

OCTOBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

CASA for Children of Klamath County



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A NOTE FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Happy Fall!

Boy, fall came fast, but I have to say I do love sweater weather. We are busy prepping for all of our fall and winter events. Kami has done a great job of compiling all important upcoming dates on the final page of this newsletter.

Speaking of exciting events, we will have eclipse glasses for you and your kiddos available for pick-up at the CASA Office. It could be a fun outing for the crew, just be prepared as they are expecting a large influx of people.

CASA will be hosting the virtual Shoulder to Shoulder Conference on Monday, October 16th from 9am-4pm. Fulfill your continuing education requirements and spend some time with your CASA peers, staff and board members! Please RSVP by calling the office or emailing Nancy (nancyz@klamathfallscasa.org) or Dana (danat@klamathfallscasa.org).

“CASA does Barbie” is our theme for this year’s Trunk-or-Treat at the Fairgrounds (John Hancock Event Center) on October 31st from 4-7pm. If you want to dress up or just want to help hand out candy, please let us know. We would love to have you join in the fun!

Thanks to Sky Lakes, Vector Energy, and private donors we have a robust CASA Kid Fund, so please let us know if any of your kids need items for school, extracurriculars, or personal use (e.g. clothes, sweaters, boots, hats, even a Halloween Costume!).

If you know anyone who is interested in becoming an advocate, please send them our way as fall training starts on November 7th!

We sure appreciate all you do for the kids in our program and your commitment to changing a child’s story.

Warmly,

CASA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY 2023

Recognizing Sovereignty of Tribal Nations



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

Where We Belong by Madeline Sayet

Oregon Shakespeare Festival

NATIVE ONLY PERFORMANCE

Show at 1:30pm followed by hosted refreshments

Reserve your FREE tickets online using code: **NativeNight** or contact the box office at: 800-219-8161

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9

Salmon Bake

11:00am - 1:00 pm SOU Courtyard

\$8/Plate CASH ONLY (Elders Free)

Salmon, salad, wild rice, dessert and drinks

Welcome: **Lupe Sims**

Opening Prayer: **David West**

Food Blessing: **Ed Little Crow**

Host Drum: **Screaming Eagle**

Formal Dedication of Oregon Nine Federally Recognized Tribal Flags

SOU Stevenson Union Atrium

Led By: **David West and Ed Little Crow**

Special Guests:

SOU President Rick Bailey

Oregon State Representative Tawna Sanchez

Terry Cross - NICWA

Shane Lopez-Johnston - NARA Northwest

Klamath Tribes Cultural Presentation and Community Round Dance

SOU Stevenson Union Courtyard

Klamath Tribes Youth Council

Children's Activities (FREE CULTURAL ACTIVITIES)

10:00am-3:00pm

SOU SU ASSOU Center

Ashland School District NASU's

FREE PARKING AVAILABLE: LOT 36

Coordinator: **Lupe Sims**

Information: (541) 264-9408 or SimsL@sou.edu



Chudda's Columbia River Salmon
Fresh-smoked-canned-files
Chance and Shawn Fiander
(509)426-9188 (509)426-9859
Support Traditional Fisherman





'Ring of Fire' Solar Eclipse

Tribal Term (*Loq slo'ki s?abas* - Grizzly Bear Eats the Moon)

Once-in-a-generation event projected to bring 60,000 people to Klamath County

Shortages expected!

KTHFS urges patients and members to *prepare early!*

What: The October 14, 2023, annular eclipse is projected to bring 60,000 visitors (known as Umbraphile's - eclipse chasers) to Klamath County starting as early as mid-September, with festival campers beginning early October, 2023.

Tribal History: *Lok slo'ki* - 'Grizzly Bear Eats' is a time when Grizzly eats the sun or moon. At this time the people gather to make noise, asking Frog Woman (Moon's wife, who can be seen in the moon) to use her powers on the bear to drive him away. It is a time of change and power. Some stay inside, others watch, most pray at this time.

Why: Klamath County is ranked the #1 location in the nation for viewing the annular eclipse. Best location is in Fort Klamath, just 20 miles from Crater Lake National Park, and a few miles from Chiloquin, Oregon. Fort Klamath is also the location of Eclipse Fest 2023. The peak of the eclipse will be Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 9:15 a.m. - the eclipse will last for approximately 4 minutes 24 seconds.

What is EclipseFest23: (eclipsefest23.com) It is an 'Annular Eclipse Festival' being held in Klamath County (Ft. Klamath, Oregon), on October 10-15, 2023. It is a multi-day immersive festival that includes camping, food & drink, vendors and artisans, as well as a large concert. In addition, the Klamath Falls (Running Y Resort) is also hosting a Two-Day "Eclipse Into Nature" event on October 13 & 14th, featuring activities, live music, and presentations.

Prepare Early: **With so many visitors traveling to our area, we encourage our members and patients to prepare. Shortages are expected.** Things to consider are: Eye Protection, Prescriptions, Fuel, Groceries, Water, Etc...

- *Get eye protection early. Stock up on items, such as food, medication and toilet paper, ahead of October 14.
- *Fill your gas and propane tanks early, prior to the week of October 14th.
- *Get your prescriptions and other appointments prepared ahead.
- *Be prepared to pay with cash the weekend of the eclipse, the extra use of cell towers and other technology may slow credit and debit purchases. The worst case scenario is payment systems may fail with extra use.
- *Enjoy the experience, but be prepared for extra traffic.

Eye Protection: Remember, it is never safe to look directly at the Sun without specialized eye protection designed for solar viewing. Get your eye protection early. KTHFS will provide free glasses at our offices.

Prescriptions: The KTHFS Pharmacy urges our patients to get your medications early, if possible. With the added traffic we want to try to alleviate added travel in October. Please call your provider and contact:

Klamath Tribal Health **Pharmacy at 541-882-1487 Option 1. Call Medical at 541-882-1487 Option 3.**

INFO CONTACT: Klamath Tribal Health & Family Services
Incident Command/Emergency Preparedness
Numbers: (541) 882-1487 or 1-800-552-6290

Jon Sergi, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, ext. 254 Tim Langford, Incident Commander, ext. 354
Nikowa Mendez, Deputy Incident Commander ext. 221 Jerry Mellentine, Safety Officer, ext. 213
Taylor Tupper, Public Information Officer, ext. 222

24th Annual 2023 Shoulder to Shoulder Conference



ALL DAY VIRTUAL
CONFERENCE

Monday
October 16

PRE-CONFERENCE
EVENT

Sunday
October 15

WITH

Yshai Boussi, LPC

Staying Connected with
Traumatized Adolescents



4:00pm -
6:30pm

Elliott Orrin Hinkle, BS, PSS



Supporting and
Affirming LGBTQ+
Youth and Young
Adults

9am-
10:15 am

Melissa Corkum and Lisa Qualls



Reclaim Compassion: What To Do
When You Run Out of Compassion
(Understanding Blocked Care and
How to Overcome It)

10:30 am -
11:45 am

Melissa Sampson-Grier



Who Am I?

The importance of identity and the
impacts it has on children, families
& communities.

1pm -
2:15 pm

April Dinwoodie



Born in June, Raised in April: Reclaiming
the calendar to better understand
ourselves and our collective humanity

2:30 pm -
3:45 pm

free gift wrapping!

Sip & Shop

enjoy live holiday music

by Dana Wirth

Kick off your holiday shopping with music, wine, and hors d'oeuvres!

Poppy on Main

November 2nd + 4:00pm till it fizzes

A portion of the proceeds will be donated to CASA for Children of Klamath County



CASA for Children of Klamath County
731 Main Street, Suite #202
Klamath Falls, OR 97601
541.885.6017



Poppy
522 Main Street
Klamath Falls, OR 97601
541.884.4361

2023

Fall Training

What is a CASA?

A CASA is another set of eyes and ears for the court. CASA volunteers investigate, interview and report on all aspects of a child's dependency case and life. From helping siblings find permanent homes together, to helping a child access needed services, to uncovering information that helps reunite a loving family, volunteer advocates make an incredible difference to the lives of abused and neglected children. Our goal is to ensure a child has a safe permanent home as quickly as possible. CASA's primary responsibility is to advocate for the best interests of the child.

What does a CASA do?

- Gather Information
- Court Reports
- Attend Court
- Be the "Safety Net"
- Recommend Services
- Monitor Case Plans & Court Orders
- Visit with the Child
- Attend Meetings to Advocate for the Child



2023 Schedule

All training will take place online from 5:30PM - 8:00PM PST.

- November 7 • November 28
- November 9 • November 30
- November 14 • December 5
- November 16 • December 7

CASA for Children of Klamath County uses the approved 30-hour National CASA training. We also offer a Peer-Mentor program, where a knowledgeable CASA can help guide a new CASA through their first case.

Change a
Child's Life.
Become a
CASA.



CASA
Court Appointed Special Advocates
FOR CHILDREN

CASA FOR CHILDREN OF KLAMATH COUNTY

Elf-Esteem Workshop

FREE!

Grief and Coping Skills
Workshop for Ages 6-17

Dec. 19, 2023
5:30 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.

Klamath Hospice & Palliative Care
2751 Washburn Way
Klamath Falls, Oregon

Bring a photo of your loved one or pet for a memorial craft.

Space is limited.

Interested in joining?

Contact Emily at 541-882-2902

Presented by:



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Articles

- **[Bullying At School: What Parents Can Do to Help Victims and Stop Bullies*](#)**
By Michelle Icard, CNN
- **[Fast Fact: Preventing Bullying*](#)**
CDC
- **[Are You Being Bullied? How to Deal with Bullies*](#)**
Stomp Out Bullying
- **[6 Smarter Ways to Deal With a Bully*](#)**
By F. Diane Barth L.C.S.W., Psychology Today

Videos

- **[How to End the Foster to Prison Pipeline*](#)**
By David Ambroz, TEDxWrigleyville

Additional Resources

- **[FACT SHEET: Biden-Harris Administration Announces New Actions to Support Children and Families in Foster Care*](#)**
The White House
- **[Bullying & Cyberbullying Hotlines*](#)**
The Cybersmile Foundation

*Clickable Link

Please remember to track your educational hours on Optima.



IMPORTANT DATES

October

- Substance Abuse Prevention Month
- Domestic Violence Prevention Month
- Bullying Prevention Month
- Youth Justice Action Month
- Global Diversity Awareness Month
- 10/2 National Child Health Day
- 10/2-6 CASA Office Closed
- 10/9 Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Columbus Day
- 10/11 National Stop Bullying Day
- 10/14 [Eclipse in the Park*](#)
- 10/16 Shoulder to Shoulder Conference
- 10/19 Theta Day of Service
- 10/21-22 [541 Jump's Pumpkin Festival*](#)
- 10/28 [Scarecrow Row*](#)
- 10/31 Halloween
Trunk-or-Treat at the Fairgrounds

November

- 11/2 Sip & Shop at Poppy
- 11/6 Gifts for the Child Collection Begins

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 10/6 Katie Walker
- 10/16 Doug McInnis



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