



TAMÁSTSLIKT
CULTURAL INSTITUTE



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Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute Participates in Blue Star Program

Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute is one of more than 700 museums to offer free admission to military personnel and their families this summer

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(Mission, Oregon) Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute announced the launch of Blue Star Museums, a partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts, Blue Star Families, and more than 700 museums across America to offer free admission to all active duty military personnel and their families through Labor Day 2010.

“Our people have a long and honorable history of defending our homeland,” said Tamástslíkt Director Roberta Conner. “Our ancestors were effective in battle. Many of our oral histories describe the feats of those involved in armed conflicts, both historic and modern. Tribal members and members of our community continue the tradition of service and we are very proud of them.”

“It is an honor for Tamástslíkt to have the opportunity to say ‘thank you’ to the men and women in the armed services. We hope that a visit to Tamástslíkt will help make the hardships military families endure a little more bearable and that the military personnel know that we are grateful for their contributions,” Conner added.

The free admission program is available to any bearer of a Geneva Convention Common Access Card (CAC), a DD Form 1173, or a DD Form 1173-1, which includes active duty military and five immediate family members, Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserve. Some special or limited-time museum exhibits may not be included in this free admission program. For questions on particular exhibits or museums, please contact the museum directly.

More than 700 museums in all 50 states and the District of Columbia are taking part in the initiative. In addition to thirty children’s museums across the country, participating museums represent a broad range of art, history, science, and cultural topics. In Oregon, twelve museums are participating in the program, including Tamástslíkt and Heritage Station in Umatilla County. Families can visit www.tamastslíkt.org and www.heritigestationmuseum.org for museum hours. The complete list of participating Blue Star Museums is available at www.arts.gov. The site includes a list of participating museums and a map to help with visit planning.

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. Contact Tamástslíkt Cultural Institute at (541)966-9748 or visit www.tamastslíkt.org.