

Open house brings summer rec program to a close

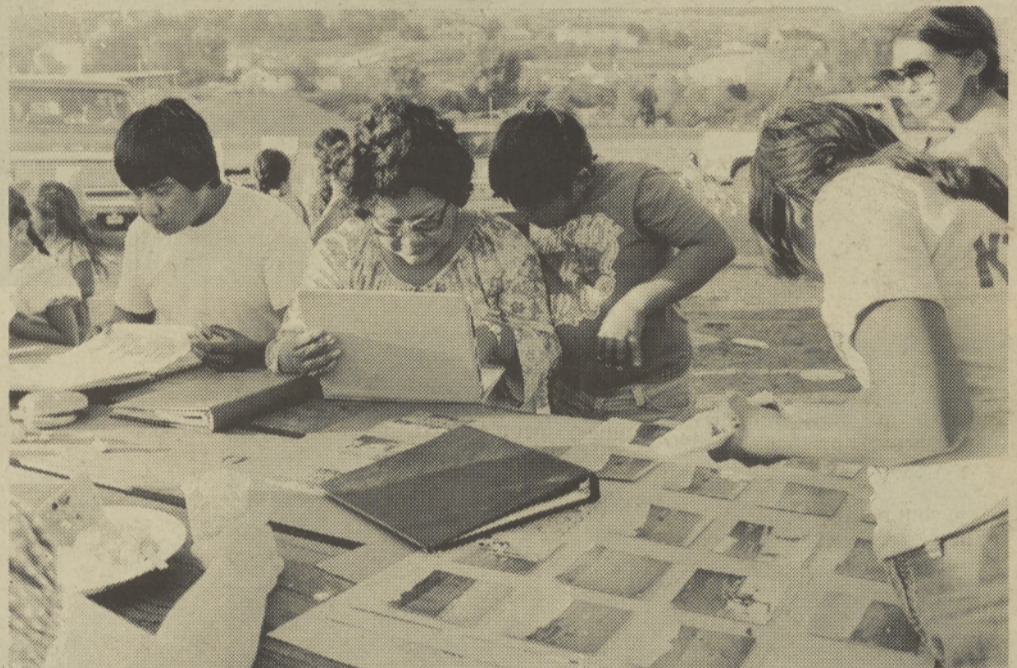
This summer's recreation program touched over 200 kids in the Warm Springs community. By program's end, it was clear that the community center had a good thing going. Strong bonds were formed between the kids and the sixteen staff, some of whom

were students themselves. Day after day of planning, preparing for and executing projects pulled the group together and taught the value of cooperation and discipline. Highlights of the summer were trips to the coast, Timberline, the Portland Zoo, and a track meet in Bend. Kids

were also very visible on the homefront, making a spectacular appearance in the 4th of July parade, taking swimming lessons at Kah-Nee-Ta, offering noontime movies, and staging a dog show. On a daily basis, kids and staff were elbow deep in arts and crafts, were frequent visitors to the bowling alley in Madras, and worked out their energies in afternoon athletics.

The climax of the program was the open house on August 2. Parents, who are generally not included in program activities to give both themselves and their kids a break, witnessed first-hand the warmth and cheerfulness that was characteristic of the program.

Staff member Julie Mitchell shared her birthday cake with Ada Billey (right) while parents browsed through pictures recapping past programs (below). Blindfolded kids attacked pinatas they made themselves, scurrying for the candy when it spilled out (left). And a graffiti artist left her mark on a mural (below left), one of the many creative avenues explored by kids through the summer.



Budget '80 New positions in the works

With this year's budgeting process slowly drawing to a close, the branch secretaries are busily typing the budgets in preparation for next week's budget review by General Manager Ken Smith. Smith will be reviewing the budgets prior to presenting them to the Tribal Council in September.

The initial proposed 1980 operating budget for the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs is an estimated 29 percent high than the 1979 budget. The major increase is within the Municipal Branch where 19½ new positions are being added.

Tribal council recently approved a ten percent cost of living increase for employees. All increases and recommendations depend on the regular budgeting process and tribal council approval.

While the **Municipal branch** shows the largest increase branch manager Rudy Clements stated that he cut back as much as he could. The most substantial increase within the branch is the five fire and safety positions creating the new full-time fire

department. Also to be added are a legal aide and juvenile coordinator who will work closely with the police department and tribal court. Several positions have been in existence for some time, but because they were not included in the preliminary 1979 budget they are classified as new for 1980, thus making the proposed 1980 budget seem somewhat out of line.

Clements says the goal of his branch is to "upgrade planning capabilities and to develop more effective program delivery. We must lay out action steps for each objective. Our branch is pretty well schooled in the budgeting process. Now it's time to use it for planning. We can stabilize our program by upgrading staff people presently on the job and phase in community people—get more locals in overall."

The utilities department within the **Enterprise branch** will have the greatest increase in manpower. Due to additional office space, four janitor positions have been added. Also two carpenters will be hired to keep up with the increasing work demand for

household improvements and repairs. Also proposed are a mechanic for the vehicle pool whose fleet will be close to 90 vehicles in 1980, and a full-time secretary for the credit department.

A new contracting and construction department is also planned which will require manager and secretary positions.

According to **Administrative Branch manager** Doug McClelland, there are no proposed new positions within the administrative branch.

According to **Health Branch manager** Bob Jackson, only 1.8 new positions have been proposed for 1980. But says Jackson, it is difficult to pinpoint just exactly where the positions are because of the internal shifting that will be taking place. One position that could be identified is the ombudsman/traditional specialist. This person will act as an advocate for residents of the community who may be having problems utilizing the branch programs. This person will also be a specialist in traditional healing practices providing consultation in this area to all programs on a regular basis.