



News Release

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

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Events planned to commemorate Treaty Day

MISSION – The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) will recognize their 156-year-old treaty with a day of activities Thursday, June 9. The public is invited to participate and attend.

The events start at 10 a.m. with a parade that will start near the Tribal Fire Station and wind along Confederated Way past the Longhouse and Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center. It will end at the Warrior's Memorial. Parade participants should line up at 9 a.m. near the Bureau of Indian Affairs office.

From 11 a.m. until noon, Tribal leaders will make remarks and talk about the Treaty of 1855 at the Warrior's Memorial.

At noon, a community picnic lunch will be held at the July Grounds, followed by stick games at 1 p.m. and a tipi race at 2 p.m. Events will close at 4 p.m.

More information about the events can be found online at www.ctuir.org.

Contacts for the events are: Parade - Aaron Hines 541-429-7379, Tipi Race - Thomas Morning Owl 541-429-7861, volunteers and cooking - Wenix Red Elk 541-429-7219, stick games - Michael Johnson 541-215-2719.

The CTUIR was formed when the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla tribes signed a treaty with the United States government on June 9, 1855 after weeks of negotiation. The Treaty created the Umatilla Indian Reservation as a permanent homeland for the CTUIR and also reserved rights for the CTUIR people to hunt, fish, gather foods and medicines, and graze livestock in the land ceded to the United States, which was roughly 6.4 million acres in what is now northeastern Oregon and southeastern Washington. The Treaty cleared the path for non-Indian immigrants who were coming to the area on the Oregon Trail and provided land for their settlement.

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