

Ny-Mu-Mah dream just keeps on growing

by Donna Behrend

The dream began four years ago for Camp Ny-Mu-Mah director Pat Gordon and her

brother Dick Trudell. They talked about an intertribal camp for urban and reservation Indian youth. Both Gordon and Trudell began seeking

funding for the camp as well as contacting different areas around the United States to see if kids would be interested in such a camp. They were.

The first camp in 1976 was located at the Community Center and lasted 12 days. About 50 kids between the ages of 12 and 17 attended the camp that was primarily funded by the National Football League.

After that first year, the camp steadily improved. The location was moved to HeHe and the campers were lulled to sleep by the sound of the Warm Springs River. Two sessions were formed for the age groups 10-12 and 13-15 so as to better accommodate the campers. Additional funding was found, allowing a more elaborate program. Joining NFL were Osaga, the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Fund, Avis Rent-A-Car and Recreation Equipment Incorporated. The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs donate the camp site as well as salmon for the closing night ceremonies.

According to Gordon, Warm Springs was chosen for its versatility and environment. "It can be put to use," says Gordon. The rivers, mountains, fishing and Kah-Nee-Ta all create an atmosphere that can't be beat. The HeHe

Longhouse was used for Washat services on Sundays, a brand new experience for many.

From Crafts to Olympics

This year over 100 youths representing seven different tribes, including Warm Springs, attended the camp. Cassie Katchia was in charge of the arts and crafts projects this year which included chokers, tepee flags, earrings, baskets, key chains and tule mats. Gail Trembley of Evergreen State College and an Onondaga Indian, taught mask-making.

A new attraction this year was the "Osaga Olympic Day" which gave the campers a taste of real but fun competition. Both sessions competed in relay races, horseshoes, basketball, softball toss, frisbee toss and an excruciating obstacle course. Each participant received Osaga running shoes, T-shirts and jogging shorts from the Eugene-based firm.

Camp cooks Bernice Mitchell and Ada Sooksoit received lots of help from the campers. Bernice joined the Ny-Mu-Mah staff the first year, Ada the second. Both enjoy the experience and Bernice feels that the camp is a "good chance for the kids to get away from everyday life."

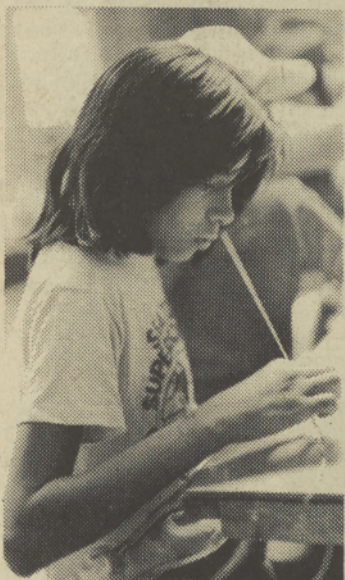
Some of the young campers shed a tear or two, feeling that the 12 days had passed much too quickly. Others felt they may bump into one another at a powwow somewhere. All feel they had a good time, for sure a diversion from the ordinary.

Camps and beyond

As a result of the camp, Gordon has incorporated Indian Youth of American, a non-profit organization to help Indian children throughout the United States. Summer and winter camps, athletic clinics, such as the one taught in Warm Springs by Bill Walton, recruitment for higher education, career awareness internships and an IYA newsletter are all part of the new organization. The long range goal is a group home for Indian children and Gordon is presently investigating state laws pertaining to the adoption of Indian children.



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TOGETHERNESS AND FRIENDSHIP - Camp Ny-Mu-Mah brought many Indian kids from across the United States together for a few short weeks during July. In top photo, the lines were full of wet clothes after a swim in the Warm Springs River. (Left) Best camper Dmitri Seth from Idaho intently studied the color scheme of a pair of earrings he was making for



a friend. In right photo, as part of the Osaga Jr. Olympic Day, basketball free throw gave the kids a taste of real competition. Warm Springs was chosen for the Camp Ny-Mu-Mah site because of its atmosphere and environment. The Confederated Tribes have played an active part in the camp since it began in 1976.

Livestock brands being gathered for official listing

Range Riders are in the final stages of revising and updating the Tribal Livestock Brand Book. Livestock owners whose names do not appear on the list below should submit a drawing of their brand to the Natural Resources Department (in the old Administration Building) before August 24. This includes new or inherited brands—and flesh and ear marks—that have been in use since March of 1974.

As extra insurance against theft or ownership disputes, Range Rider Supervisor Gordon Scott encourages livestock owners to register their brands with the state.

The new brand book is due for completion in late August or early September.

A

Lloyd Adams, Nola Adams, Frances Allen, George Aguilar, Jessie Arthur, Taylor Arthur, Tracy Arthur, Rick Arthur

B

Anson Begay, Fern Begay, Rowena Begay, Mabel Benson, Berna Boise, Margaret Boise, Phillip Boise, Jr., Lamont Brown, Bruce Brunoe, Cecil Brunoe, Jeri Lynn Brunoe, Marylane Brunoe, Robert A. Brunoe, Theodore Brunoe, Serena Boyd

C

Charles Calica, Darrel Calica, Inez Calica, Gloria Calica, Kenneth Calica, Larry Calica, Raymond Calica, Sammy Colwash, Alvin Charley, Jr.,

Russell Charley, Wesley Charley, Annabelle Clements, George Clements, Sandra Clements, Trudie Clements, Kenneth Conner, Susie Culp, Harold Culpus, Hilda Culpus, Kip Culpus, Lorraine Culpus, William Culpus.

D

George Danzuka, Jr., Mary Danzuka, Norman Danzuka, Marjorie Danzuka, Sammy Danzuka, Andrew David, Phillip David, Louise Delrose, Annie Dick, Cynthia Doney, Jennifer Doney

E

Joe/Ruth Estabrook, Bessie Eder, Darlene Estep, Della Estimo, Tom Estimo, Jr., Bill/Mabel Eyle

F

Bonnie Jean Felix, Alice Florendo, Darlene Foster, Delbert Frank, Eugene Frank, Jacob Frank, Jacob Frank, Jr., Jeffrey Frank, Yahtin Frank, Kathleen Foltz, Thomas, Willy and Tony Fuentes

G

Martha George, Allen Gilbert, Clydell Gilbert, Janice Gilbert, Lasco Gilbert, Tony Gilbert, Viola Govenor, Brent Graybael, Ricky Graybael, Tracy Graybael, Austin E. Greene, Daniel Greene, Harold Greene, Levi Greene, Michael Greene, Noreen Greene, Perry Greene, Neda Greene, Rena Greene, Roscoe Greene, Timothy Greene, Verbena Greene, Lucinda Green, Bessie Guerin, Johnny Guerin, Phyllis Guerin.

H

Benson Heath, Delvis Heath, Ellen Heath, Jackson Heath, Kirby Heath, Lillie Heath, Marylena Heath, Martha Heath, Martinez Heath, Sanders Heath, Sharon Heath, Stephanie Heath, Walter Heath, Jr., William Heath, Alton Timmy Heath, Louise Hellon, Wilkins Hellon, Mary Hisatake, Elizabeth Hisatake, Phyllis Hoffstetter, Barbara Ann Henry, Eliza Hicks, Ben Holliday, Jr., Milton Holliday, Sherman Holliday, Sims Holloquilla, Rosemary Hudson

I

Marvin Ike

J

Charley Jackson, Katherine Jackson, Romagene Joe, William John, Delford Johnson, Buford Johnson, Orin Johnson, Pearl Johnson, Ruth Johnson, Wilbur Johnson, Jr., Wilbur Johnson, Sr.

K

Fred Kalama, Ross Kalama, Jr., Nick Kalama, Viola Kalama, Cyrus Kalama, John/Theresa Katchia, Levi Kennedy, Levi Keo, Pamela Keo, Raneva Keo, Isabelle Keo, Spencer Keo, Tommy Keo, Oliver Kirk, Francis Knight

L

Linda Langley, Louise Langley, Barbara LeClaire, Delia LeClaire, David LeClaire, Mike Leno, Jr., Ursula Little, Justine Luton

M

Craig Joey Macy, Shari Macy, Ed Manion, Jr., Jimmy Manion, Maxine McKinley, Stella McKinley, Theresa McKinley, Florence Meanus, Olsen Meanus, Raymond Meanus, Adeline Miller, Avex D. Miller, Jr., Earl Miller, Everett Miller, Duane Miller, John Paul Miller, Marena Miller, Orthelia Miller, Raymond Miller, Sidney Miller, Arthur Mitchell, Bernice

N

Mitchell, Juanita Mitchell, Jamieson Mitchell, Pierson Mitchell, Matilda Mitchell, Patrick Mitchell, Ralph Minnick, Sallie Ann Mitts, Adeline Morrison, Charles Moody, Bill Moses, Joe Moses, Kathleen Moses, Susan Moses

O

Agnes Nathan

P

Douglas Palmer, Eraina Palmer, Jason Palmer, Byron Patt, Marla L. Patt, Everett Patt, Frances/Olney Patt, Sr., Olney Patt, Jr., William D. Patt, Velma Peters, George Picard, Yvette Picard, Ada Polk

Q

Calvin Queahpama, Christine Queahpama, Conrad Queahpama, Grace Queahpama, Rafael Queahpama, Joyce Quinn

R

Cassimera Rhoan, Elizabeth Rhoan, Kelly/Kerry Rhoan, Lyle Rhoan, Allegra Robinson, Nina Rowe, Rocking 4-H Club

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