

Salmon Camp brings youth from Warm Springs to Coast

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Young people from Warm Springs traveled to sites around the reservation, to the Columbia River and the Oregon Coast, as part of the five-day Salmon Camp.

"It was amazing how much they learned from each site they visited," said Doris Miller, who coordinated the camp with Fritz Miller.

"They wanted to stay longer," Miller said, "And they said next year they want the camp to be for two weeks."

The purpose of the camp was to observe the life cycle of salmon, from spawning in tributaries like the Warm Springs River, down to the Deschutes and the Columbia, and on to the Pacific Ocean.

Besides the fisheries science, the students learned life skills such as prayer, writing, art, social skills, team work, presentations and listening skills.

Sixteen tribal member youth attended the Salmon Camp, held from Aug. 26-30.

The camp began with a gathering along the Warm Springs River at the HeHe Longhouse, where Larry Holliday, of tribal Natural Resources, made a presentation on salmon spawning.

The group walked up the river to the spawning headwaters to see first hand the streambeds where salmon make their redds.

The Salmon Camp youth then traveled to the Warm Springs National Fish Hatchery, where hatchery worker Kevin Blueback let the students feed the juvenile fish. They also learned the important differences between hatchery and wild fish.

At the end of the day the group traveled to Kah-Nee-Ta, where they ate dinner at the Pavilion and slept the night in



Harold Blackwolf demonstrates fish cleaning techniques at Cascade Locks.

the Village teepees.

Sherars Bridge

The next morning the Salmon Camp group traveled to Sherars Bridge, where they viewed the fishermen on the scaffolding, BIA superintendent Paul Young gave a history presentation on fishing in the region.

Salmon Camp then traveled to Cascade Locks for lunch. They set up tents, and worked on their journals. Earlier, the students had been given traveling bags with notebooks and pens by the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians.

At Cascade Locks, Louie Pitt, director of tribal Government Affairs, and Harold Blackwolf Sr., of the Off-Reservation Fish and Wildlife, made presentations

on salmon and tribal fishing rights. Blackwolf made salmon filets for the group, and the students learned his filleting techniques.

At the Coast

The next morning the group left for Lincoln City, where they had lunch. They traveled to Newport and the Oregon Science Marine Center, where they met up with a group of young people from the Siletz tribes.

They visited the Siletz Longhouse for dinner and cultural dances. The Warm Springs and Siletz Youth Center and library, and played a game of touch football.

The next morning the group had breakfast at Chinook Winds, and then listened as Tedi

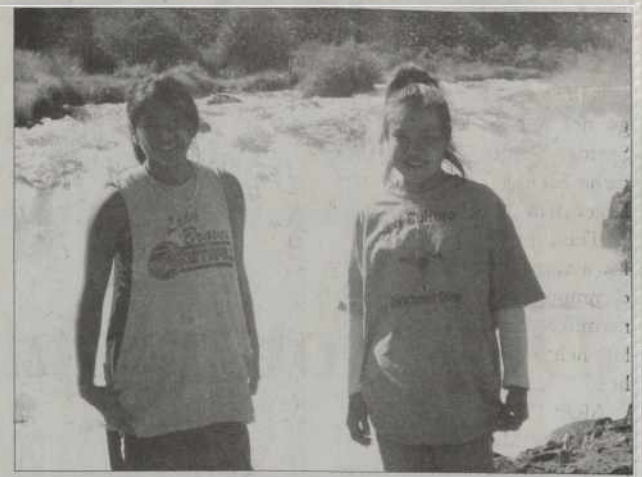
Tanewasha gave some advice on making presentations.

The Salmon Camp members then gave presentations on what they had learned on the trip.

They went to the beach for a while and then returned to Warm Springs.

The students who participated in the camp are:

Elyse Bagley, Keyahna Clement, Cyril Frank, Morgan Frank, Alexis Hintsala, Nieman Jackson, Ada Lopez-Polk, Andrew Lujan, Merrick Patt, Jevon Smith, Shoshana Street, Cassandra Warner, Robin Warner, Johanathan Watlamet, Theresa Winishut, and Jarrod Yahtin.



Alexis Hintsala and Kassie Warner at the Sherars Falls.



Students stayed at the Kah-Nee-Ta Village.



At the longhouse, volunteers help the students prepare for the trip.



On the beach at Lincoln City.

Twenty-five years ago, this week

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Despite problems and many unanswered questions, the first return of hatchery raised Chinook salmon to the Warm Springs River is good. Approximately 950 adult Chinook escaped nets, fishing lines and predators to return. In other news:

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have filed a suit against Portland General Electric through the U.S. Attorney's Office, contending that PGE owes the tribes nearly \$13 mil-

lion for an adjustment to rental rates on Round Butte Dam, retroactive to August 1979. PGE has refused to pay the amount owed, says the suit, and the tribe is seeking enforcement of the arbitrator's order with the aid of the U.S. Attorney's Office. And elsewhere:

Once a year the tempo of the daily life for residents in the city of Pendleton changes from the serious business mood to a time of fun and frivolity as a bit of the past is relived for a week during the Pendleton Round-Up.

A pageantry of cowboys

and Indians dominates the scenes. Businessmen shed their suits for Western wear and Indians from all parts of the Northwest re-create an Indian village of teepees on the round-up grounds.



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