to traveling and camping with the youth.
- Camping sites, meals and runners' support and refreshments are provided along the route.
- An orientation session will be held Sept. 11 at 8 a.m. at the Tribal Community Center in Siletz, when Run to the Rogue T-shirts will be distributed to participants.

For more information, contact Buddy Lane, cultural education director, at 800-922-1399, ext. 1230, or 541-444-8230; or buddy1@ctsi.nsn.us.

File photos

Josh Leckie (left) and Greg Bellinger and Nora Williams-Wood (right) participate in Run to the Rogue in 2014.



## Nike's N7 Programs announce funding opportunities for Native youth

WASHINGTON – As a part of President Obama's Generation Indigenous (Gen-I) initiative, Nike Inc. and the N7 Fund have partnered with the Center for Native American Youth (CNAV) to extend grant opportunities for Native youth leaders that promote health and wellness through sport and physical activity in their community.

Gen-I is an initiative to help improve the lives of Native youth and cultivate the next generation of Native leaders. Gen-I includes new investments and policies

to expand educational, employment, and health and social services for Native youth.

CNAV, along with the Department of the Interior, have partnered to launch a National Native Youth Network. Through this network, CNAV has engaged more than 2,000 Native youth from across the country in 2015.

Sam McCracken, CNAV board member and general manager of Nike's N7 Programs, announced this new funding opportunity at the first White House Tribal Youth Gathering on July 9.

During the gathering, which brought more than 1,000 Native youth from across the country to Washington, McCracken remarked, "N7 has allocated resources for Native youth as a part of N7's commitment to Gen-I. We created this opportunity in partnership with the Center for Native American Youth to bring sport and all of its benefits to Gen-I and to create further opportunities for future generations."

The National Native Youth Network, a part of Gen-I, is aimed at providing a sustainable platform to engage educational,

leadership and funding opportunities to American Indian youth across the U.S. This partnership between CNAV and Nike to provide youth an opportunity to secure funding for wellness and activity programs is an example of how the network is expanding opportunities for and bringing more resources to the 2.1 million American Indian youth.

Native youth now can apply for up to \$10,000 in funding for their programs and

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Nesika Illahee Pow-Wow  
Aug. 7-9, 2015  
Pauline Ricks Memorial  
Pow-Wow Grounds  
Siletz, Oregon

Photo by Diane Rodriguez

Dancers of all dance styles, including a group of grass dancers, fill the arena during a Grand Entry.

See more photos from the pow-wow on pages 9-12.

