



Elbert J. Floyd Award nominations are now being accepted

Media release
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

- A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Deserving
- A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
- Interested in continuing his or her education

- Interested in serving the Tribe and the community
- Approved by the Department of Education

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person.

Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Nomination must be submitted

in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 11, 2012 and shall state the basis for the nomination. For more information call Ellen at 970-563-0235 ext. 2793.

The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd's children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Indian student.

Education update

Education announces GED test dates

The Department of Education would like to announce the GED test dates for the upcoming months: May 4, June 1 and July 13. The test is held the first Friday of every month at the Southern Ute Education Building at 330 Burns Ave. Registration and payments are due by Tuesday before the test. Scholarships are available for Native Americans who live within 50 miles of the service area, spend 12 hours in class, score a 450 on practice tests and submit paperwork two weeks in advance. For more information, call Pine River Community Learning Center at 970-563-0681 or Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 or 970-749-1953. Also, the Education Department has an online GED Academy classroom that is available for at home GED test preparation. Please call Donna Broad at 970-563-0237 ext. 2784 or 970-749-1953 for passwords. There is a minimum time requirement each week to be allowed to use this program.

The GED test will be changing January 2014. All previous test scores will be thrown out and students will need to retake all 5 sections. It is important that students complete all 5 sections of their GED before the January 2014 date.

Setting sights on nation's Capitol



Southern Ute Education Department staff members Mike Kirsh and Julie Stone have been working alongside students and parents Ryan Price (left) in an effort to raise funds for a field trip to the Nation's Capitol. All proceeds will be used to send 15 Tribal and JOM students to Washington DC in June of this year. William Mendoza, director of White House initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native education is working towards possibly arranging a private tour of the White House for this select group of students. Bake sales have been held in the Tribal administration building's Hall of Warriors and at the Ignacio High School. The fundraising goal is 1,300. Donations are also welcome.

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IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMUNITY DINNER and CARNIVAL

You are invited to a Free Dinner

There will be a CARNIVAL with children and adult games

Tickets will be available for .25 each or 5/\$1.00 with proceeds to benefit area families

The High Expectations Committee will be hosting a FREE dinner for the community on Monday April 30, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in the high school gym. You must RSVP so enough food can be prepared.

- Bingo
- Fishing Pond
- Knowledge Bowl Competition
- Cake Walk
- Cotton Candy
- Pie Throw
- Ring Toss
- Many more fun filled events

YES! I'm attending!

Please return to your school secretary or:

Janet Reinhardt
Ignacio School District
PO Box 460
Ignacio, CO 81137

Or call our office at:

970-563-0500

Name: _____
Attending the Dinner _____
Phone: (____) - ____ - _____
Email: _____
I would like to help with a booth _____

YOU MUST RSVP IF YOU PLAN TO EAT

Golden High School tours Tribe



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Seniors students of Golden High School toured the Southern Ute tribal campus as part of their Senior Semester Program's annual southwest trip. They made a stop in Ignacio on April 9 and 10. As part of their tour the students visited the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, SunUte Community Center, The Southern Ute Drum offices in the Leonard C. Burch

Building and finished with tours of the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum and the Multi-Purpose Facility. The group spent the night at the Southern Ute Fairgrounds, as they do throughout their trip, being fully self-sufficient. The students will also visit other tribes in New Mexico and Arizona. We hope to see them again next year.