

Rain Didn't Dampen Exchange Students' Spirits

What do 80 American Field Service students, who are housed in teepees, do when it's pouring

rain? Also, what about their meals which were to be eaten outside on picnic tables?

Well, the Madras AFS chapter members had the situation well in hand last weekend.

(Even though it might have been a damp hand, at that!)

Representatives from 33 foreign countries, began arriving at Kah-Nee-Ta Friday afternoon, extremely excited at the prospect of seeing one another again. Approximately 15 chaperones were responsible for getting the kids moved in and "comfortable" in their eight teepees. The excitement carried far into the night, for many did not go to sleep until around 3:30 a.m.

All the AFS students who visited Warm Springs live with Oregonian families and are attending high school throughout this school year. The experience for the students, as well as the host families is very rewarding and unique. Paulo Menezes, who is from Brazil, has been with Helmer and Bette Wallan since last July. The Wallans are the only family in Madras who sponsored an AFS student this year.

Saturday afternoon, 30 of the students went to the Root Feast Rodeo at the Agency Rodeo grounds in Warm Springs. The

kids all enjoyed the rodeo with one student calling it "typically American, with the cowboys, lassos . . ."

After the rodeo, the visitors were transported back to Kah-Nee-Ta for dinner and programs presented by Bernice Mitchell and the Madras High School Indian Club.

Then the rain began. "It came down in buckets," stated AFS president Pat Creelman. "We didn't know what we were going to do. Andy Lucas was kind enough to let us take our food to the Warm Springs Room at the Lodge." As for sleeping, Community Center director Satch Miller let the kids sleep at the center in Warm Springs.

"We're so grateful to everyone who helped us at the last minute. It wouldn't have gone as smoothly without their help!" stated Creelman.

The group bid farewell Sunday morning, heading for their second homes throughout Oregon, taking with them memories of Indian dancing, legends and how to cope with the wet.



The camping area at Kah-Nee-Ta Village took on an international air as the Norwegian Flag fluttered from one of the teepees last weekend. Eighty AFS exchange students from all over Oregon visited the reservation and enjoyed tennis, horseback riding, and the Root Feast Rodeo.

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Long Awaited Housing Nears Completion

Within the month there is bound to be an unusual amount of activity in the form of moving vans and pickups loaded with household goods making their way through Warm Springs. Housing projects which were started about this time last year are nearly ready for occupancy, now.

The twenty-unit tribal apartments located in the juniper grove south of the rodeo grounds will have their final inspection today (Friday), and should be ready for occupancy the first week of May. All twenty apartments have been spoken for and there is a waiting list should anyone change their mind.

The attractive, landscaped apartment complex blends well with the environment and there is a carport for each unit, as well as limited space for guest parking. Each apartment is carpeted and draped, with the bedrooms located upstairs. And housing manager Elton Greeley noted, with a smile, that perhaps the top of the carports would make good sun-bathing decks.

By the end of April, the 15 three and four-bedroom tribal homes located on the bench west of the mobile home park should all be completed. The homes are for sale to tribal members or are available on a lease-purchase option plan. Of the fifteen homes, eight have already been purchased and two leased.

All the houses have fireplaces, are carpeted, and have dishwashers and kitchen appliances. The four-bedroom homes have two bathrooms, and the three-bedroom houses have two entrances to the one bathroom.

The homes are low-density, with plenty of space around each house. And most of the homes are situated where there is a pleasant view. Arrangements for the purchase or lease of one of the homes can be made through the tribal housing department and tribal credit departments.

The base price for one of the three-bedroom homes is \$33,400 and for a four-bedroom home it is \$37,100. The base price does not include landscaping or a carport.

The twenty senior citizen homes located above the mobile home park are beginning to look pretty interesting. It is probably the only HUD project in the United States which includes a wood burning stove and a smoke-house with each home. In addition to individual smoke houses, each home has a carport with a small storage space.

Some of the homes have rather spectacular views of the community, and others are nestled among the junipers. Also included in the project is a centrally located senior citizen center. It will have a sauna and whirlpool bath, a patio with umbrellas, a dining area to accommodate about 70 people, and an old-style sweathouse if desired. There is also a pathway leading down to the longhouse area.

It is estimated that the 20 senior citizen homes will be ready for occupancy this summer, as will the 30 family homes in West Hills which are also part of the HUD project.



Each of the senior citizen houses has an individual smoke-house (right) as well as a carport. A HUD project, the homes should be ready for occupancy sometime this summer. Sandy Rangila Photo



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