



PRESS RELEASE

CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF THE COLVILLE RESERVATION

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PLAY BALL Event

(Nespelem, WA) — Colville Reservation youth will have an extraordinary opportunity to participate in a special "PLAY BALL" event, thanks to a joint effort by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, the Boys and Girls Club of Snohomish, and Major League Baseball. This exciting event aims to promote youth engagement and celebrate the love for baseball and softball. Following the PLAY BALL event, there will be a local Pitch, Hit, & Run competition, a free event that provides boys and girls ages 7 - 14 an opportunity to showcase their baseball and softball skills.

The event is scheduled to take place on June 28th at the Nespelem softball field in Nespelem, WA at 3:00 PM. This will be the first time that a "PLAY BALL" event has ever been held on a Reservation in Washington State. Special guests will include Chairman of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Jarred-Michael Erickson, and Nespelem Mayor, Darcy Epperson. Please contact Jackson Louie with the Boys and Girls Club of Nespelem at (509)634-2153 or at jackson.louie.bgc@colviletribes.com for any additional questions.

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MLB PLAY BALL:

The introductory-level baseball and softball activities at this event are meant to encourage greater accessibility to the sport while demonstrating the variety of ways in which the game can be played in almost any setting. This specific effort continues MLB's broader "PLAY BALL" initiative, which aims to encourage youth engagement in baseball or softball-related activities.

About the Colville Tribes:

Today, more than 9,264 descendants of 12 aboriginal tribes of Indians are enrolled in the Confederated Tribes of the Colville. The twelve tribes which compose the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation include ščəlámxəx^w (deep water) or Chelan; walwáma (Wallowa people) or Chief Joseph Band of Nez Perce; sǰ^wyʔilp (sharp pointed trees) or

Colville; šntíyátk^{wəx} (grass in the water) or Entiat; snŋáyckst (speckled fish) or Lakes; mət^xu (blunt hills around a valley) or Methow; škwáxčənə^x (people living on the bank) or Moses-Columbia; nspilm (prairie) or Nespelem; uknaqin (seeing over the top) or Okanogan; palúšpam (people from Palouse) or Palus; sənpŋ^{wilx} (grey mist as far as one can see) or San Poil, and šnpəšq^{wáwsəx} (people in between) or Wenatchi.