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FREE PUBLIC PROGRAMS AT TAMÁSTSLIKT

During July, Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute offers a variety of free public programs.

COYOTE THEATER REOPENING

On July 2nd, the 10-minute introductory Coyote Theater will be open to First Friday (free admission) visitors to the Tamástslíkt museum. A new improved version of the Coyote Theater is ready to be experienced after two years spent updating its multimedia components. The visual effects have been thoroughly reworked. For example, the tipi-shaped theater no longer fully darkens to pitch black. The story and the voices remain the same as the original rendering. Spilyáy, the magical coyote dominates the story, once again expressing wisdom and foolishness in a comic exposition of how the world came to be as it is today. On days other than First Friday, the Coyote Theater is accessible with the cost of admission.

FIRST FRIDAY JULY 2nd

On the first Friday of July, free admission day at Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute, visitors can experience live *Birds of Prey* onsite from 1-5pm with Blue Mountain Wildlife. Lynn Tompkins will display several beautiful raptors, some typical natives of the local region, and some acquired from elsewhere in BMW's rehabilitation mission. The raptors range in size from Ula the golden eagle to Angus the kestrel, one of the tiniest raptors of the Columbia plateau. Blue Mountain Wildlife continues its education mission as well, informing the public about what to do should they encounter injured wildlife.

GET READY FOR ROUND-UP

On Tuesday, July 27 from 4:00-7:00 pm, Tamástslíkt will hold the fourth of five "Fourth Tuesdays" of *Measure, Mend & Repair* sessions to help community members get ready for Round-Up. *Measure, Mend & Repair* sessions are not formal classes or workshops, but individual consultations with community experts in specialized areas of regalia and horse gear.

- From 4-5pm, view objects and photographs from the Tamástslíkt archive collection for reference in repairing or creating horse tack.
- From 5-7, experts will be onsite to help and advise on whatever the need is for technical assistance.
- On fourth Tuesdays of *Measure, Mend, and Repair*, the Tamástslíkt Museum Store will be open til 7pm with supplies.
- The Kinship Café will serve Indian tacos until 7pm.

July 27 is dedicated to horse tack. Community members can bring in saddles, either Indian or western, bridles, chaps, saddle bags, and scabbards that may be in need of repair. They can then be matched with an expert on the best approach to repairing the object, or get advice how to go about creating a whole new object. While the community expert will not take on the actual repair of the object, they will give hands-on advice. Some experts have been Katy Blackwolf, Lonnie Alexander, Maynard White Owl Lavadour, Thomas Morning Owl, Woodrow Star and John Bevis.

Each “fourth Tuesday” of *Measure, Mend and Repair* is dedicated to a different area of specialty. The final session August 24th will be horse trappings: bonnet tubes, masks, rosettes, back drops, martingales and collars, bags and cruppers. However if visitors missed the session that was needed, they should raise their topic anyway, and somebody should be able to help.

For more information, call Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute at (541)966-9748 or visit www.tamastslíkt.org.

Tamástslíkt is located at the end of the main drive at Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 10 minutes east of Pendleton, Oregon. From Interstate I-84 take exit 216 or from Highway 11, follow the “Mission-LaGrande” sign south onto Highway 331. In addition to the museum and interpretive center, Tamástslíkt features a living culture village, large museum store, café, catering, and meeting rooms. The Institute is owned and operated by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation.