

Nez Perce Tribe's *Child Support Enforcement Program*

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Upcoming Events

November 2012

- Rock Your Mocs
- Young Nations Pow-Wow
- Thanksgiving Community Dinners
 - Teweepuu
 - Pi-Nee-Waus
 - Wa-A-'Yas

- Nov 15th
- Nov 16-18
- Nov 13 6-8pm
- Nov 15 6-8pm
- Nov 19 5-7pm



December 2012

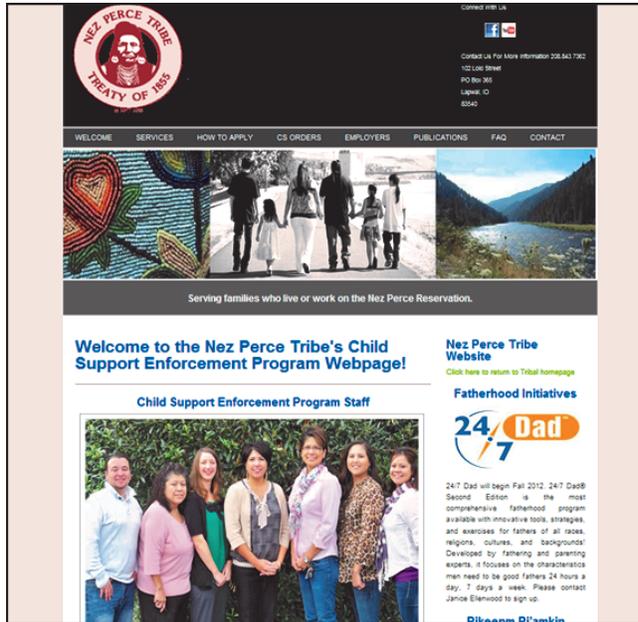
- Christmas Community Dinners
 - PNW Employee/Community dinner
 - Wa-A-'Yas dinner
 - Teweepuu

- Dec 14 all day
- Dec 17 5-7pm
- Dec 19 5-7pm



CSEP will be getting a new look!

<http://www.nezperce.org/Official/mainpages/CSEP/default.html>



The CSEP webpage will be getting a new look and is set to launch in November 2012. Please visit our webpage and let us know what you think.

Child Support Payments Important Always

With Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays upon us, it's an especially needy time of year for families. With the high cost of energy, food, warm clothing and presents, it's important that consistent child support payments are made. Remember, it's your children that go without when it isn't paid. Come in and make a payment if you haven't yet and if you have made a payment, thank you for being financially responsible to your family.

Three Pay Periods for November

During the month of November, there are three pay periods for Nez Perce Tribal employees. This will be a great opportunity to make a voluntary payment with your extra paycheck towards any arrears you may have with child support. Please come in and see us today to make a payment.

October is Energy Action Month Fall and Winter Energy-Saving Tips

<http://energy.gov>

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HEAT FROM THE SUN

- Open curtains on your south-facing windows during the day to allow sunlight to naturally heat your home, and close them at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

COVER DRAFTY WINDOWS

- Use a heavy-duty, clear plastic sheet on a frame or tape clear plastic film to the inside of your window frames during the cold winter months. Make sure the plastic is sealed tightly to the frame to help reduce infiltration.

- Install tight-fitting, insulating drapes or shades on windows that feel drafty after weatherizing.
- Find out about other window treatments and coverings that can improve energy efficiency.

ADJUST THE TEMPERATURE

- When you are home and awake, set your thermostat as low as is comfortable.
- When you are asleep or out of the house, turn your thermostat back 10° to 15° for eight hours and save around 10% a year on your heating and cooling bills. A programmable thermostat can make it easy to set back your temperature.

Energy-Saving Cont...

FIND AND SEAL LEAKS

- Seal the air leaks around utility cut-throughs for pipes ("plumbing penetrations"), gaps around chimneys and recessed lights in insulated ceilings, and unfinished spaces behind cupboards and closets.
- Find out how to detect air leaks.
- Learn more about air sealing new and existing homes.
- Add caulk or weather-stripping to seal air leaks around leaky doors and windows.
- Find out how to select and apply the appropriate caulk.
- Learn how to select and apply weather-stripping.

MAINTAIN YOUR HEATING SYSTEMS

- Schedule service for your heating system.
- Find out what maintenance is required to keep your heating system operating efficiently.
- Furnaces: Replace your furnace filter once a month or as needed.
- Find out more about maintaining your furnace or boiler.
- Wood- and Pellet-Burning Heaters: Clean the flue vent regularly and clean the inside of the appliance with a wire brush periodically to ensure that your home is heated efficiently.
- Find other maintenance recommendations for wood- and pellet-burning appliances.

REDUCE HEAT LOSS FROM THE FIRE-PLACE

- Keep your fireplace damper closed unless a fire is burning. Keeping the damper open is like keeping a window wide open during the winter; it allows warm air to go right up the chimney.
- When you use the fireplace, reduce heat loss by opening dampers in the bottom of the firebox (if provided) or open the nearest window slightly -- approximately 1 inch -- and close doors leading



into the room. Lower the thermostat setting to between 50° and 55°F.

- If you never use your fireplace, plug and seal the chimney flue.
- If you do use the fireplace, install tempered glass doors and a heat-air exchange system that blows warmed air back into the room.
- Check the seal on the fireplace flue damper and make it as snug as possible.
- Purchase grates made of C-shaped metal tubes to draw cool room air into the fireplace and circulate warm air back into the room.
- Add caulking around the fireplace hearth.
- Find out more techniques to improve your fireplace or wood-burning appliance's efficiency.
- Learn tips for safe and efficient fireplace installation and wood burning.

LOWER YOUR WATER HEATING COSTS

- Water heating can account for 14% to 25% of the energy consumed in your home.
- Turn down the temperature of your water heater to the warm setting (120°F). You'll not only save energy, you'll avoid scalding your hands.
- Find other strategies for energy-efficient water heating.

LOWER YOUR HOLIDAY LIGHTING COSTS

- Use light-emitting diode -- or "LED" -- holiday light strings to reduce the cost of decorating your home for the winter holidays.
- Learn about the advantages and potential cost savings of LED holiday light strings.
- Find manufacturers and brands of ENERGY STAR®-qualified decorative light strings.

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Among the Nimiipuu, children are seen as gifts from the Creator. They represent the future of the tribe and a link to the values of our culture. Each child is the center of a circle with deep relationships to his biological parents, his blood relatives and his fellow tribal members. Adults must put the children first to ensure they are properly nurtured and developed.



"ROCK YOUR MOCS"

WHEN: Thursday, November 15th, 2012

WHERE: EVERYWHERE!!



Details: Be a part of a worldwide event. Happening everywhere. Going on second year. November was chosen because it is Native American Heritage Month and the date is random. You'd wear your moccasins all day. To school, to work, around the house, to the store, basically everywhere you go on November 15th. Why? To show everyone that Native Americans are still around.

Showing pride! Be Proud! Tell your friends & family.

Find us on FACEBOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/RockYourMocs>

