

Natural Resources Science Camp Set for June

The Yakama Nation is proud to sponsor the 2002 Northwest Natural Resources Science Camp, scheduled for June 16-21, 2002.

The camp provides Native American high school students with the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in managing tribal natural resources. The goals of the Yakama Nation and the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society are to encourage youth to recognize the importance of natural resource management, to kindle an interest in continuing their education in the varying fields of natural resources, and to pursue professional careers in natural resources management.

At the core of higher education promotion is the commitment of re-

establishing the traditional relationships between Native Americans and their environment by providing Native American professionals who can participate in and make decisions on managing tribal natural resources.

The 2002 Natural Resources Science Camp will intertwine an academic experience with a forest setting to provide the best possible forum for learning. Students will spend the week at the Camp Chaparral Education Center on the Yakama Reservation, participating in classroom exercises, field work, recreation activities, field trips, and traditional activities with the interaction of professional, cultural, and traditional people.

To enhance the learning experience, students will interact with Native American professionals who either are just starting their careers or have been in the field for awhile and who are active in natural resources management. To further heighten the learning experience, students will participate in traditional and spiritual activities with cultural specialists.

The camp is open to upcoming 10th- to 12th-grade Native American students who are self-motivated, highly responsible, and interested in the protection, conservation, and enhancement of natural resources. Students must be in good physical condition as physical activities are a

large part of the camp.

For more information and/or an application, please write, call, or fax:

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Indian Weatherization Program and Other Information

Outreach Office Selected to Assist DBEs

The Springfield Outreach Office of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians was selected by Capital Project Consultants of Portland to help disadvantaged business enterprises gain ODOT contracts. The Springfield office will team up with Portland and La Grande offices to provide ODOT support services to DBEs sponsored by CPC through an ODOT grant.

The DBE support services provided include one-to-one technical training and marketing outreach to encourage DBEs to bid on ODOT contracts. The timing is perfect. ODOT is announcing more than \$400 million in highway contracts, with more than \$122 million for the Eugene and Springfield area.

This should be a good opportunity for any Native American contractors seeking ODOT project work to finally get help with the contract process. Please contact Scott Hansen (toll-free) at 1-866-744-9300 to learn more about ODOT's DBE program.

Tribal Water and Sewer Facilities Development Conference

Join us on April 25, 2002, at EWEB's (Eugene Water & Electric Board) Midgley Building, 409 High St. in Eugene, Ore., for an informative roundtable discussion of the Indian Health Services' water and sanitation services for tribal members.

The conference runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Housing coordinators and social services staff are ideal candidates for this conference, but any tribal member considering a well or septic project would find this beneficial. Everyone is welcome to attend this free conference.

Patrick Craney and Dave Hunt of IHS will give presentations on community projects and individual home sites. The application process and site inspection details will be included in the topics of discussion. Other speakers may be available as scheduling permits. Learn about complete expense coverage, your lifetime limit on water and sanitation project costs, and eligible service areas.

Water and Sewer Project Development in Support of Tribal Housing

- I. How to get an individual home served with water/sewer
- II. Community project development
- III. Water management and conservation (EWEB)
- IV. Open discussions and a luncheon (provided)

Please contact Scott Hansen (toll-free) at 1-866-744-9300 if you are interested

in attending this free conference. Transportation from Coos Bay and Florence may be available if needed.

AIEI Conference Delivers Information Packets

The American Indian Energy Issues Conference produced a packet of information relating to Native American energy assistance programs, with feedback from several tribal and state officials.

The thrust of this information is instructions on accessing BPA's Indian Weatherization Program and other energy assistance programs for tribal members through agency referrals.

Does your local energy assistance office have the poster proclaiming the "American Indian Weatherization Program"? If not, please request a free one from Scott Hansen at 1-866-744-9300.

Interested in energy information? Check out these two new sites:

www.oeca.info: the Oregon Energy Coordinators Association, whose mission is "Keeping Families in Need, Safe and Warm"

www.aiei.info: designed to network energy information and promote tribal involvement

Special Program for High PP&L and PGE Bills

High Arrearage Payment Program (HAPP) is seeking five Pacificorp and five PGE customers whose utility bills have gone into a financial spiral to above \$400 in arrearages.

This payment program has been set up for households that until now have had a good payment history that demonstrated the household could manage its limited income, but due to an unanticipated event like "illness, divorce, accident, or economic change" has caused their utility bill to become a unbearable burden.

If you know someone who may benefit from this program, please contact your local LIEAP person or Scott Hansen. Please hurry - space is limited to 10 applicants. Other program requirements for eligibility will be explained to interested applicants.

You can reach Scott Hansen, American Indian weatherization coordinator at the Springfield Outreach Office of the Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, 1126 Gateway Loop, #120, Springfield, OR 97477; toll-free 1-866-744-9300, or 541-744-9300; fax: 541-744-9360; www.coos-lowerumpqua-siuslaw.org or <http://communities.msn.com/naweatherization>