

TAMÁSTLIKT CULTURAL INSTITUTE
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PRESENTS THE SMITHSONIAN EXHIBITION

H₂O TODAY



For immediate release - Pendleton, Oregon

Tamástlikt Cultural Institute presents "H₂O Today" opening on April 6 through July 14. H₂O Today explores the beauty and essential nature of water, the planet's lifeblood. The exhibition examines the diversity and challenges of our global water sources and promotes conversation, creativity and innovation through art, science and technology. Opening day is free.

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"H₂O Today" dives into what it means to live on a planet where 71 percent of the surface is covered in water, yet less than 3 percent is drinkable. It explores the science of water from the hydrological cycle, weather and climate to its physical power as an architect and sculptor of landscape. The exhibition highlights its criticality in daily life worldwide through water power, industry, agriculture and home use. Visitors will learn the affects climate change, population growth and pollution have on the water cycle and weather patterns as well as the creative ways people around the world are tackling the challenges of water shortages and pollution.

The exhibition is part of the Smithsonian's Think Water Initiative to raise awareness of water as a critical resource for life through exhibitions, educational resources and public programs. The public can participated in the conversation on social media at #thinkWater.

H₂O Today is organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service. It was

adapted from an exhibition organized by the American Museum of Natural History, New York (www.amnh.org), and the Science Museum of Minnesota, St. Paul (www.smm.org), in collaboration with Great Lakes Science Center, Cleveland; The Field Museum, Chicago; Instituto Sangari, Sao Paul, Brazil; National Museum of Australia, Canberra; Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada; San Diego Natural History Museum; and Science Centre Singapore with PUB Singapore.

For more information, go to www.tamastsligt.org.

About Tamástsligt Cultural Institute

Tamástsligt Cultural Institute is owned and operated by the [Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation](#). A Blue Star museum, Tamástsligt is one of the many museums across the nation that offers free admission to families of active duty servicemen and women year-round. Tamástsligt is also a member of the North American Reciprocal Museum ([NARM](#)) Association and offers free admission to members of participating museums.

In addition to the museum and interpretive center, Tamástsligt operates a museum store, café, and offers meeting room rentals. Tamástsligt is open six days a week, 10am-5pm, Monday-Saturday; closed Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Kinship Café is open from 11am to 2pm on the same days the museum is open.

Tamástsligt is located at 47106 Wildhorse Boulevard at the far end of the main driveway of the Wildhorse Resort & Casino, 10 minutes east of Pendleton, Oregon. Tamástsligt can be reached via Exit 216 off Interstate I-84 or by following the "Mission-LaGrande" sign south off Highway 11 onto Highway 331.

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