



Ruby Ruben (R) and Nyewusi Askari (seated) lead youngsters in song during a summer program they direct at Highland Community Center. Photo by Richard Brown

Offered To Inner-City Youths Cultural Enrichment Program

by Jerry Garner

The Highland Community Center is sponsoring a summer Cultural Enrichment Program for inner-city youths Monday through Friday, at the Highland United Church of Christ. The program started July 21

and will last until September 12. Ruby Ruben, program coordinator, said she would like to see the young girls and boys become more aware of their environment and family members. "This year I would

like to see the young sisters and brothers learn about themselves as African-Americans, about their community, their family, music, language and city." Ruben said she and her assistant Nyewusi Askari have developed a "very exciting summer program for the youngsters."

This Cultural Enrichment Program, Ruben said, will consist of the following: introduction to African-American storytelling; African-American poets, poetry and poetry writing; African-American games for elementary and high school students; and film reviews on Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Ruben and Askari will pay a tribute to Dr. King by way of a performance in his honor.

Besides the above, Janice Scroggins, a local pianist; McKinly Burt, an educator; and B.J. Edwards, a beauty consultant, will make presentations to the youngsters. Scroggins will discuss African-American religion, survival songs, Harriet Tubman and the underground railroad. Burt will give a discussion on African-American inventors, and Edwards will speak on the subject of personal hygiene, hair care, and give tips on how to dress. Drug and alcohol awareness will also be discussed during the Enrichment Program.

When the program is completed, I hope that each student leaves with a sense of pride that will guide them in everything they attempt in the future. They will respect themselves and others and be proud of themselves as African-Americans," said Ruben.

Summer Jazz '86 Eleventh Annual Jazz Society Picnic

The Annual Family Picnic, sponsored by The Jazz Society of Oregon, will be held Sunday, August 17, 1986 from 1 PM to 8 PM at Camp Rivendale, which is just south of the Jenkins Estate on Grabhorn Road at S.W. 209th & Farmington Road in Aloha, Oregon.

This is a chance for the entire family to enjoy a summer afternoon of Jazz, Food, Fun and good fellowship on the beautiful grounds at Camp Rivendale.

Jazz Society members will be charged \$6 at the gate and non-members, \$7. The charge for students, ages 13-17, is \$3 and children 12 and under get in for free.

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The 44 students who are participating in the program appear to enjoy it. "I have a lot of fun here, plus, I can learn more about my history," said Isis Cohens, age 12 and a 6th grader at Tubman Middle School. When Isis was asked whether she had learned anything new since attending the summer program, she responded, "Yes, Ruby is a good actress and she is nice." Isis' 6 year old sister, Sugar, is also in the program.

Idris O'Ferrall, age 10, a 6th grader at Whitaker Middle School, said besides being in the program to learn more about African-American history, he is there to learn how to respect and get along with others.

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