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YCC provides summer jobs

If one is willing to brave the mosquitoes and traipse through the woods in the Boulder and Trout Lake area, members of the hard working Youth Conservation Corps can be observed blazing trails, building bridges and cleaning up campgrounds.

Actually, the 24 kids between 15 and 18 do much more than blaze trails. The YCC program differs from other programs of its kind in that of the 40 hours a week, 30 hours are spent on the job, and 10 hours a week are devoted to recreation and education.

Charlene Bruno, environmental education instructor, seems impressed with the enthusiasm of the youths. "They don't want to just sit around and waste time," said Charlene.

W.S. Rodeo draws top cowboys

Though the Fourth Annual Warm Springs All-Indian Rodeo June 26 drew a disappointingly small crowd, the stock was excellent and contenders for silver buckles and cash prizes provided action aplenty.

Warm Springs barrel racers did well with Marita Johnson placing second (35.9), and Priscilla Squiemphen taking third with a time of 36.0. In the saddle bronc event, Leland Tom and Joe Scott split fourth place prize money with scores of 55 each.

Announcements

The Spilyay encourages organizations and individuals to send notices of events of interest to the Warm Springs community.

The preferred method of delivery is via e-mail to spilyaytymoo@wstribes.org - this saves staff members from having to re-type something you've already printed up, thus allowing us additional time for reporting, photography and other tasks.

You also may drop announcements in printed and/or computer disk format at the Spilyay offices, 1100 Wasco St. on the Warm Springs campus, or send them to Spilyay Tymoo, P.O. Box 870, Warm Springs, Oregon 97761. Our fax number is 553-3539.

Please feel free to call if you have story or photo ideas, questions or comments. Our phone number is 553-3274.

Finally, please heed our deadlines - Friday the week before publication for all submitted materials. Thank you.

Arson squad ready for heat

The Central Oregon Arson Task Force (COATF) recently met to discuss new operating procedures and review program effectiveness.

Ron Pugh, Task Force Leader, states, "This task force is committed to keeping our skills and processes fine-tuned so we are ready to respond when needed."

The task force has responded to some two dozen wildland fires already this year, two of which were determined to be "person caused, arson." COATF is currently investigating leads. The task force has successfully carried out investigations that led to the convictions of nine suspects responsible for at least 63 fires since 1988.

COATF is an interagency group

comprised of the Deschutes County Sheriff's Office, Oregon State Police, Oregon Department of Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Walker Range Patrol Association, Bend Fire Department, Redmond Fire Department, Sunriver Police Department, LaPine Fire Department, Jefferson County Rural Fire Protection District #1, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office, the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

COATF was formed in 1987 to review all wildland fires in Central Oregon, to establish cause and origin for each fire, to investigate those determined to be arson and to share information between agencies that

would lead to the arrest and successful prosecution of suspects.

Throughout the summer, high-risk areas in Central Oregon will have additional patrols. As part of the COATF, Oregon State Police and Oregon Department of Forestry have teamed up and will provide a full-time arson patrol.

Recognizing the essential partnership between the public and COATF, Pugh states, "The public is an invaluable resource and has been crucial to our past successes. We encourage everyone to continue reporting suspicious fire activity."

If you have any information relating to suspicious wildland fire activity, please contact Ron Pugh at (541) 383-5510.

Library reading program continues

If you haven't registered for Jefferson County Library's summer reading program, it's not too late. This summer's statewide theme is "Read a Wild Tale," featuring Wild West stories and weekly programs.

For more information about registration or the weekly programs, call the library at 475-3351.

For the rest of the summer, the schedule is as follows:

Week 3 Basket maker Natalie Kirk from the Museum at Warm Springs, July 11, 3:30 p.m. at Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center; July 12, 10:30 a.m. at Jefferson County Library Annex in Madras; July 12, 2:00 p.m. at Culver Elementary School.

Week 4 Taste the Trail Pioneer

cooking with Bernadette Hoyer of OSU, July 18, 3:30 p.m. at Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center; July 19, 10:30 a.m. at Jefferson County Library Annex in Madras; July 19, 2:00 p.m. at Culver Elementary School.

Week 5 Campfire Stories with Gladys Grant and a real horse, July 25, 3:30 p.m. at Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center; July 26, 10:30 a.m. at Jefferson County Library Annex in Madras; July 26, 2:00 p.m. at Culver Elementary School.

Week 6 Hoe Down! Line dancing and stories with Jan Gilmore, August 1, 3:30 p.m. at Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center; August 2, 10:30 a.m. at Jefferson

County Library Annex in Madras; August 2, 2:00 p.m. at Culver Elementary School.

Week 7 The "Storyteller", Tom McCormack presents the Oregon Trail through the Eyes of Children, August 8, 3:30 p.m. at Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center; August 9, 10:30 a.m. at Jefferson County Library Annex in Madras; August 9, 2:00 p.m. at Culver Elementary School.

Week 8 Final Round-Up with skits, games, awards, refreshments, and more, August 15, 3:30 p.m. at Warm Springs Early Childhood Education Center; August 16, 10:30 a.m. at Jefferson County Library Annex in Madras; August 16, 2:00 p.m. at Culver Elementary School.

Salmon-count experiment to begin

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs will use an innovative technique developed in Alaska to estimate the number of fall chinook salmon returning to the Deschutes River this year. Tribal biologists hope the experimental project, scheduled to begin Aug. 6, will accurately reflect the river's fall chinook run, which is used as a yardstick by agencies with the authority to set fishing seasons for the species.

Deschutes River fall chinook are extremely important to the Confederated Tribes from a cultural perspective, and since all of these salmon are produced from fish that spawn naturally it is crucial to develop an accurate means of estimating run size. Correctly predicting the number of adults returning to the spawning grounds is essential to establishing in-river and ocean harvest levels that prevent over-fishing.

During the past decade, fall chinook spawning locations in the Deschutes River took a dramatic shift. Prior to 1989 approximately 75 percent of the run was destined

for spawning grounds upstream of Sherars Falls, while more recent returns show a preference for stream reaches downstream of Sherars Falls.

No one is certain why the spawning preference for fall chinook has changed, but the shift has lowered the confidence factor for current methods of estimating run size. Tribal biologists, along with other management agencies, do not think the current tag-and-recapture program paints a true picture of chinook escapement because it only samples part of the run and expands that data over the entire river.

The goal of the experimental project will be to capture 3 percent to 5 percent of this year's spawners. The fish will be tagged and released. Tags regained or tabulated at the Sherars Falls migrant trap, Pelton fish trap and in carcass surveys will then be used to estimate run strength.

Adult fall chinook salmon will be captured for marking at a site three miles downstream of Mack's Canyon boat ramp just below Homestead

Flat campground. The fish will be marked using catch and release gillnetting. This technique has proven successful in Alaska and in Oregon coastal streams, where the Alaska Department of Fish and Game and Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife uses it to monitor adult salmon populations.

During a feasibility study conducted last year, tribal personnel located a sampling location that contained a minimum of summer steelhead yet harbored sufficient numbers of salmon. An appropriate gill net mesh size was identified that allowed for the successful capture and safe release of salmon. Few steelhead were captured in the large mesh net.

At least two tribal employees will be present on site at all times when the net is deployed. When a fish is captured it will be immediately removed from the net, tagged and released back into the river. Fish marking will be conducted seven days per week through Oct. 31. The net will be set mainly during the night and early morning hours. A tribal jet

sled will be used to tend the net during all marking operations.

In order to recover tags, salmon carcasses will be recovered from the lower 100 miles of the river during November and December. Tribal crews will search the shorelines and pools from jet sleds and drift boats. Carcasses will be gaffed, inspected for tags and then returned to the river.

While only an experiment, tribal biologists are hopeful the new method for estimating fall chinook run size will allow resource managers to make informed and appropriate decisions, thereby ensuring the future prosperity of these wild salmon. The project will continue through 2003. Findings will be distributed to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Chinook Technical Committee of the Pacific Salmon Commission.

For more information regarding fall chinook research on the Deschutes River contact tribal fisheries biologist Chris Brun in The Dalles at 541-296-1041.

2003 timber sale area tour set

A tour featuring the 2003 timber sale area has been scheduled for July 18 and 19.

A series of stops have been arranged to highlight issues relating to the 2003 timber sale, the annual allowable cut, and special forest products.

The tour will begin both days at 8:30 a.m. in front of the Tribal Administration Building.

The Timber Committee will provide refreshments and transportation to participants.

Anyone who would like to obtain more information on timber-related issues is encouraged to attend.

Staff from the Forestry and Natural Resources branches will be seeking comments from tribal members.

The timber tour is expected to last most of the day on Wednesday and Thursday.

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