Seasonal Cycle for the Nimíipuu
(a generalized approximation)

We-Lu-Poop (January)
“Season of cold”

height of ceremonial and oral tradition season
winter hunting continues

Ha-Oh-Khoy (December)
“A New life begins in the cow elk”

Ah-La-Tah-Mahl (February)
“Fires are needed”

large semi-permanent winter villages of tule-mat longhouses
foods are adequate

Sekh-Lee-Wahl (November)
“Trees shed leaves”

Ah-La-Tah-Mahl (February)
“Fires are needed”

prepare winter villages
hunting continues

Ha-Oh-Khoy (December)
“A New life begins in the cow elk”

large semi-permanent winter villages of tule-mat longhouses
foods becoming scarcer

Lah-Tee-Tahl (March)
“First flowers bloom”

small mobile groups with foods scarce
begin root digging and continue hunting

Hope-Lul (October)
“Needles fall from Tamarack”

Ha-Oh-Khoy (December)
“A New life begins in the cow elk”

Kah-Khee-Tahl (April)
“Time to dig keh-kheet roots”

smaller mobile groups
foods are adequate

Hope-Lul (October)
“Needles fall from Tamarack”

Pe-Kuhn-Ma-Ahl (September)
“Fish go downstream and salmon to ocean”

begin larger summer camps
continue root digging and begin fishing

Ha-Oh-Khoy (December)
“A New life begins in the cow elk”

Ah-Pah-Ahl (May)
“Time to dig kous roots”

after the horse, travel to buffalo country

large summer camps with foods superabundant
fishing continues with berry gathering and root digging throughout summer

Hope-Lul (October)
“Needles fall from Tamarack”

Wa-Wa-Ma-Ahl (August)
“Chinook salmon to headwater’s and spawn”

Toose-Tee-Ma-Sa-Tahl (June)
“Late season for kous roots”

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