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Cultural exchange educational and fun

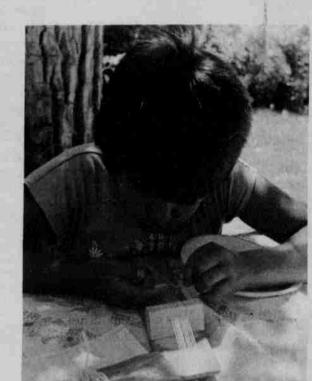


Origami group watches demonstration.



Kirsten tries her best.





Junior Miss Warm Springs, Cecelia Herrera, works at her origami.



Colleen works at her loom.



Japanese student happy with her dreamcatcher.



Watch real close.

During the week of August 14-18, a cultural exchange took place in Warm Springs between the participants of Camp Sapsikwat, the Early Childhood Education students and a group of Japanese students.

Japanese students performed their traditional dances at the Agency Longhouse and invited locals to join in the dances. Many turns and bumping into one another occurred during this exchange.

After dancing took place locals attempted to fold origami. While this is difficult to begin with it was even more difficult when the teachers did not speak English. Many beautiful swans were folded, and some fun airplanes were flying about.

Shortly after the origami arts were completed, or nearly completed, the Japanese students presented gifts from Japan to all the local boys and girls. These consisted of paper balls, origami instruction books, spinning tops, rice cookies, marbles, coins from Japan and various other items.

A lunch was provided for everyone at the site of Camp Sapsikwat, Elmer Quinn Park.

The Japanese students then began projects being taught to local boys and girls. Many dream catchers had begun and completed by local boys and girls and their visitors.

Charlotte Herkshan, the Director of Camp Sapsikwat, holds her camp every year to teach the local boys and girls traditional crafts, such as moccasins, drums, barrettes, beadwork, so that they can carry on these traditions to the following generations.

They worked at the projects for three days out of the week, and traveled the Huckleberry patches for two days out of the week.

They often took breaks from their projects to cool off in the Shitike Creek local swimming hole.

All had fun and left with a new knowledge that they will carry on.