

# Work program youths visit Yakima, Portland

A fitting end to the summer work programs for local youth was a bit of exposure to employment opportunities outside the reservation. Two excursions, one to Portland and one to The Dalles and the Yakima Reservation, were planned for students and supervisors by Jody Calica, the counselor-advisor of the program. The focus of each of the trips was to supplement the teens' firsthand knowledge of the kinds of work available on the reservation with an introduction to other career possibilities.

The larger of the two groups visited the Air National Guard and the Internal Revenue Service in Portland. Although the IRS went all out to

show the group around and explain its operations, the kids were understandably more enthused with the activities of the Air National Guard. A tour of training areas, a jet and X-ray labs captured the imaginations of the 30 kids.

Not only the technical operations but the job and education opportunities of the Guard were presented to the group. Kids seemed to be impressed with the fact that the Guard will finance any kind of schooling other than forestry, for someone who promises to be a reservist for a designated time. And the obligations associated with this commitment didn't seem half bad: a paid weekend of duty per month and a paid 5-week camp in the

summer.

Meanwhile the group in The Dalles was learning about apprenticeship opportunities at the Big Eddy Substation of the Bonneville Power Project. Kids' ears perked up when the guide explained that unskilled apprentices training to be substation operators, start at \$6.92 an hour. Minorities and women are encouraged to enter the three-year training program which is at the moment flooded with applicants.

In Wapato, Washington, the Yakima Nation's furniture and boat factories provided students with a glimpse into another reservation's enterprises. Kids were intrigued with the production of sofas and sleepers at Mt. Adams Furniture.

They learned about the special consideration given to all Indians in training and employment at the factory and the discount available to employees and Yakima tribal members.

At the boat factory, Fiber Tech, the group toured an environment of strange smells and substances and saw the various stages of modern fiberglass boat building. Both enterprises have been taken over by the Yakima Nation in the last three years and appear to be quite successful. They provide employment for people with low entry level skills and offer ample opportunity for advancement in pay and responsibility.

## A qualified success

Looking back over the summer work program efforts, administrators and supervisors had many positive remarks to make but also some definite suggestions for improvement.

Director Lloyd Smith was pleased with the attendance records of the students. He also pointed out that unlike past programs, this one kept growing as the summer progressed. The number of students involved at one time — around 111 at peak — far exceeds the thirty kids who participated last summer. Lloyd admits that more preparation and orientation for both students and staff would be beneficial.

Don Defender, one of the CETA coordinators, agrees that better organization is needed for such a large and diverse group. He suggests that ongoing narratives be kept on each participant so that inquiries or complaints can be handled with greater effectiveness.

Even better departmental preparation and communication are sought by Jody Calica.

Delson Suppah and Lloyd (Swede) Eder, tree-thinning crew chiefs, are pleased with the amount of work they accomplished. They hope to reach some of the more difficult kids next year with their encouragement of individual responsibility and pride.

As reports are written and recommendations drawn up, the people involved with the summer work programs breathe a sigh of relief that the hectic atmosphere has ended. But it is a proud and hopeful sigh because much has been achieved and next summer will reflect the successes and lessons of this re-energized program.

# Reservation hosts Trade Fair

The re-creation of an historic Indian Trade Gathering is the aim of the first Warm Springs Indian Trade Fair which will take place over Labor Day weekend, (September 4-5-6) at Kah-Nee-Ta Village. The goal is to make it a fun and rewarding experience in hopes that it will become an established event.

Only twice before has the Warm Springs Reservation seen anything similar to this in recent times. The first was in honor of returning World War II veterans when local people

brought out artifacts and items from personal collections, and the second was for the celebration which took place on the

centennial of the treaty in 1955.

But not since pre-reservation days has there been a large Indian Trade Fair where ideas were exchanged, works of art, skills, food, stories and dances. The Mid-Oregon Indian Historical Society is sponsoring just such an event over Labor Day Weekend in hopes that it will become an annual event

here on the Warm Springs Reservation.

The Trade Fair and encampment will be in the Kah-Nee-Ta Village Day-Use area. A Longhouse Teepee (equivalent to the size of about six village-size teepees) is being constructed under the direction of Andrew David, and will be utilized for craft demonstrations and to protect artifacts.

Quite a number of people in the community are involved in the planning of the Trade Fair. Tribes from Oregon, Washington, Northern California, and Nevada have already sent notification that they will be participating. "This will be a wonderful thing," said Andrew David. "I've seen this happen other places - but not here."

Indian artisans from throughout the Northwest have been invited to share their knowledge and skills with others. There will be demonstrations of basket weaving, quill and beadwork, leather craft, wood carving, and other Indian crafts.

The Trade Fair will also feature the display of museum-quality artifacts and historic photographs from personal collections. Also, there will be items for sale and trade as well as for display.

In addition there will be stories and dancing on a spontaneous basis as well as evening activities which include Coyote stories and stick games. A salmon bake is scheduled for Sunday afternoon.

Planners of the Trade Fair would like to limit the number of participating booths to about forty to avoid problems of space and organization. Anyone planning to participate should contact Harry Paget or Felix Wallulatum by the end of August. Their office is upstairs in the old boys dorm.

For application forms or further information call 553-1161, extension 67.

## WARM SPRINGS INDIAN TRADE FAIR

Re-creation of an historic Indian trade gathering  
SPONSORED BY THE MID-OREGON INDIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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**September 4, 5, 6**

10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday & Sunday

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday

Evening activities include:

Stick Games

Indian Theater - Dancing

Coyote Stories

**KAH/NEE/TA Village**

On the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon

- Arts
- Crafts
- Demonstrations
- Exhibits
- Buying & Trading

**SALMON BAKE  
Sunday Afternoon**

This project is partly sponsored by a grant from the Oregon Arts Commission and the National Endowment for the Arts, a Federal Agency created by an Act of Congress, 1965.

## ★ SAFETY TIP ★

### CLOTHING FIRES

Many people, especially children, get burned because their clothes catch fire. Sometimes they get too near a barbecue, or fireplace, or space heater. Often the cause is misuse of matches.



**DROP AND ROLL if clothes catch fire. Don't run!**

But children enrolled in The Hartford Insurance Group's Junior Fire Marshal Program learn what to do in this dangerous situation.

They learn that if their clothes catch fire, running is absolutely the wrong thing to do. The right action is to drop and roll — just fall to the ground, right where they're standing, and roll back and forth. That will extinguish the fire quickly.

One hundred thousand children are burned every year — but if children learn a tactic like "drop and roll" they'll be reducing the chance of becoming part of this statistic!