

MOLALLA HIGH SCHOOL “INDIAN” MASCOT IMAGES #2

“ ... (Molalla High School) Indian mascot is still present throughout the school. The logo, a profile of a Native American man with a lined face and headdress full of feathers, is displayed on lockers, painted on the gym's floor and rendered in metal in the courtyard. Arrows help guide visitors through the hallways and drawings of spears decorate the walls. A totem pole and teepee are displayed on the school's soccer field. During a visit earlier this week, two boys walked through the cafeteria, drumming on an empty water jug and chanting.”- Ryan Kost, The Oregonian, May 17, 2012 “With one of nation's strictest rules, State Board of Education bans Native American Mascots”



“Indian” on Molalla High School building wall



“Indian” spray painted on lockers in Molalla High School



Molalla **Indianettes** Dance Team dances on the head of the “honored Indian” in the Molalla gym – note all the “Indian” images in gym. Video:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zd7dsK9XC4o>



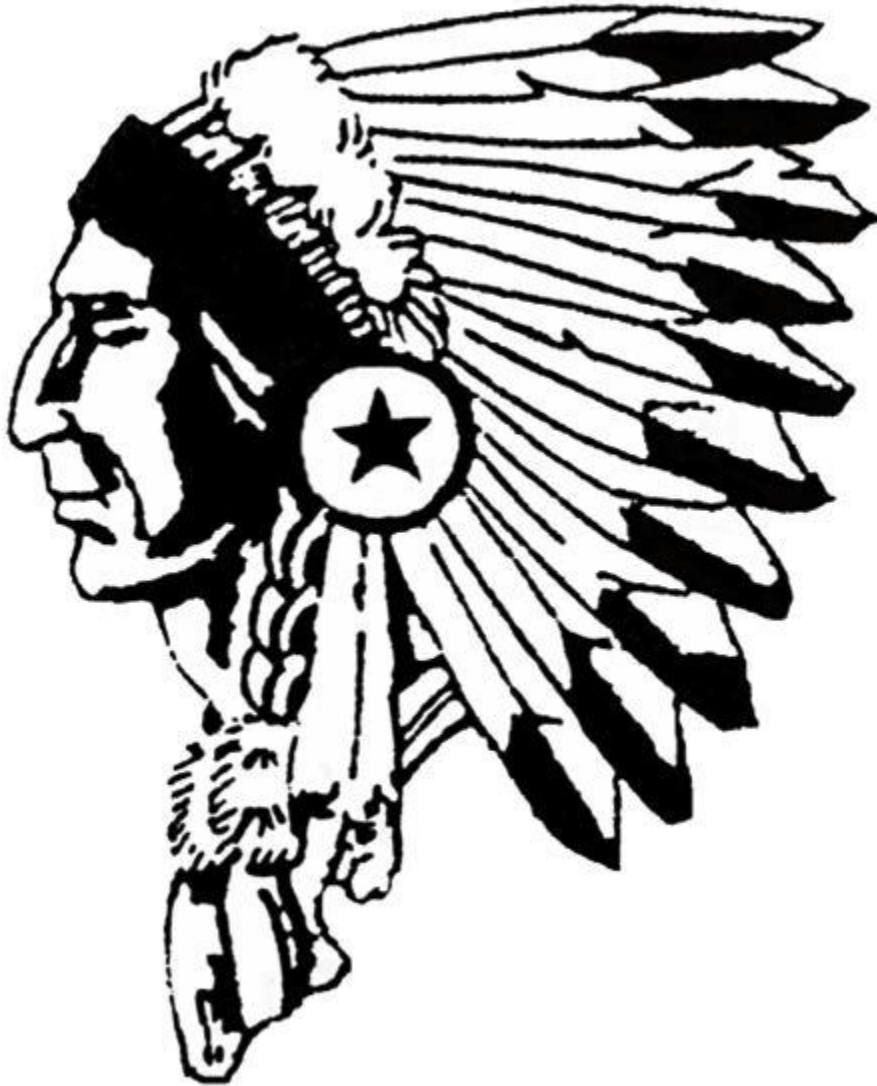
“Indian” on website representing team listings – purported to represent the Molalla High School team record.



“Indian” banner



“Indian” logo used for Molalla on Oregon Schools Activities Association Score Center website



“Indian” in black and white associated with Molalla High School Track and Field and Cross Country



OHSET (equestrian team) Molalla High School logo (“Indian” on top of logo).



“Indians” in Molalla High School gym, published May 4, 2012 The Oregonian (note two versions of “Indian” tee shirts on male students)



HS Gym – note arrowhead and “Indian” on floor



Giant “Indian” on floor of High School gym. It appears that the basketball team is pretending to be using bows and arrows – more “Indian’ fake ritual.



Booster banner featuring ‘indian’



Poem Read & Acted at Assembly

The Molala of Western Oregon
Origin, Migration, Culture, and Lifestyle

welcoming new staff
& exchange students

Life Begins — According to the Molala

Come with me, back many years, to when La-Tiwi inhabited the lands west of the Cascades. Imagine forests filled with ancient growths of fir trees, bear, deer, coyote, wolves, and other forest creatures. Imagine rivers brimming with trout and prairies covered with camas lily and berries of many kinds. Life, however, was not idyllic; it was difficult to survive. Food, health, wild animals, and enemies — all were a great concern to every American Indian.

Like all of mankind, at some point in his life, a Molala sought to explain his existence by asking the basic question, "Where did I come from?" One thing he was certain of, however, was that Coyote the Trickster had something to do with his creation, with the creation of "the people." The following myth is an important part of Molala Indian lore.

Coyote the Trickster and Grizzly Bear

Coyote was going up toward Mt. Hood. He met Grizzly Bear.
Grizzly Bear said, "Where are you going, Coyote?"
Coyote said, "I am going up country."
"Why are you going up there?" asked Grizzly Bear.
Coyote said, "I am making the world."

Then Grizzly Bear said, "We must fight."
Coyote said, "No, we must have a swallowing match."
Grizzly Bear said, "No, we must fight a duel."
Coyote said, "We will swallow stones."
Grizzly said, "Go ahead, we will swallow them."

Coyote said, "We must have them very hot."
"How many hot rocks?" asked Grizzly.
Coyote said, "You must swallow first, then I will."
Then the Grizzly Bear swallowed a hot stone;
"Now it's your turn," he said.

Then Coyote said, "Yes," and began to swallow strawberries, not rocks!
(He fooled Grizzly; he swallowed five strawberries.)
Then Coyote told Grizzly, "Now you must swallow five hot stones."
"All right," said Grizzly. Then he commenced swallowing hot rocks.
They burst his heart, and he died.

Now Coyote sat down and studied. "Now I must go;
I am going on forever,
He is gone now, the world is going to last so long!"

He skinned Grizzly, then began cutting him up;
He scattered his body in little pieces all over.
Then to the **Molala Country** he threw the heart.

He said, "Now the **Molala** will be good hunters;
They will all be good men, thinking and studying about hunting deer.
They will think all the time they are on a hunt.
Indeed they know how to dodge out those **Molala!**"

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“Indian” ritual text - acted out in the fall at Molalla High School.



Molalla High School courtyard “Indian”



Molalla HS Soccer “Indian” does not match “official” mascot “Indian”