

Super Swim Babies perform at resort



The super swim babies performance at Kah-Nee-Ta lodge on August 9 drew many onlookers, both local residents and hotel guests. The babies demonstrated their ability to swim on their back while in the water, an aspect of survival training.

The Portland team instructed by Jackie Young gave other demonstrations from jumping off the diving board to competitive swimming.

Warm Springs babies invited to participate performed equally well as they exhibited a child's ability to learn quickly, to enjoy the water and to naturally survive in the water for a short time with some training.

(Left) Jacob Ryan Harding held by his mother Megan Harding awaits his turn to enter the water. (Right) Instructor Jackie Young is nearby to help babies as they demonstrate survival training after only one lesson.

Spilyay Tymoo photo by Shewczyk

Exchange offers opportunity to share culture



The Agency Longhouse was the site of a three-way cultural exchange on Thursday August 13. Through arrangements by Kah-Nee-Ta, Tribal Council and the Tribal Education Department, an evening of cultural entertainment was shared by students from Japan, Sitka, Alaska and Warm Springs.

The evening slated a salmon dinner to be followed by entertainment from the 60 Japanese students, 18 Sitka students and local youth.

During a lull in the evening's activities shortly before the meal was ready to be served, the group from Sitka gathered to offer a song for everybody. Immediately following their song they stood and said to the Japanese students, "We want you to sing." The Japanese

answered, "For our dinner?" But they then followed with a song in Japanese.

Eldon Tom led the blessing for the meal. Verbena Greene offered some history about the local Indians and a background of the longhouse tradition and its meaning. Tom Begay and his family performed with a variety of dances and the Indian Club and the Cultural Heritage Club also danced for the visitors.

During each of the Sitka, Japanese and local performances, a social dance or game was offered in which the spectators joined.

(In photo above), Sitka youth performed the canoe song. (In photo at right), two Warm Springs girls are learning a Japanese game.

