

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation



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REACH Museum to Host CTUIR Drummers, Dancers on Nov. 9

RICHLAND – In observance of Native American Heritage Month, the REACH Museum is hosting its Drummers & Dancers event with performers from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) on Saturday, Nov. 9.

According to the museum, performers from the Cay-Uma-Wa Youth Group, Nixyáawii Community School and North Hill Drummers as well as Curtis Bearchum, Dionne Bronson and Fred Hill will bring cultural traditions to life with performances of social dances. Dressed in tribal regalia, dancers accompanied by drummers and singers will promote tribal heritage, culture and tribal languages.

Performances will be held at 10 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

“Drummers & Dancers is an annual event celebrating Native American Heritage Month at the REACH Museum since the museum opened in 2014,” REACH Museum Operations Manager Dianna Millsap said. “Curtis Bearchum is emcee and narrator for the program. Curtis has been filling this role since the beginning. He arranges and provides the teepee, weather permitting.”

Event sponsors are the American Indian Engineering Society-Columbia River Chapter and Gesa Credit Union.

National Native American Heritage Month is celebrated annually in November to commemorate the traditions, languages and stories of Native American and Alaska Native communities and to ensure their rich histories and contributions continue to thrive.

The REACH Museum is located at 1943 Columbia Park Trail. For information, call 509-943-4100 or visit [Home - REACH Museum](#).

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation is comprised of the Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla Tribes, and formed under the Treaty of 1855 at the Walla Walla Valley, 12 Stat. 945. In 1949, the Tribes adopted a constitutional form of government to protect, preserve and enhance the reserved treaty rights guaranteed under federal law.

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