



Voice of the Nation

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Mamoveenene (We move together.)

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These boots have done some walking...



10,000 Years Through Time

To a people who have been around these parts as long as the Shinnecock, federal recognition, when it comes, finally, in mid-July, probably won't have as much impact as many might think. Just another bump in the road that was overcome. Just another hurdle to be leapt over. A big bump. A big hurdle, to be sure. There will be some sort of celebration. An idea for an inter-tribal gathering at the Powwow Grounds is being bandied about.

What appears more important to the Tribe is what happens next.

While there will be no fat checks in the mail for individuals, the Tribe, no doubt, will become more focused on completing its constitution, putting ordinances in place, making decisions about gaming.

A tribal judicial system will begin to take shape. Maybe the road system will be repaired. Health and dental care should expand and improve under the auspices of Indian Health Services.

But for the most part, the people of Shinnecock will continue existing as they have for thousands of years. One foot in front of the other. One step at a time. Continuing that long, long march through the ages.

Beverly Jensen

Recognition Countdown

Dates

Actions

On or around July 18, 2010

30-day timeframe ends for interested parties (Town, State, Salvatore Family of Hampton Bays whose property 'borders' on Westwoods, and Montaukett Tribe of Long Island) to file an appeal (only allowed to appeal on very narrow grounds) w/Interior Board of Indian Appeals.

If no appeal is filed, then the Final Determination to Acknowledge the Nation as an Indian Tribe is final agency action. Thus, the Nation would be Federally acknowledged.

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News Release

Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs

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Skibine Issues a Final Determination to Acknowledge the Shinnecock Indian Nation of Long Island, NY

WASHINGTON – Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs George T. Skibine on June 13, 2010, issued a final determination that affirms the proposed finding of December 15, 2009, to acknowledge the Shinnecock Indian Nation (Petitioner #4) as an Indian tribe. This petitioner, located in Southampton, Suffolk County, N.Y., has 1,292 members.

The evidence in the record for the proposed finding demonstrated that the petitioner met all seven of the mandatory criteria for Federal acknowledgment as set forth in 25 CFR 83.7. The Department did not receive comments from any party other than the petitioner during the comment period. Its comment did not change the overall findings of the proposed finding that the petitioner meets all seven mandatory criteria. In accordance with the regulations (section 83.6(c)), a petitioning group that meets all seven criteria is an Indian tribe within the meaning of Federal law. Therefore, the Department affirms the proposed finding to acknowledge the Shinnecock petitioner.

This final determination treats the Shinnecock Indian tribe of New York that existed in 1789 as the "historical Indian tribe." Only three years later in 1792, an act passed by the State of New York re-organized this tribe as a trusteeship. At the time, its members lived on a leasehold created in 1703 in Southampton, N.Y. The new law provided for annual elections of three Indian trustees, and these trustee elections have taken place from 1792 to the present. The trustees have allocated the group's land and resources consistently for almost 220 years. The proposed finding found that the petitioner met the acknowledgment criteria by demonstrating that it has evolved from this historical Shinnecock Indian tribe of New York and has continuously existed. This final determination affirms the proposed finding.

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The petitioner commented on the procedural evaluation in the proposed finding that found that the evidence in the record did not demonstrate that the Federal government had ever recognized the Shinnecock Indian tribe, but knew of its state relationship. The evidence submitted with the petitioner's comments reinforced the proposed finding that the Federal government has never recognized the Shinnecock Indian tribe. Therefore, the provisions of the regulations (83.8) relating to previously acknowledged Indian tribes, that would have reduced the petitioner's evidentiary burden, did not apply to the evaluation of the Shinnecock petitioner.

The Shinnecock petitioner meets the seven criteria and affirms the proposed finding as follows:

Criterion 83.7(a) requires that external observers have identified the petitioner as an American Indian entity on a substantially continuous basis since 1900. This final determination affirms the proposed finding that state and local government officials, missionaries, journalists, and others have identified the petitioning group continuously as an American Indian entity since 1900, and the petitioner meets this criterion.

Criterion 83.7(b) requires that a predominant portion of the petitioning group has comprised a distinct community since historical times. The proposed finding did not use direct evidence as described at 83.7(1) and 83.7(i)-(iv) to demonstrate the group meets this criterion. Rather, it found that the petitioner meets criterion 83.7(b) from 1789 to the present based on its meeting criterion 83.7(c) using "high" evidence described at 83.7(c)(2)(i) for the same period. The regulations at 83.7(b)(2)(v) provide a "crossover" provision for groups with especially high evidence for demonstrating criterion 83.7(c). This final determination affirms those findings.

Criterion 83.7(c) requires that the petitioning group has maintained political influence over its members as an autonomous entity since historical times. The proposed finding determined that because the group's three elected trustees have allocated and managed the reservation's lands and resources since 1792, it demonstrated it meets this criterion using "high" evidence described at 83.7(c)(2)(i). This final determination affirms those findings.

Criterion 83.7(d) requires that the petitioner provide a copy of its governing document including its membership criteria. The proposed finding determined that the petitioner described its membership criteria and how it governs itself for this process. This final determination affirms these findings.

Criterion 83.7(e) requires that the petitioner's members descend from a historical Indian tribe. The evidence in the record shows that at least 97 percent of the 1,292 members descend from the historical 1789 Shinnecock tribe, as determined by their descent from the 1865 reservation residents listed in the New York State census. Thus, this final determination affirms the proposed finding—but with a revised membership total and percentage of descent—that the petitioner meets this criterion.

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Criterion 83.7(f) requires that the petitioner's membership be composed principally of persons who are not members of another federally recognized Indian tribe. The proposed finding determined that the petitioner meets this criterion, and this final determination affirms that finding. Only ten members are enrolled in other federally recognized tribes, including Ft. Sill Apache, Hoopa Valley, Mashantucket Pequot, Navajo, Taos Pueblo, and White Mountain Apache.

Criterion 83.7(g) requires that the petitioner not be subject to congressional legislation that has terminated or forbidden the Federal relationship. This final determination affirms the proposed finding that there is no act of Congress or other legal impediment to the Department's acknowledging the group as a Federal tribe.

In view of the receipt of minimal substantive comments, the Department has not produced a report or summary under the criteria for the final determination other than the *Federal Register* notice. Therefore, the *Federal Register* notice is the Final Determination.

The petitioner or an interested party may request reconsideration by the Interior Board of Indian Appeals of this Final Determination. The settlement agreement provides a 30-day deadline for filing an appeal.

The Assistant Secretary–Indian Affairs has responsibility for fulfilling the Interior Department's trust responsibilities and promoting self-determination on behalf of the 564 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments. When the decision becomes final and effective for the Department, the Shinnecock Indian Nation will be the 565th federally recognized Indian tribe. The Assistant Secretary also oversees the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which is responsible for providing services to approximately 1.8 million individual American Indians and Alaska Natives from the federally recognized tribes, and the Office of Federal Acknowledgment (OFA), which is responsible for administering the Federal acknowledgment process.

The Assistant Secretary–Indian Affairs delegated authority to sign certain Federal acknowledgment findings, including this proposed finding, to the Acting Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary–Indian Affairs effective June 4, 2009.

Copies of the *Federal Register* notice will be posted on the Department of the Interior website at <http://www.doi.gov>.

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June 16, 2010

**STATEMENT OF ASSEMBLYMAN FRED THIELE REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF
INTERIOR DECISION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE SHINNECOCK INDIAN NATION AS AN
INDIAN TRIBE**

Today, the Department of Interior has issued a decision acknowledging the Shinnecock Indian Nation as an Indian Tribe. I applaud the decision and congratulate the members of the Shinnecock Indian Nation on this long sought designation. The State of New York has recognized the Shinnecoeks since 1792 and there was ever little question about the sovereignty of the Nation.

The real issue for the East End community was not recognition, but casino gaming. The matter of casino gaming at the Westwoods property in Hampton Bays was put to rest by the issuance of an injunction to the State of New York and Town of Southampton in 2007. I believe there is general agreement now that the establishment of casino gaming should be located off the reservation at a location that is both economically as well as environmentally suitable, and where the surrounding community is supportive. While I am not an advocate of casino gaming, I will certainly use my office to aid the Shinnecock Nation meet its goals in that regard.

Finally, yesterday's decision clears the way for the Shinnecock Nation to be eligible for a host of other benefits under federal law which they have been unfairly denied for far too long. That inequity will finally come to an end.

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Tribe Gathered June 15th To Hear BIA Final Determination Phone Call



There is a Season... for some of the tribal Elders



Florence Crippen



Eva Smith



Betty Cromwell



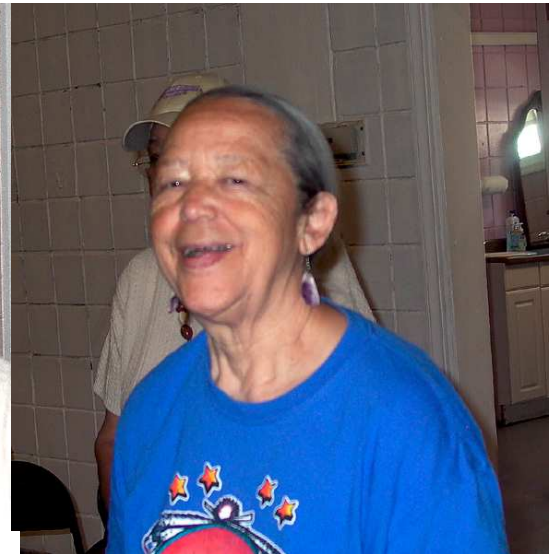
Lubin Hunter and Ed Garrett



Harriett Gumbs



Caroline Bullock



Elizabeth Haile

Photos Lance Gumbs and Beverly Jensen

Federal Recognition: Where We Are Now

What does it mean for a tribe to be Federally Recognized?

- The Bureau of Indian Affairs' regulatory process for recognizing tribes was established in 1978.
- Currently there are 564 federally recognized tribes. Shinnecock, when its recognition is finalized, will become the 565th.
- Federal acknowledgement or recognition means that the United States government recognizes the right of an Indian tribe to exist as a sovereign entity.
- Recognized tribes, have the right to determine their own laws, provided these laws do not violate federal laws.
- However, because they are quasi sovereigns, defined by federal law as domestic dependent nations, Indian tribes may not make treaties or agreements with any other country except the United States.
- The United States has a unique legal and political relationship with Indian tribes and Alaska Native entities as provided by the Constitution of the United States, treaties, court decisions and Federal statutes.
- A tribe that has been Federally Recognized has gone through the long (32 years for Shinnecock) , complicated (over 40,000 pages of documents) and expensive (said to have cost millions of dollars) process of petitioning, or asking, the Federal government to recognize, or accept, their American Indian group as a "tribe."
- Through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Federally Recognized tribes have access to a range of federal services in education, social services, law enforcement, health services and resource protection, administration of tribal courts, implementation of land and water claim settlements, housing improvement, disaster relief, replacement and repair of schools, repair and maintenance of roads and bridges.
- Through Indian Affairs programs, Tribes improve their tribal government infrastructure, community infrastructure, education, job training, and employment opportunities along with other components of long term sustainable development that work to improve the quality of life for their members.
- Federally recognized tribes DO NOT receive a monthly check from the US Government because of their status as Indians. There is no basis for this belief other than misinformation and misconception of the status of American Indians.
- Some tribes give out payments to their members when there is income from the sale of tribal assets such as timber or oil and gas. This is a decision made by each tribe's government, not the federal government.
(<http://www.doi.gov/benefits.html>)

Sources:

United States General Accounting Office
Native American Rights Fund
United States Department of Interior/Bureau of Indian Affairs

Now That We Are Federal..

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act Applies, Too

Congratulations again on the Shinnecock federal acknowledgement – it was a long time coming. Now Shinnecock's nation-building work will really begin! One of the many things you'll be dealing with is NAGPRA -- the Native American Graves and Repatriation Act.

I was at a conference last week and attended a presentation on NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act). The presenter was Jaime Lavallee, who is the notice coordinator for the NAGPRA program, and in her presentation she said now that Shinnecock is federally recognized, the tribe will likely be contacted by museums, universities and other institutions that may be holding sacred and/or cultural items that rightly belong to or are affiliated with the Shinnecock -- human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, etc. - to return them to the tribe. All federal agencies and all public and private museums that receive federal funds are subject to NAGPRA. So your local institutions are required by law to make an inventory of the items they hold, file them with NAGPRA, publish in the federal register, contact you, etc., etc. It's a whole process and all the information you need is at the NAGPRA website <http://www.nps.gov/history/nagpra/mandates/index.htm>"

This is from the web site:

"The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act is a Federal law passed in 1990. NAGPRA provides a process for museums and Federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items -- human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony -- to lineal descendants, and culturally affiliated Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. NAGPRA includes provisions for unclaimed and culturally unidentifiable Native American cultural items, intentional and inadvertent discovery of Native American cultural items on Federal and tribal lands, and penalties for noncompliance and illegal trafficking. In addition, NAGPRA authorizes Federal grants to Indian tribes, Native Hawaiian organizations, and museums to assist with the documentation and repatriation of Native American cultural items, and establishes the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Review Committee to monitor the NAGPRA process and facilitate the resolution of disputes that may arise concerning repatriation under NAGPRA. "

The tribe will likely want to appoint a Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO), an office to deal with NAGPRA issues, such as applying for grants, and I think there are grants even to create a THPO. You can get all the information here: <http://www.achp.gov/thpo.html> . And of course you can call John Brown at Narragansett or any of the other fed rec tribes around for more information about how they set up their THPO officers.

NAGPRA and the THPO are under the auspices of the Department of the Interior under the National Park Service.

And then there's also a National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers NATHPO with information here <http://www.nathpo.org/mainpage.html>. That organization has an annual meeting and it's coming up in August so you might want to think about sending someone to learn more about it.

The repatriation and reburial of the ancestors is hugely significant and emotional for a people. I mentioned to you a repatriation story I did last year that moved me to tears. Here's the link. <http://www.indiancountrytoday.com/archive/78523267.html>.

All Good Wishes

Gale Courey Toensing
Staff Reporter
Indian Country Today

Congratulations

Congratulations to all the Shinnecock Indian Nation. My heart was warmed and filled with joy, reading about your long awaited Federal Recognition. Truly a blessing from the Creator for all the world to see. I wish you much peace and success on your daily adventures.

Warmest regards,
Trudie Raymond
United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc.
Nashville, TN 37214

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To all the Shinnecock tribal members, Wonderful news!

All our best wishes and congratulations on the approval of your recognition. I spent many a Powwow on Shinnecock years ago with my father Tom Two Arrows, many good memories. My heart is with you and all the people there. Congratulations!

Thomas.Dorsey@va.gov (Dorsey, Thomas)

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To the Shinnecock people, I would like to offer congratulations.

I am not sure if congratulation is the correct word to use at this time. For my whole life, greater than 50 years I have known Shinnecock people.

As always, I have prayed for the best for all the Shinnecocks. Now, I pray that the Shinnecock people stay together and stay strong. I have always felt Shinnecock was the most peaceful, welcoming and place where God truly made you aware of the Higher Power. I have seen the Shinnecock reservation through a lot of changes, some good and some bad.

I pray that the Shinnecock people hold on together strong. There may be some rough winds coming, but I know your strength and listening to those who have gone on, will help you weather any storm.

In prayer,
Ramona Bruce

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We are just hearing of the completion of your Federal Recognition. Good news travels quickly in this day and age. The mail we forwarded from OFA, which had been mistakenly sent addressed to us, gave us a sense of sharing in your journey. (Attached is a copy of the Face Book entry upon which I commented.)

On behalf of Tolowa Nation Tribal Council, I send early congratulations to the Shinnecock Nation.

Hum'Chi,

Sharon Eller Sligh, Chairman
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Mabrouk! (Combination blessings and congratulations!)

Great news, Beverly! I send you all good wishes for your nation's health, peace, and prosperity.

Gale Courey Toensing
Staff Reporter
Indian Country Today

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Congratulations on your federal recognition. I'm sure you've received many letters asking you to build a casino here or there, but I hope you'll consider this place for your casino – The Links at Shirley.

The Links at Shirley is a beautiful area right on William Floyd Parkway, it's big, and it would end our fight with Brookhaven Town and the owner, Mel Mindich, over them wanting to build houses there. Building houses there would add too many children to the already burdened William Floyd school district and raise our property taxes – again! But if a casino were built there it would unburden the taxpayers and give you a wonderful area to have an amazing casino right here in Suffolk County!

Thank you for taking the time to read this and good luck on your future endeavors.

Sincerely,
Anne Snyder

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To Shinnecock Indian Nation. I hoped and prayed for you to realize your dream . All good things to you.
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Congratulations on your finally achieving federal recognition. It sure has been a long time coming! Good Luck in your future endeavors.

Barbara Bellantonio
East Meadow, NY

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To one and all,

My family and I are very excited to hear of today's news. You have long deserved the accreditation you received today. We celebrate with you as a Quogue neighbor and even a Siwanoy descendant.

"The best is yet to come!"

All the best,
Lili Pell Whitmer

Congratulations

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To all

Many congratulations on your success getting recognized by BIA !!! A long and hard fought struggle !!

Sincerely

Charles Greco
Eastport LI NY

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Congratulations on a Fight well done!!! From our Family to Yours!

Justin Winter, Marylin Banks &
the A&M Electrical Contractors Family
Riverhead, NY 11901

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Recognition is long overdue and *should* have been unnecessary in the first place. I have attended nearly all of your pow-wows and have always felt very connected, socially and spiritually. May good and deserved things continue to happen for you.

webera@sunysuffolk.edu (Alan Weber)

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Congratulations to all of you on today's announcement! Let me know if you need any help with a video. They are great for presentations, web-sites and fundraisers!

Best!

Connie Conway
(631) 664-7210

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The word is out that the Shinnecocks received federal recognition today.

Congratulations!

Manto Wikuw!!!

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Hi Friends, just read in the NY Post about the good news. I'm looking forward to when the casinos will open.

RobeDc@aol.com

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Beverly, Paula and the Entire Shinnecock Tribe.

Congratulations on finally being federally recognized. We are truly living in a time of positive change.

Reva J. Sears
Partnership Coordinator
2010 Census - U.S. Census Bureau

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From: Fitzgibbons, Kevin
Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 3:26 PM

Winonah

This is wonderful! We look forward to working closely with you all on the HUD housing and other community development programs.

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Congratulations to you all for the hard work and years of waiting to be recognized by the Federal Government as a Native American Tribe. We are all very happy.

Congratulations and good luck with the future plans.

Cesar A. Malaga, President
Hispanic American Association

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Congratulations on your recent Federal recognition!

Eileen Devine Gerrish
Law, Youth & Citizenship Program Director
New York State Bar Association

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Congratulations with your recognition.

Monroe Skinaway, Chairman
Sandy Lake Band of Ojibwe
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Wow! I am speechless. I am so proud to be a member of the Shinnecock Nation. I am wondering how this will impact us individually and if there is an application form that we have to fill out as tribal members to receive our CID card from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Please let me know, and congratulations to all of us as a Nation, and many thanks to those who have toiled unflinchingly for many years to make this happen for us.

Melissa Walton, Advocate

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Congratulations on a great accomplishment ! It's about time!

My heart sings with joy for the Shinnecock Nation. The Nation deserves all the best. Next step is.....Shinnecock Casino on Long Island.

If I can be of any assistance to the Nation in the future, do not hesitate to contact me. I am looking forward to the great celebration in September.

Peace, Love and Blessings,

D. Morrison
Roosevelt, NY 11575

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I offer you my sincere congratulations.

My best wishes to all.

with respect,

Narges (Narira@aol.com)

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Board of Trustees

Hakame!

After thousands of years of continuous existence on our own lands, 400 years of occupation of one sort or another, and 32 years of plowing through a federal bureaucracy that would have preferred to have us stay lost among the cracks, we've finally been recognized. Well, almost. We still have a few more weeks to find out if someone or some organization decides to register an objection to our recognition with the Interior Board of Indian Appeals. We'll know for sure by this time next month. And then we'll gather our friends old and new, Native and non-, and invite them here for some old fashioned Shinnecock chowder and summer succotash. We think it's safe to say, congratulations to us.

*Randy King, Chairman
Gordell Wright
Lance A. Gumbs*



Gordell Wright, Randy King and Lance Gumbs

Mamoweenene (We move together.)

Powwow News



Popular entertainer and award winning violinist, flutist and storyteller, Arvel Bird, is returning for this year's powwow, the Shinnecock Powwow Committee announced. Louis Mofsie and his Thunderbird American Indian Dancers group are also expected to return this year, along with the Aztecs.

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Cole Brothers Circus Here July 12th and 13th

Make room for the elephants, performing dogs, and camels. Get ready for cotton candy and the big tent. The circus is coming. Cole Brothers and company will be arriving at the Powwow Grounds in the wee hours of July 12th and be set up before noon. More information will be forthcoming from the Tribal Office regarding tickets for kids and paid positions.

Start Time: Monday, July 12 at 8:00pm
End Time: Tuesday, July 13 at 11:00pm

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Wanted: Casino Logo Design

Got any ideas?

The Shinnecock Nation Gaming Authority is open to, sketches, suggestions and/or completed artwork for a casino logo, something representative of the Shinnecock Indian Nation and it's eternal journey through time and circumstance.

If you have any ideas, drop a note in the Authority mail slot in the Tribal Office or call the Authority at 631-204-9306.

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Election Results for Indian Education Parent Committee Board

Recent voting was held for the two open seats on the Parent Committee Board. Selected for two-year terms were Micah Hunter and Dudley Nation. Also elected were Laura Franklin, who will serve a one-year term as teacher representative, and Sampwe Tarrant, as student representative, also a one-year term. The reminding board members who have one year left on the board are Nishwé Williams, Adrienne Terry and Fordel Willis.

Nishwé Williams

New Education Director

Sherry Blakey-Smith started in the Shinnecock after school program during the 1990-91 school year. Over the years she has devoted time and energies to Shinnecock and Southampton youth, serving as Community Liaison with the Southampton School System. She will continue in that capacity, but she is leaving the Shinnecock program in the hands of tribal member and educator Kenneth Coard.

Mr. Coard has been an athletic instruction at a New England private school, and was selected over a number of candidates to head up the Shinnecock Education Program.

"They picked the right one," a tribal member remarked.

Father of three, Mr. Coard is tall, easy going, and obviously adores working with kids.

At the school year closing festivities, the students had a chance to say goodbye to Mrs. Blakey-Smith and hello Mr. Coard; they also received achievement awards, ate pasta, pizza and salad, and dug into a cake that congratulated them for jobs well done.

But they won't be seeing the last of Mrs. Blakey-Smith. She will work with Mr. Coard until he is settled in. She will also be looking for grants that will help both the Shinnecock and Southampton programs.

"I'm not leaving," she said. "I'm just changing hats."
(B)



New Shinnecock Education Director Kenneth Coard; Trustee Chairman Randy King; vacating program director Sherry Blakey-Smith; her husband, former Trustee Charles K. Smith II; and Nishwé Williams, Parent Education Committee President.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Congratulations to the **Young Men of Shinnecock, Co-Chairs, Tony Robinson and Jason King and Assistant Tiana Phillips!** They have received a second year of funding for the **Young Men of Shinnecock Project**, a real attribute to the work accomplished through this project during the first year of funding by the New York Community Trust.

In addition, the **Housing Committee** of Tribal Council also will be receiving a small grant to continue their work toward the development of a housing authority / entity for the Nation, along with an "Indian Housing Plan." Both of these are mandatory prior to the submission of a general housing grant to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). **Congratulations** to the Housing Committee on a great Falmouth training session recently in preparation toward this work.

Finally, more on the grant scene, a letter will be sent to our three congressional representatives shortly that will establish liaisons within the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Federal Agencies wherein we will have identified staffers to work with in the development and submission of grants for the Nation.

Winonah Warren
Research and Development Coordinator / Grant Writer



Jason King, Noel Frazier and Tony Robinson

Government-to-Government: Mashpee Wampanoag Gives Shinnecock Some Tips on Recognition

A short hop on a ferry and a cruise up to Cape Cod put a group of Shinnecock in Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Offices for a day of learning.

What Shinnecock Trustees, members of Tribal Council, Tribal Enrollment, Elders Council, Legal, Security, and Gaming Authority did for a day was make that trip to sit down with representatives of the Mashpee Tribe to try to get an early jump on some of the issues the Shinnecock Nation will be faced with when final recognition occurs in July.

The Mashpees achieved their recognition on January 15, 2007, becoming 564th Tribe on the list of federal tribes.

The trip was the idea of Shinnecock Trustee Lance Gumbs, who also had a hand in planning the agenda. That included meetings on: government relations with state and federal agencies; role of Elders Council; grants; housing; health; youth and natural resources; tribal judiciary; and land-into-trust.

Trustee Gumbs said the trip was definitely rewarding and that Mashpee Wampanoag Tribal Chairman Cedric Cromwell told the visiting Shinnecock that he wished his tribe had sought the advise and assistance of another federally recognized tribe to help the Mashpees make the transition into the federal family of Indians.

The Shinnecock presented the Mashpees with a framed copy of the Shinnecock Tribal seal, broke bread and went back home.

"It's great to collaborate with other tribes in the northeast," said Shinnecock Trustee Chairman Randy King. (B)



Photos courtesy of Lance Gumbs

Veteran Su Soto to Bike for Warriors

On July 24th, US Air Force veteran Susan Soto will make a trek from Amagansett to Sag Harbor then back to Amagansett with the Wounded Warrior ride. Started to support all those servicemen and women wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan, the rides are held all over the country. The leaders of the ride are Warriors that have lost limbs, but are determined to keep their lives active by riding these memorable miles.

The Soldier Ride allows the general public to see firsthand the effect of recreational rehab sports and the work of WWVP. It has literally saved the lives of warriors and inspired so many to greater things post-injury.

All program participants are provided with the adaptive equipment and training they need to cycle, despite their injury. Nearly two hundred injured service members took to the open road through a soldier ride during FY 09.

Sergeant Soto will be asking donations from friends and family to reach her goal of \$500.00. Any donations can be made online at the Wounded Warrior website, just enter the name, Susan Soto, or just catch her when she rides by on her bike. She plans to complete **all 30 miles**.

"Those who came back missing more than just time from their families will be my motivation!!!!," she said.

(SS)



Su Soto, USAF Veteran

Dean Mary Pearl Resigns

In a move that shocked everyone, especially it's own staff and some 500 students, Stony Brook University's Southampton campus shut its classrooms and dormitories for good in April, citing lack of funds. The second big surprise was the resignation from the university family altogether of the Southampton Dean and Vice President Mary Pearl. Dr. Pearl sent out a note to her supporters:

To members of the Stony Brook Southampton Community:

This past year was magical. I met and worked with colleagues of such good will and high competence that every day was a pleasure. The students were an inspiration, with their gift for community and whole-hearted commitment to solving the grand challenge of our era: economic, cultural, and environmental sustainability. The larger East End community, with its rich diversity and limitless source of enthusiasm, talent and innovation, was the perfect college town. That we shared a common vision is a tribute to the tenacity of all those who worked hard over many years to bring it to reality.

In recent weeks I have been thinking about my future, and have decided to pursue leadership opportunities in higher education or the non-profit world. Therefore, I have resigned my position at Stony Brook as of June 30, 2010. I am not going to vanish right away; after a brief vacation, I am going to take a course in the summer Writers' Conference. I am very pleased that Professor Martin Schoonen, with his unparalleled commitment to environmental programs at Stony Brook, has enthusiastically agreed to manage the new Center for Sustainability on the Stony Brook main campus. His enthusiasm is matched by his experience and record of achievement working with academic colleagues and the administration in getting things done at the university.

I'd like to reiterate how much I have enjoyed working with you. I will miss you all, so I hope that you will stay in touch with me.

Mary
Mary C. Pearl PhD.
Dean & Vice President
Stony Brook Southampton

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When recognition occurs, the Shinnecock Indian Nation will become the 565th federal tribe.

Council of Elders

As many of you may know, the Shinnecock Council of Elders has been engaged in important Tribal issues throughout the month, and always we hope to represent the old Indian way that was passed down to us from our ancestors to the best of our collective abilities. **We intend to remain the voice for the** values and life ways of the Shinnecock people who kept what we now have and especially the importance of our precious land, Shinnecock. Do not think that money can ever buy what we now have, for there are many who would give anything to be indigenous to this country and of our birthright that only we and other Native people have.

In 2005, the Shinnecock people received a draft Constitution that was to have been ratified one year later, in 2006. As we know, this did not occur, and it is an affront to the will of the people that it was cast aside in deference to any number of other tribal matters or opinions. We believe that “ordinances” and other issuances such as “Memorandum of Understandings” are not truly valid without a basic over-arching law (such as a Constitution) to which it connects. This must be the **most important activity** that the Nation implements at this time, and it must be a strong document capable of protecting the Shinnecock people and Nation from the many other legal instruments that are being pressed on us now and in the future.

We wish to stress that without our own basic law already in place, no matter what some attorneys may say, we step out without a safety net. Please insist that our draft Constitution be made as strong as possible and that no further external sub-laws or ordinances be instituted until after our Constitution is ratified by the People of the Shinnecock Nation, as was voted on in 2005. The Council of Elders plans to work closely with the Tribal Council on this important part of Shinnecock infrastructure and invite everyone in the community to help with this vital effort.

Finally, another community activity that we have identified is that of **very necessary improvements to the buildings on the Pow-Wow Grounds**, including the Food House, Nursing Station and Ticket Booths. These facilities are in need of serious attention to meet even minimal standards of health and safety. This is another important priority of the Council of Elders.

[With Consensus of the Council of Elders]

Lubin Hunter
Co-Chair

Edwin Garrett
Co-Chair

Another decision the Council of Elders is in the process of making is choosing its official logo. Shinnecock artist and Museum curator David Bunn Martin submitted the following for consideration.



In the News

June 15, 2010

Feds approve NY tribe recognition

By FRANK ELTMAN

Associated Press Writer

A small Indian tribe on New York's Long Island learned Tuesday that it had won a decades-long fight for formal federal recognition, inching it closer to opening a casino.

Shinnecock Indians celebrated with prayers and song but declined to discuss gambling, which would require further government approvals.

"This is the most historic moment in Shinnecock history," trustee Lance Gumbs told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from the tribe's community center on its reservation on eastern Long Island. "Any discussion of a casino is a secondary thought."

Randy King, another tribal trustee, said people were hugging each other and crying after word came from federal authorities shortly after 11 a.m. "We are so happy the government has taken this action," he said.

Tribal leaders noted the Shinnecoaks have been trying for decades to obtain federal recognition. That effort kicked into high gear in 2003, when they first tried to open a casino on tribal land in Southampton. The tribe was told that formal recognition from the Bureau of Indian Affairs is required before operating gaming facilities.

The bureau received no formal attempts to block permanent recognition after granting preliminary approval last December, said George T. Skibine, an official with the department.

The Shinnecock must now await a 30-day comment period after the announcement is posted in the Federal Register. After that, recognition is expected to become permanent.

"This is a proud moment for the Shinnecock people," said trustee Gordell Wright. "It's not that we haven't always known who we are, but now there's a political decision that finally has us on an equal footing."

About 500 Shinnecock tribal members live in modest homes on a 1,200-acre reservation in Southampton; 700 more members live elsewhere. Nearby, some of the richest people in the world, including Wall Street power brokers and Hollywood celebrities, have sprawling estates worth tens of millions of dollars.

Bureau of Indian Affairs officials reviewed ancestral records and other historical documents of the tribe before determining whether the Shinnecoaks met the recognition criteria. The tribe had sought to circumvent the federal approval process by seeking recognition in federal court, but a judge rejected that effort in 2007.

Even with federal recognition, the tribe needs additional federal and state approvals before operating a casino. Federal recognition also makes the Shinnecoaks eligible for federal grants and other funding.

Since receiving preliminary federal recognition, numerous locations for a possible Shinnecock casino have been floated. Belmont Park, just outside New York City, the Nassau Coliseum, as well as a former racetrack and others have been mentioned, although tribal leaders have remained mum about their specific intentions.

When the Shinnecoaks broke ground in 2003 on their proposed Southampton casino, town officials raced into federal court and stopped it. Since then, Suffolk County officials formed a task force to study the issue.

Gov. David Paterson noted that because of its remote location, the Shinnecock reservation is not an ideal location for a casino.

Because the state has a say in whether a casino would be allowed to operate, the governor said he is open to negotiating a more suitable location.

Lawrence Levy, the head of Hofstra University's National Center on Suburban Studies, said the recognition will force the Shinnecoaks to face "complex decisions about everything from environmental and social stewardship to economic partnership with local communities."

The Shinnecock claim to be among the oldest self-governing tribes of Indians in the United States and has been a state-recognized tribe for more than 200 years. As a seaside tribe, they depended for centuries on fishing and whaling to support themselves. Later, the nation leased its land to local area farmers for their crops, mainly potatoes and corn. Some see the prospects of a casino, and the millions it could bring, as a way out of their modest circumstances.

The notion of opening a casino in difficult economic times also could affect how the Shinnecock proceed.

Executives at the East Coast Gaming Congress, a national casino conference, met in Atlantic City last month to discuss the large number of casinos operating in New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio and West Virginia. In addition, bids are being accepted on operating a new slots parlor at Aqueduct Racetrack in New York City.

Don Marrandino, eastern regional president of Harrah's Entertainment Inc., which operates four of Atlantic City's 11 casinos, said the prospect of a Shinnecock tribal casino in Long Island would not affect Atlantic City's already urgent effort to reinvent itself into a multi-day resort that offers more than gambling.

"We just have to keep focused on what we do in Atlantic City," he said. "We can't worry about what we can't control. Atlantic City must continue to transition itself to a world class entertainment destination."

Associated Press Writer Wayne Parry in Atlantic City and AP Radio Correspondent Julie Walker in New York City contributed to this report.



FILE - In this June 15, 2005 file photo, Shinnecock Indian Nation trustee James Eleazer, Jr., third from right, addresses the media as tribal Chairman Randy King, center and Charles Smith, left, listen outside court in Central Islip, N.Y., where King filed papers claiming tribal ownership of 3,600 acres of land in Southampton, N.Y. Members of the small Indian tribe on New York's Long Island were celebrating with prayers and song Tuesday June 15, 2010 after receiving notification from the federal Bureau of Indian Affairs that it has been formally recognized as a tribe. (AP Photo/Ed Betz, File)

Shinnecocks Hold Economic Cards, and Suitors Are Needy

There's no irony or attitude at the [Shinnecock Nation Cultural Center and Museum](#), just the whaling artifacts, the carved elk on the front door, the portraits and memorabilia of a people whose history on Long Island goes back thousands of years.

Still, only a deity with a perverse sense of humor could have written the story of the Shinnecocks, which entered a new era on Tuesday when a 32-year legal effort culminated in the [formal federal recognition](#) of the tribe.

You could start with the locale: how the bays and beaches the Shinnecocks and their ancestors fished and nurtured for millennia morphed into not just the Hamptons, but some of the richest and snootiest precincts there. That left the Shinnecocks strangers in their own land, a largely poor tribe of 1,200 with an 800-acre reservation tucked amid the lime-green slacks, the \$36 lobster roll (Silver's on Main Street) and the perma-tan, perma-thin habitués of this playground of the seriously rich.

Then there's been the long legal dance and periodic skirmishes over the tribe's nuclear option: its threat to build a casino on the reservation that could have turned the standard East End gridlock into a graveyard of permanently immobilized Lexuses, Range Rovers and BMWs.

And now, with the economy still in the tank and development hard to come by, the outsiders at the banquet are the ones holding all the chips. The courting and wooing for what could be one of New York State's biggest economic projects in many years have been going on quietly for some time.

But the action begins in earnest next month, when, 30 days after the designation, the tribe can start taking official steps to build what could be New York's answer to Connecticut's mega-casinos.

"When you look at the possibility of something like [Foxwoods](#) or Mohegan Sun hiring upwards of 10,000 people, this is a jobs issue and a revenue issue for troubled times and for the long run for Suffolk County," said Wayne R. Horsley, the county legislator who heads the county's gambling task force. "We feel we've taken a very businesslike approach with the tribe. We want to be good neighbors. We feel we've been the grown-ups in this business."

Actually, all the grown-ups eyeing a casino have one thing in common: they're desperate for jobs and revenue. Gov. [David A. Paterson](#) said last week that the Shinnecocks were not eligible to bid on a video game casino at [Aqueduct Racetrack](#) in Queens, and there is no authorization for a casino at Belmont Park, but both sites have figured into speculation about the Shinnecocks in the past. The prospects for a proposed casino at Aqueduct could be affected in a big way if the Shinnecocks try to put a casino in Nassau or Suffolk.

Coming up fast is the Nassau County executive, Edward P. Mangano, who in April started pushing the idea that the [Lighthouse Project](#), the stuck-in-the-mud \$3.7 billion project proposed for the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum site in

Uniondale, could be home to a [Shinnecock](#) casino as well.

Theoretically, this could be great for Mr. Mangano, who is facing what could be a \$200 million budget deficit next year, but it does have something of an if-pigs-flew quality in the world capital of Nimby, where development ideas go to die and where many feel gambling is not the best use of the property.

In Suffolk, perhaps a dozen sites have been floated by officials or suitors as tribal casino locations, the most entertaining being the shuttered Shoreham nuclear plant, which would give new meaning to the term "nuclear option."

The two nonnuclear options getting the most play seem to be a privately held 95-acre spot in Calverton and the Brookhaven Calabro Airport, on 650 acres in Shirley. They're not exactly household names, but then, Connecticut didn't put its casinos in Hartford or New Haven, either.

The Brookhaven town supervisor, Mark Lesko, a former prosecutor, said he would have to see what residents thought if the tribe expressed an interest in the airport site, but, as with everyone else, his own interest seems clear. "You're talking about a game changer for the community this comes to," he said.

THE political and legal subplots could be endless, given the local, state, federal and tribal moving parts in building a casino off the Shinnecock reservation, which seems the only option. But if the state believes a casino at Aqueduct catering to metropolitan-area residents and a destination resort casino in Suffolk could coexist, things might unfold that way.

And there's a final curveball: the Shinnecocks finally get in the casino game just as the odds have changed. Foxwoods might be in bankruptcy if Indian casinos could be in bankruptcy. Atlantic City is reeling. With Massachusetts among the states also looking to get in, there are too many slots and craps tables for too few, too poor, gamblers.

Maybe nearly three million people in Nassau and Suffolk (not to mention eight million in New York City) constitute a closed loop that will make a grandiose casino project possible, but there's no guarantee.

The one guarantee is that on Long Island, nothing gets built quickly.

Still, if the Shinnecocks and their ancestors have been around thousands of years, they can probably wait a few more for a casino to open.

Peter Applebome
New York Times
June 20, 2010



People of Tradition

People of Tradition

Sponsored by Alternatives Counseling Services

Purpose:

The purpose of this program is to help Native American communities heal from the anger, shame, guilt, and fear that results in substance abuse. Our hope is to replace this feeling with hope, trust, forgiveness, and unity thereby empowering individuals, families, and communities to lead healthy productive lives.

Mission:

Our mission is to enhance the wellness of Native American Communities by providing culturally appropriate substance abuse prevention resources, training, collaboration opportunities and advocacy.

Calendar of Events

Cultural Enrichment Classes

Wednesday's 6pm - 9pm at
Family Preservation Center

Women of Tradition

Tuesdays 5:30 - 7pm at
Family Preservation Center

Full Moon Ceremony

June 26th, 8:30 pm, at the
Longhouse

The Algonquin Sweat

at Josephine's

(To be announced.) Watch
Facebook for updates.

Announcements

A lot of events will be taking place in and around our community and we need to keep ourselves safe and sober. **Don't Drink and Drive! "Don't Let Peer Pressure Blur your vision!"**

Our children are sacred and to that we say: "If you are over the age of 18 you may not allow anyone under the legal drinking age of 21 to consume alcohol at your residence. If you catch someone who is under the age of 21 consuming alcohol at your residence you must stop him or her. If the minor refuses, you are required to contact law enforcement or someone with greater authority, i.e. the minors' parents." ***This is the Suffolk County Social Hosting Law*** and although it does not apply on the reservation; off the reservation this is a misdemeanor punishable by a \$250 fine for the first offense.

Let's think about this principle when it comes to our scared families!

****What's popping with People of Tradition!!****

We are suspending the mid-week Social until September. This is so we can focus on our **Cultural Enrichment** classes. They are Wednesdays, between 6 and 9, at the Family Preservation Center. This function, as always, is opened to all member of our community. We are doing our traditional dance practice from 6 to 7 and regalia making from 7 to 9.

Woman of Tradition

Our woman's talking circle is going strong on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 until 7:00. There is a steady group of about 6 to 8 women who come together. We are meeting at the Family Preservation Center (basement). The purpose of this program is to:

- Develop a support system for Native Women who are in recovery and/or affected by drugs and alcohol.
- Facilitate leadership skills development for Native Women to address the issues of drugs and alcohol in their community through a culturally conscious process.
- Provide an opportunity for Native Women to develop community awareness and support for healing and survival strategies.

We are going through the Red Road to Welbriety, White Bison Series; please feel free to join us.

Follow us on Facebook – [People of Tradition | Wellness Program](#). All updates and changes will be posted there as well as our daily Meditations. If you are on Facebook, please join our page.

Talking Stick

Dear Shinnecock Indians:

As a Chinese American, I know that our ancestral lineage stemmed from the same source as the ancestors of the American Indians. I would like to avail myself opportunity to learn more about the Shinnecock Indians since I live in Long Island, NY, especially on the Asian influence (both genetic and culture) on American Indians. Any advice and guidance in this respect would be greatly appreciated.

I am wondering if the Shinnecock Indian Nation has a mechanism for individuals to join the tribe if that is possible. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

George

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My name is David Myers and I'm a descendant of this tribe. I would like to know what I need to do to become a part of it officially? I currently live in Houston, Texas but my family is still located around New York City. Is there a enrollment official that I can get in contact with? Any help would be greatly appreciated thank you for your time.

David Myers <myers.davidk@gmail.com>

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I am the Village Historian for the Village of Malverne. In interviewing a family name (Ackerly) with a family member he mentioned that his great grandmother (Susan Abrams) said that she was Shinnecock Indian. I am wondering of there is any information that you may have that we can share with the family.

I thank you for your time and consideration.

Robert J. Powers (Robert.Powers@moodys.com)

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Re: Joseph Jeffries ,born. Staten Is NY,1767; died Sydney Cove ,Australia , 1789

This Native American seaman joined HMS Supply in Rio, Brazil on August, 1787. Died of Smallpox in the 1789-90 Epidemic , the only non-Aboriginal fatality in this, George III's genocidal plot. Buried at the Quartermasters Camp, Watson's Bay the next day. If you have knowledge of his people in the United States could you please inform them of his fate.

Marianne Russell <marianneandrussell@gmail.com>

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I am trying to research my Long Island, New York grandfather Joseph Alanson Raynor, Son or Grandson of Ophelia Bush. Who can I contact for geneology or historical research? Any information on him or his relatives would be helpful.

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Susanne M. Wildner,
info@codecheckers.com

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I have a question as to what would I need to provide to show that my ancestry derives from the Shinnecock? I just want to be able to share some history with my kids and family.

Thank you for your time.

Vanessa Bolding <vsbolding@yahoo.com>

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Achievements

Congratulations Graduates

Southampton High School

Kumat Acosta
Devri Allen
Arin Bennett
Sean Boyd
Malik Morton
Christian Smith
Kirsten Smith
Tyler Smith
Nadonis Tarrant
Donald Williams III

Travis Baskin (Riverhead High School)

The Ross School

Adam Phillips
Cholena Smith

Out of State High Schools

Janine Cofield (California)
Adam Chance Griggs (Denver, CO)
Sara Chase (Hoopa Valley, CA)

Post Graduate

Erika Chase (Stanford University)
Jamila S. Collymore (University of Phoenix)
Kia Gordon (Long Island Beauty School)
Torja Eleazer Hoag (Hampton University, VA)

Congratulations Athletes

Southampton High School Juniors Competing in State Championship (Track)

Makayla Syas—100 meter running and 4x1

Shannon Weeks—4x1

Celeste Syas—NYS/Suffolk Zone: Leadership and Excellence in Physical Education Award

Adam Phillips—New York State Provincial High School Rodeo Bull Riding Champion

Congratulations

Leah Eleazer for superior academic performance. Spring 2010, Dean's List. Suffolk County Community College.



Dr. Emmett Chase, Sara Chase, Erika Chase and Dr. Eva Smith Chase



Adam Griggs

Awards and Scholarships

On June 10th, 2010, Southampton High School held its annual Senior Awards and Scholarship Night. The following Shinnecock Students received the following awards and scholarships:

Kirsten Smith

- Paul Koster Memorial Award
- Sandjai Ramkhelawan Memorial Award
- John and Esther O'Keeffe Scholarship
- North Sea Lions Club "Early Settlers" Award

Donald "Noni" Williams III

- Paulette H. Brown Memorial Scholarship
- SG Varsity Scholarship

Sean Boyd

- Paulette H. Brown Memorial Scholarship
- Sean A. Krzyzewski Memorial Award

Arin Bennett

- East End Gay Organization Foundation Award

Nadonis Tarrant

- Sandjai Ramkhelawan Memorial Award

Devri Ann Allen

- Mr. and Mrs. Everett B. Brockett Scholarship

Christian Nolan Smith

- Mr. and Mrs. Everett B. Brockett Scholarship

Tyler Nolan Smith

- Mr. and Mrs. Everett B. Brockett Scholarship

Congratulations to the students in the Shinnecock Indian Education Program! All are award winners!



Program Director Sherry-Blakey Smith making awards to Indian Education students.

Official Shinnecock Indian Nation Tribal Jackets To Order



Eastern Woodland flower sleeve design



Eagle feather sleeve design.



Wampum belt design for collar, waist

Official Shinnecock Nation Jackets can be ordered by tribal members from the Tribal Office.

The jackets are available from sizes XS to 6X, and range in price from \$115.00 for extra small to \$140 size 6X. They are available in black, red, royal, navy, khaki, burgundy, forest green, purple, teal, turquoise, denim, black satin and silver, and can be ordered with eagle feather and/or eastern woodland flowers on the sleeves.

Photographed here is a denim version.

All jackets must be paid for in full at the time the order is placed. No exceptions.

For more information and to fill out an order form, please contact the Tribal Office.



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TO: ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS

FROM: BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: June 25, 2010

SUBJ: FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

It's hard to believe the Fourth of July is here! That means it's time for our annual Week-end Campout at Westwoods. The event will begin on Friday evening, July 2 through Sunday, July 4. The Board of Trustees invites everyone to come out and join the fun.

We have set certain parameters to make sure that everyone – tribal members and the surrounding homeowners – has a safe and pleasant holiday. So please adhere to the following schedule as you plan your time at Westwoods.

- ◆ **6:00am – 10:00am** tribal members **will have vehicle access** along the beach to transport equipment, supplies and those who can't walk down the hill;
- ◆ **10:00am – 5:00pm** tribal members **will not have vehicle access** along the beach;
- ◆ **After 5:00pm** tribal members **will have vehicle access** along the beach to transport equipment, supplies and those who can't walk up the hill;
- ◆ **All vehicular access must be along the waterline and not up in the dunes** to avoid any safety concerns with people walking and sitting on the beach;

Tribal security will patrol and monitor the beach with a mule and quad throughout the week-end. They will also be available to provide escort to and from the beach, if necessary.

Everyone have a safe and fun week-end!

cc: Tony Weeks, Tribal Security 631 745-5178



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Powwow 2010 UPDATES

- **Powwow Photos:** The Powwow Committee wants your photos for the 2010 program. Please drop off in the Tribal office photos, poems, articles, memorials, or other materials for inclusion in the 64th Annual Powwow Program. **Deadline date is July 30th.**
- **Volunteers Needed:** The Powwow Committee is seeking volunteers for various duties and activities to make the 64th Annual Powwow a success. Please contact the Tribal Office and leave your name for a volunteer list that will be made up and posted.
- **All Shinnecock food vendors** will be notified of a special meeting with the Powwow Committee to take place within the next few weeks.

Date and time to be posted.

Calendar

July 4th Celebration at Westwoods

July 12th and 13th Cole Brothers Circus at the Powwow Grounds

Final Recognition sometime in mid-July

Powwow Committee Meetings every Thursday 6:00 p.m. in the Trailer



Like the grasses showing tender faces to each other, thus should we do, for this was the wish of the Grandfathers of the World.

Black Elk

Deepest sympathies

to the Family

of

John Perry, Jr.

August 13, 1955-June 13, 2010

Tribal Security Hours

4:00 p.m. to 12 a.m. & 12 a.m. to 8 a.m.

Monday through Friday

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11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m.

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