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Yakama Nation



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From: *Levina Wilkins, Language Program Manager*

Date: *January 11, 2019*

RE: *Cultural Craft Class Announcement
To Begin January 16, 2019*

Enclosed: *Announcement*

Registration Form

Flyer

Chrono FY 19/AB



Ichishkin Sinwit

SYLLABUS;

“AWNA ANISHA WAPAS”

“Let’s Now Make Baskets”

Levina Wilkins Kussamwhy

#1} 01/ 16/-03/31/19 – History

Discussion will be on the history of the Plateau Basketry; The names of the two different types of baskets the class will be starting with ;

- 1) Wapas – Root round bag, made during the early winter months , the later part of November. This is Cultural seasonal traditional education.
- 2) Sapak’ukt – Root flat bag, this is a bag that was made at the same time for roots also , but mainly for storage.

THE ABORIGINAL BAGS;

History of how the original bags were made; The original first bags were not made with yarn and string, They were made of our native wild plants. The aboriginal natives used what was available, which was the plant life.

The plant that was used to make our root bags was the dogbane. Which is: “TAX`US”. Ichishkin sinwit, Shwicht ,(rye grass} and yaay, bear grass, was also used .

Around the late 19th century, changes occurred. The wapas bags were woven with yarn, because the plant life needed became scarce.

Basic Cultural Learning, Based on Seasons.

“TIAM”FALL: This season, preparation is for the first foods; Which is harvested in February. That is XASIA (celery). The first food is known and taught to be “medicine for the body” Tawnuk wawnakshash miaw. It has been proven that our celery has an abundance of ascorbic acid known as vitamin C.

“Awna Anisha Wapas”.

- #1) Wapas kits will be handed out, Directions are in the kit.
- #2) Wapas Instructors will be tending to the students questions.
- #3) Ichishkin Sinwit will be taught, verbally.
- #4) Hand-outs of native roots will be given to the class for reading, for better understanding of food value/ and the names in ichishkin.

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Continued; "AWNA ANISHA WAPAS"

#5} The Native foods were very valuable and respected for they came at the time of year, they were needed the most. After a hard, cold winter, the XASIA WAS WELCOMED WITH THE FIRST FOOD FEAST.

When the small wapas is done, the class will continue with larger wapas baskets. It will be a bit different with additions of string to make the baskets bigger

The Yakama Nation Language Program will be starting culture classes in the evenings again. The days will be Wed. and thurs.

Days: 1/16/19

Time: 5:30 to 7:30

Ending: 3/31/ 19

Time can be extended if needed, nye.

Kinu ta matash itchna, Tixamshish aniit pa, nye!

See you all here at the Tixamshish building.

Kussamwhy

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"WE WILL RESTORE AND REVITALIZE THE YAKAMA NATIONS LANGUAGE AND PHILOSOPHY"

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(LANGUAGE PROGRAM)

REGISTRATION FORM EACH PARTICIPANT NEED OWN FORM (ADULT/CHILDREN)

EVENING CULTURAL CRAFT CLASSES

"AWNA ANISHA WAPAS" "LET'S NOW MAKE BASKETS"

DAYS: WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

START DATE: JANUARY 16, & 17, 2019 END DATE: March, 2019

TIME: 5:30 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M.

LOCATION 131 WISHPOOSH ROAD, TOPPENISH, WA. 98948

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NAME _____

GENDER _____ **AGE** _____

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OCCUPATION _____

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT OUR CLASS? _____

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For Office Use Only: Staff Initials: _____

Date Received:

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Levina Perkins
01/11/19

WINTER CULTURAL CRAFT CLASSES

*All participants and ages are Welcome
Parents will need to be present to watch over
their children and no drop offs allowed.*

Days: Every Wednesday & Thursday Night

Start Date: 01/16/2019

End Date: 03/19

Time: 5:30 P.M.

End Time: 7:30 P.M.

Location: Higher Education Building

131 Wishpoosh Road, Toppenish, WA.

All materials and supplies will be available to each participant. We will have a brief survey for class and at the end of project an evaluation this will assist in determining future cultural craft classes throughout the year.