

Area Kids Enjoy Beach Camp

A group of kids from north and northeast Portland recently returned from a great experience at the Pacific Youth Camp at Camp Kiwanilong in Warrenton. Located on the shore of Long Lake, the camp is just a few miles from Astoria on the Oregon Coast.

The camp provided at-risk youth two and a half days of activities, including hiking, canoeing, sports, outdoor skills, exploring, campfire groups and grand times at the beach.

For many of the 21 children from nine different Portland area schools who participated, they shared the thrills of outdoor life for the first time.

The target group included pre-teen and young teenage males who may be off task in school, from single parent families or appear to be headed for youth gang affiliations.

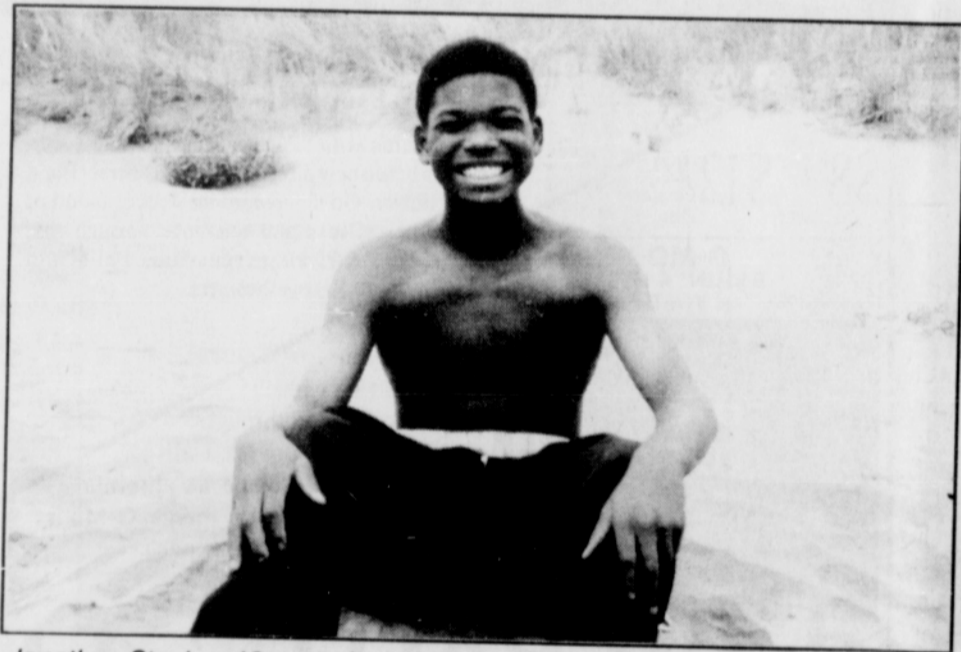
The camp was sponsored by RISK (Reaching In Saving Kids), an organization developed by Yaun Youth Care Centers, Inc., the Gang Alternatives Office, Northeast Crime Prevention Office and Portland Youth Redirection Gang Transition Office. The sponsors and registered owners of RISK are Robert Jacob and Caroline Wethern.



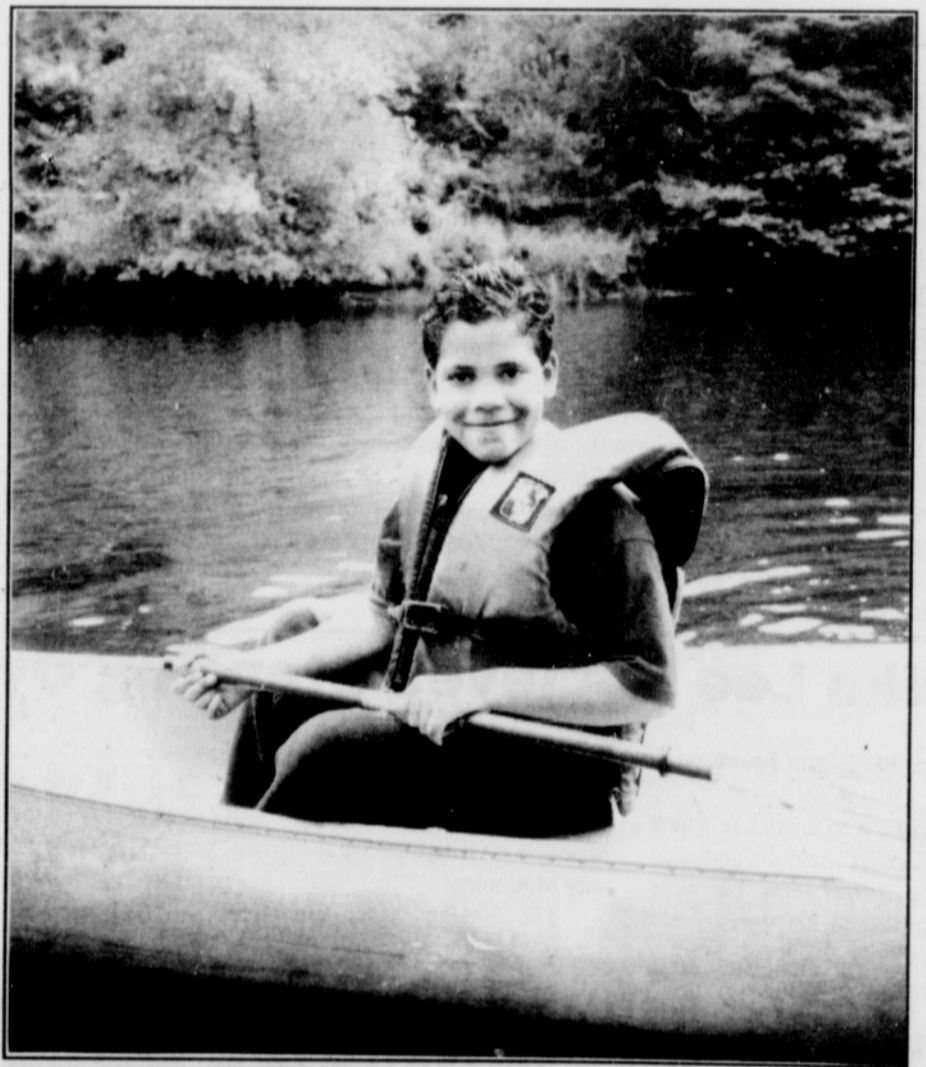
Keeping frogs safe, but tightly held in their grips are Daniel Pollard (from left) and Rontonio Augusta.



Camp Counselor "Uncle John" Canda, a northeast Portland crime prevention specialist, is joined by his camp kids Jamar Rodriguez (from left), Micah Murphy, Duane Hill, Carlos Rodriguez, Marco Johnson, Scottie Nathan, and Rontonio Augustua.



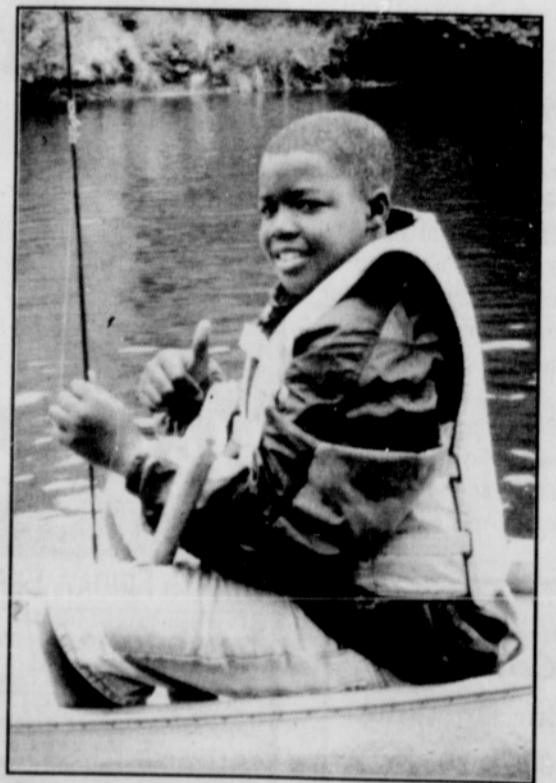
Jonathan Staples, 13, a student at Harriet Tubman Middle School, enjoys the beach at Camp Kiwanilong.



Mathew Thomas, 9, who attends Sabin Elementary School, finds solitude on the water.



Robert "Jake" Jacob, a camp sponsor, takes the seat up front, Rontonio Augustua is at stern and "Max and Sadie" ride middle. Augustua, 13, is a student at Beaumont Middle School.



Carlos Rodriguez grabs the fishing pole in hopes of landing the big one. Rodriguez, 12, attends Harriet Tubman Middle School.