

Warm Springs students attend Northwest Indian Youth Conference May 25-28



Orie Made with Amanda Old Crow, Conference speaker.

Warm Springs students Orie Made, Karla Kalama and Gladys Graybael attend the 24th Annual Northwest Indian Youth Conference at Browning, Montana May 25-28, 1999 with Rena Adams as their chaperone.

These three students have been volunteers at the Victim's Assistance Program since March. They assist with prevention and intervention for youth.

With the assistance of Rena Smith these students began fundraising for their trip to this youth conference in November 1998. They had spaghetti feeds, held dances in the community, held a yard sale and sold Indian taco's at the Collage of Culture. They earned enough for their lodging, airline tickets, and meals.

While there they attended a variety of workshops geared for youth. These included traditional education, health education college career day, pursuing your dreams, institute on American Indian arts,

academic challenges, Native American values in adolescent chemical dependency, family tree and chemical dependency, Blackfeet herbologies, wellness, relationships, aromatherapy and massage, FAS and FAE babies.

They also attended a youth dance, an Indian Concert, a talent show, a boys and girls basketball tournament and a barbecue for all youth in attendance. That is an estimated 750, and a powwow for all youth.

At the powwow each group made a flag of their community to carry.

While there they also attended tours of the Blackfeet reservation.

Their favorite workshop was with Amanda Old Crow, a 21-year-old speaker who promotes youth involvement and is a comedian.

"She started out with a song, she sang really good, they burned sweet pine, it was like sage. We all held hands and

opened with a prayer of something you wanted out of life. Leaving all the bad feelings out," says Adams. Old Crow was spiritual and traditional in her ways. She's from Browning but lives in Babb, Montana near a lake.

After opening the students were involved with playing games to become involved. Games like Ms. Mumble where you pretend you have no teeth and speak with others. Doobie Dawba game is similar to hokie pokie where you stick your thumbs up, butt out, chest out. "We were the best group of doobie dawbas," says Gladys.

Another game is the belly button games where you pretend you have this huge pencil sticking out of your belly button and you write your name.

"It was really a lot of fun," says Adams. "Her comedy act was better than the comedy hour on TV," says Graybael.

Old Crow gets everybody involved even the people who peeked in to see what everybody was laughing about joined the group.

Old Crow then said, "remember how you feel right now. Remember the belonging and how you fit in. Be yourself and don't try to be what somebody wants you to be. If you want to make changes you need to start speaking out and making those changes. Be a leader and not a follower."

Victim's Assistance Program will hold a "Back to School Youth Conference" this summer and would like to invite Old Crow to be a speaker.

This year the Back to School conference will include the Jefferson County Middle School as well as the Madras High School students. "We'd like to touch the leaders and others who would like to build up their

self-esteem," says Adams. Next year will be the 25th Anniversary of the first conference. Adams is inviting more youth to become involved. Help with the fundraising to travel to Seattle, Washington, April 18-21, 2000.

Adams is a Victim's of Crime Advocate but has become more involved with the youth activities in intervention and prevention. Any student who is willing to become involved may call her at the Victim's of Crime office at 553-2293. Become involved in fundraising activities and assisting the program.

After the conference the group traveled to Great Falls to attend a powwow in the Four Seasons Arena. In Great Falls they saw Joanne Shanendoah perform.



Chaperone Rena Adams, students Gladys Graybael and Orie Made. Not pictured is Karla Kalama.



Karla Kalama, Gladys Graybael and Orie Made enjoying themselves.

Thankful for special recognition dinner

To the editor,
We would like to thank all the people that attended the dinner to honor our uncle for being Wasco

Chief for forty years. He is the oldest and has held this title the longest on this reservation.

Special thanks to all the drummers

from Simnasho for the Washut Services. Special thanks to my mother for doing all the traditional cooking, Rose Mitchell, and all her sisters Evelyn Dick, Laura Stwyer, Daisy Ike, Rosa Bill, Betty Kalama and Leander Kalama.

Special thanks to Merle Holmes from Grand Ronde for taking all the pictures. All the Pinkham family for being there for the dinner.

We give thanks to the Creator for our uncle being with us a lot longer to serve all the years on the Tribal Council, traditionally, spiritually and most of all as a leader to everyone here.

He is like a father to me, Larry Dick, and uncle to everyone else, and a wonderful grandfather.

We pray that he lives many more years. Thank you all for the support and for loving him. As for the dinner and washut services, He enjoyed every bit of it.

Larry Dick, Nelson Wallulatum, Rose Mitchell



Larry Dick presents cake to Nelson Wallulatum.

Malicious rumors not true consumers received false information

To Tommy Hilfiger consumers and friends,

For nearly two years now, an ugly rumor has been circulating about our company. Since it has been a while since we communicated with you on the subject, and you still may be the recipient of false information, we wanted to set the record straight and to update you on important information.

The facts remain simple and cannot be disputed. Tommy Hilfiger did not make the alleged inappropriate racial comments. He has never appeared on the Oprah Winfrey Show, although the rumor specifically asserts that he made negative remarks in that forum and that Ms. Winfrey asked him to leave.

In fact, Ms. Winfrey herself, on her January 11, 1999 program, stated Tommy Hilfiger has never been on her show nor has she ever met him.

You also should know that similar rumors have circulated about comments supposedly made by Tommy Hilfiger on other television

shows. All of them are completely false. Tommy Hilfiger has never appeared on Larry King Live or on CNN's "Style with Elsa Klensch" despite persistent misinformation to the contrary. Whether these rumors are part of a misunderstanding or a deliberate act of malice, they have absolutely no basis in fact. Tommy Hilfiger wants his clothing to be enjoyed by people of all backgrounds and his collections are put together with the broadest cross-section of individuals in mind. To reinforce this, he features models of all ethnic backgrounds in his fashion shows and advertisements.

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The Oprah Winfrey Show
January 11, 1999
Monday's Show: Suze Orman IV

The Truth...
During the holidays a lot of you celebrated, shopped and spent. But before addressing that subject (and Suze Orman's techniques for undoing the financial damage it may have caused) Oprah put to rest a rumor about designer Tommy Hilfiger. For the record, the rumored event that has circulated on the Internet and by word-of-mouth never happened. Mr. Hilfiger has never appeared on the show. In fact, Oprah has never even met him. With that cleared up, we now return you to your regularly scheduled scoop...

United States/Canada agreement offers foundation to build upon

After several months of government-to-government discussions, a comprehensive, long-term fisheries management agreement has been reached under the U.S./Canada Pacific Salmon Treaty. The agreement offers a solid foundation upon which weak salmon stock recovery can be built, said officials of treaty Indian tribes in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

"This agreement creates a strong base on which salmon and salmon habitat can be protected and restored. It is a conservation-based approach to salmon fisheries management," said Wm. Ron Allen, Pacific Salmon Commission (PSC) representative for the treaty Indian tribes.

Ensuring sustainable salmon harvest levels is the goal of the management agreement, which works to protect many of the West Coast salmon species listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act. Strict harvest controls designed to protect weak salmon stocks are at the heart of the agreement, which includes a commitment by the two countries to identify habitat concerns affecting salmon.

Ted Strong, government delegate for the Columbia River treaty tribes, noted that all of the governments worked well together over the past several months to reach the agreement. "It will be critical to continue these collaborative efforts during its implementation," Strong said. "For example, concluding the

Agreement on Habitat and Restoration as part of the comprehensive package was necessary for the tribes' endorsement of the long-term harvest agreements. To make this treaty work, governments must continue to work together to address the underlying problems of depressed salmon production and productivity."

"It is our hope that this agreement will help avert the failure of the Salmon Treaty's Chinook rebuilding program during the past 15 years," said Nathan Jim, Sr., Vice Chair of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission and a Fish and Wildlife Committee member of the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon. "Now, by basing harvest levels on the abundance of stocks, while also recognizing the importance of habitat restoration and protection measures and the effective use of enhancement programs, we expect to see increased escapements and increased production of depressed Chinook stocks coastwide."

"First and foremost, the tribes are concerned about salmon and salmon habitat," said Duane Clark, a council member of the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Indian Nation. "We will need effective monitoring and evaluation effort to guide the implementation of this agreement to reach these goals."

Salmon are central to the spiritual, cultural and economic survival of the Northwest tribes. Tribal rights to

salmon are protected by treaties with the United States Government. These treaties, in which the tribes relinquished millions of acres of land, reserved among other rights, the right to fish at all usual and accustomed fishing places. The tribal leaders who entered into these treaties with the United States were specific about this right, recognizing the importance of salmon to tribal cultures and way of life.

"For generations, tribes have worked to protect salmon and salmon habitat. This agreement protects the future of salmon in the Pacific Northwest, as well as tribal treaty rights," said Lorraine Loomis, Swinomish Tribes fisheries manager and PSC Fraser River Panel member.

In response to declining salmon stocks, tribes have voluntarily reduced harvests for decades, up to 80-90 percent in some cases. Still, the tribes made additional sacrifices to forge the long-term Pacific Salmon Agreement.

As part of the agreement, the U.S. will reduce harvest levels on Chinook stocks in southern fisheries to sustainable levels on depressed stocks that will ensure optimum production of Chinook stocks over time. Harvests of coho and chum salmon will be shaped to reflect the conservation-based approach to the agreement.

"Salmon is our livelihood," said Loomis. "Tribal opportunities for economic development are extremely limited. Fishing is often the basis of many tribal economies. State

governments, however, have almost unlimited opportunities for economic advancement."

As part of the agreement, tribes primarily dependent on Fraser River sockeye agreed to additional harvest cuts. "Any further reductions would have left our tribal fisheries no longer economically viable, and all but eliminated our treaty right," said Loomis.

"The hardships to the tribes are worthwhile because the sacrifices will ensure salmon for future generations," said Terry Williams, natural resources director for the Tulalip Tribes and a PSC Southern Panel member.

"If we rely only on harvest reductions to achieve salmon recovery, we will never succeed," Williams said. "In addition to the harvest component of the agreement, the tribes fought hard to ensure that the PSC will also work to identify salmon habitat concerns in both countries," he said.

"Salmon recovery can only be achieved through a combination of harvest and habitat reforms. For generations, the People of the Salmon have made painful harvest reductions to protect this most important resource," Williams said. "Everyone in the Northwest has a similar responsibility. It is time for developers, farmers and others to recognize this duty as well. For too long our waters have been poisoned and our salmon habitat destroyed. This has to stop."

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1825 SW Broadway at Montgomery Street
2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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• Curtis Salgado/Jessie Young Duo-Blues
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• Bobby Torres and the PhDs-Latino, African Percussion
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