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Umatilla County Fair day campers visit Bill Jennings and Bob Daniel at the American Legion booth at the Umatilla County Fair.

A FAIR EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER

Five years ago, Tammy Wagner had the idea of creating a camp for the kids of vendors stationed at the fair or siblings of 4-H kids that were presenting. This way, they had something to do while their parents or sisters and brothers were working at the fair. But it quickly turned into something much larger.

"It was such a big hit, I opened it up to anybody," said Wagner.

The Summer Fun Kids Camp accepts 40 kids for fair week where they do arts and crafts, play board games, visit the petting zoo and watch the entertainment acts.

Wagner said it's a more in-depth experience than kids would normally get if they just went for the day.

The camp is open to children in kindergarten through the fifth grade, and Wagner said at least half of the camp participants repeat the camp from year to year. The camp has been going on long enough that she is starting to see kids become too old to attend.

But she has also had kids who aged out of the camp come back and ask if they could be helpers the next year.

Admission to the camp is \$70 for Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It comes with a T-shirt, a carnival bracelet for Saturday and free admission to the fair for the week.

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