

Camp Naami Tamanwit helps keep culture alive

"Respect your elders, your traditions and your culture and heritage."—Amos Simtustus at opening of Camp Naami Tamanwit



Boys constructed bustles from colorful feathers available at the camp. Each proudly displayed his completed project. George Ike hangs his bustle on a teepee pole to keep it safe.



Most of the girls at camp made themselves at least one shawl. Adding fringe to the chosen fabric is a time consuming job as Kathleen Kerwin can testify.



Salmon is one of the traditional foods of the Columbia River tribes. Some of the children at the Warm Springs culture camp had their first experience with this fish. They were able to touch the salmon and with assistance from Geneva Smith actually cut it.

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Some boys chose to participate in the gathering of poles necessary for setting up teepees at the camp. Peeling poles is part of the learning session along with selecting and cutting them.



Elk hide is used for dresses and moccasins. Rochelle Smith learns that it is quite a chore to clean the hide but the result is worth the effort.