

Tamástslikt Cultural Institute

Living Culture Village

Naamí Nisháycht, Our Living Culture Village Opens at Tamástslikt

Pendleton, Oregon, May 23-Sept. 5, 2015 Saturdays 10am-3pm

With the price of admission, Tamástslikt visitors can experience the Naami Nishaycht outdoor living culture village at Tamástslikt Cultural Institute. The village is open every Saturday, 10am-3pm, from May 23-September 5. View replicas of traditional and prehistoric structures of Plateau Indian people and every weekend you can participate in such activities as atlatl throwing, setting up a teepee, or learning about local foods. Visitors will enjoy a full roster of seasonal cultural activities that village interpreters will demonstrate for the edification, enlightenment, and participation of visitors. The season concludes with the Kidz Pow Wow open to all children, Tribal and non-Tribal, up to 12 years of age.

2015 CALENDAR

May 23 NATIVE STRUCTURES

Visitors will help set up a teepee. Children can set up a child size teepee. Learn about the different, traditional building materials used. Make a tule mat coaster to take home.

May 30: SPRING FOODS

See what foods were gathered in the spring season. A "first foods feast" is traditionally held to give thanks for their return. Take home materials showing the seasonal round of the foods and a nutrition value wheel of traditional foods.

June 6: SURVIVAL SKILLS--- FIRE MAKING

Learn several different ways to start a fire from a local educator and fire starter. Experiment with burning glass, flint and steel?

June 13: SURVIVAL SKILLS---TULE MATS

The tule reed or bull rush is a traditional building material that was lightweight and water repellent. Visitors will make a small tule mat, or tule boat to take home.

June 20: HORSE CULTURE

Tom Hebert and his horse "Count Eusebio" visit the village to share Tom's research on horse history. The horse was an important part of the Indian culture and economy.

June 27: MANUFACTURE OF GOODS

Visitors will learn what plant was used to make string, which could be used to make bags, baskets, rope, and nets and what animals could be used to make clothing and moccasins?

July 4: TRADITIONAL SURVIVAL SKILLS

The atlatl – a tool for survival - will be demonstrated by a local educator. Visitors will have the chance to throw the spear themselves.

July 11: STONE TOOLS

Learn how different types of rock were used to make tools for survival --- arrow points, hammers, wedges, net weights, and mauls.

July 18: FIRST CONTACT

Communication is very important. Village guests will hear how Indian people communicated with the non-Indians when they met. A local educator will provide his knowledge of sign language, Chinook Jargon, and some Indian language that Lewis and Clark documented in their journals.

July 25: SUMMER AND FALL FOODS

Visit stations to learn what foods were gathered at the end of summer and during the fall.

Aug. 1: GAME DAY/FAMILY DAY

Learn how children entertained themselves before television and video games. Play hoop and arrow, stick game, dice, cup and ball. Earn a "Let's Move" certificate for being physically active.

Aug. 8: HORSE CULTURE

A local horse enthusiast will display horse history and bring his horse. Beaded horse regalia will be on display. Learn how the Cayuse people selectively bred horses to create the Cayuse Horse.

Aug 15: TRADITIONAL SURVIVAL SKILLS

The tule reed is a multi-purpose tool. Hunters used to make duck decoys for hunting out of this amazing reed. Make a duck decoy with a local educator and learn more about what the tule reed can do.

Aug 22: MANUFACTURE OF GOODS

Processing a deer hide for clothing and footwear is no easy task. It takes muscle and a strong stomach. View a display of the utensils used for scraping, stretching, and hear stories learned from Tribal elders.

Aug. 29 REGALIA

Learn how traditional and contemporary regalia is made and from what. Learn the different styles of dancing and what regalia are worn for each style. This is a warm up for the last event of the summer, the Kidz Pow wow.

Sept. 5: KIDZ POW WOW

Final event of the summer. Open to all native and non-native youth up to age 12. Kids can participate in various dance styles and listen to the music for each. No regalia is necessary. Fun prizes and games will delight the kids.

For more information, go to www.tamastlikt.org.

ABOUT TAMÁSTLIKT CULTURAL INSTITUTE

Pendleton, Oregon

Tamástlikt Cultural Institute is a Blue Star museum, one of the many museums across the nation that offers free admission to families of active duty servicemen and women year-round.

In addition to the museum and interpretive center, Tamástlikt operates a museum store, café, and offers meeting room rentals. Tamástlikt is open Monday-Saturday, 10am-5pm; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Kinship Café is open from 11am to 2pm on the same days the museum is open. Tamástlikt is located at 47106 Wildhorse Boulevard at the far end of the main driveway of the Wildhorse

Resort & Casino, 10 minutes east of Pendleton, Oregon. Tamástslíkt can be reached via Exit 216 off Interstate I-84 or by following the "Mission-LaGrande" sign south off Highway 11 onto Highway 331.

For more information, contact Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute at 541.429.7700 or visit www.tamastslíkt.org. Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, www.umatilla.nsn.us.

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