

Camp sparks student interest in engineering

By Tina Hilding
Washington State University

PULLMAN, Wash. — Several tribal members who attend Jefferson County Middle School recently took part in the Washington State University Native Youth Exploring Engineering Camp, the only camp of its kind in the country.

The students attending the camp, held June 15-20, included ninth-graders Jose Alvarez, Gerald "Choo-Choo" Cardenas, Nancy Charley, Addie Estimo, Jansen Harrington, Nicolas Katchia, Sheldon Leonard, Joanna Williams and Teri Jo Yazzie. Derek Barnhurst, who teaches at Jefferson County Middle School, accompanied the students.

The camp, established and named by its first attendees five years ago, was created to help increase the percentage of Native American students who pursue careers in engineering.

Located at the university's Pullman campus, it is free to Native American students in grades 9-11, and includes their teachers in the program.

This allows students and teachers to return to their schools with a renewed enthusiasm and understanding of math and science, said Charlena Grimes, camp director and academic coordinator of the Washington State University College of Engineering and Architecture.

A record of nearly 60 students from Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana attended this year's session.

During the one-week session, the students participated in building engineering projects, such as robots, balsa wood bridges and edible automobiles, while learning about concepts in

"We want to introduce the students here to the fun of math, so they will see the importance of studying it in high school."

Charlena Grimes
Camp director

structural and electrical engineering.

With support from the Washington State University College of Liberal Arts, students also participated in a session on communications, where they learned the basics of journalism and media.

For the first time, the camp included a session on native sign language, taught by Kemet Spence, a retired professor of microbiology. Spence learned the language from his great-uncle, a Cree-Nez Perce Indian who grew up on the Colville Reservation. Students also had a math session and chemistry demonstration.

"Math is essential to studying engineering," Grimes said. "We want to introduce the students here to the fun of math, so they will see the importance of studying it in high school."

Several of the camp's graduates have attended college.

Washington State University's College of Engineering and Architecture, College of Liberal Arts, and Office of the Provost, along with the Plateau Native American Scholarship Fund for Recruitment and Student Support, the Creighton Endowment for Native American Students, M. DoLores Larson, The Quinault Nation, The Boeing Company and Hewlett-Packard provided funding for the program.

Kah-Nee-Ta gallery exhibits a variety of local talent

Now visitors to Kah-Nee-Ta Resort can meander through the resort and catch glimpses of local artistic talent.

Kah-Nee-Ta has set aside considerable space for the new gallery and for tribal member art.

Near the fireplace is beadwork, silver jewelry, basketry, and sculpture.

In the upstairs lobby is Roxanne Chinook's comical painting "Rez Dogs Playing Poker."

Down another hallway is the well-known basketry of Pat Courtney Gold and sculpture from Lillian Pitt.

All items are for sale and will be replaced with more local art as soon as they sell.

"As pieces sell, the intent is to bring in more to provide a marketing avenue for tribal members," said Katherine Kamau, director of marketing at Kah-Nee-Ta.

In the gallery's first week, there were not any sales, but a number of inquiries were made, said Kamau.

Kamau ensures the display cases are secure, attractive, and in high profile areas so pieces market themselves efficiently.

Other local talent includes Apolonia Santos, Willie Stacona, Rosemary Scott, Sammy Bruised Head, Richard Rowe, Aurel Stinson, Reva Johnson, Charles Littleleaf, Natalie Kirk, and Winona Garrison.

All artists completed an application process to be a part of the gallery.

Interested tribal member artists should contact Kah-Nee-Ta Resort at (541) 553-1112 for more information.



The top photo is Lillian Pitt's version of *She Who Watches*. At right is Roxanne Chinook's painting *Rez Dogs Playing Poker*.

Scramble to help golfers attend event

There will be a golf scramble fundraiser on Sunday, July 13, at the Kah-Nee-Ta Resort Golf Course.

The fundraiser will benefit the Oregon Junior Columbia River Golf Team, which includes members of the Madras and Pendleton high school boys golf teams.

The golf scramble will help the boys participate in the Second Annual Native American Junior Golf Championship at Santa Fe, New Mexico, later in July. The Oregon Junior Columbia River Golf Team members are Jordan Stacona, Rodney Katchia, Davey

Culpus, Sidney Jones and Jonas Moses.

Cost of entering the July 13 fundraiser scramble is \$50 per person, or \$40 for club members. Fee includes tee prize, entry fee and cart.

Tee times start at 10 a.m. Please call early for tee times.

Contact Janell Smith at 553-7829, or (541) 980-9224 for information and tee times.

Proceeds of the fundraiser will go toward the golf teams airfare, rental van, uniforms, lodging, entry fees and meals. Support is greatly appreciated.

Museum hosting Living Traditions

The Museum at Warm Springs is announcing the summer Living Traditions Demonstration Program.

This program offers a unique look at the arts and traditions of the Confederated Tribes.

Special cultural presentations are provided free to visitors every weekend through Labor Day.

The following is a list of the upcoming Living Traditions Demonstration Program activities at the museum.

August 3 powwow at Salem

The Inipi-Oyate-Ki Club at the Oregon State Correctional Institution at Salem is hosting its annual powwow on Sunday, Aug. 3. The club is looking for drum-

mers, dancers and others to come and join them for the event. Anyone wishing to attend will need to have an LEDES check done to allow entry into the institution. All visitors must be 18 or over. Call J.E. Sipple for information, (503) 373-0175, between 1 and 9 p.m.

July 5-6: Rawhide items and uses.

July 12-13: Traditional Paiute items and uses.

July 26-27: Horse Regalia and trappings.

July 26: Native American Dance Group.

August 2-3: Traditional men's regalia.

August 9-10: Baby boards.

August 16-17: Cedar root items and uses.

August 23-24: Willow items and uses.

August 24: Native American Dance Group.

August 30-31: Bead artist.

Call for details, 553-3331. Contact Rosalind Sampson, museum education coordinator.

Have a safe and happy Pi-Ume-Sha, from all of us at Spilyay Tymoo.

Pi-Ume-Sha Slow Pitch Softball Tournament June 28 & 29

Community Center ball fields

16 Men's - True double elimination
16 Women's open - True double elimination
(Note: Men's teams are All-Indian, women's are open.)

For information call Sandra Greene-Sampson, 553-3601.

Golf tourney at Kah-Nee-Ta

In conjunction with Pi-Ume-Sha, the All-Indian Fry Bread Golf Tournament is this weekend, June 28-29, at Kah-Nee-Ta.

Tournament entry fee is \$130, which includes entry on Saturday and Sunday, green fees, tee prize and Saturday meal. Friday practice round and cart reservations, please call

553-4971.

Saturday tee times, call Janell at 553-7829 or (541) 980-9224. Tournament information: Jake Coochise, Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Association president, 553-3127. Janell Smith, Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Association secretary, 553-7829.

Schedule of events:

Friday, June 27: Practice round after 10 a.m.

Saturday: 8 a.m. driving range and registration. 9-11:30 a.m., tee times. 4 p.m. horse race. Meal provided.

Sunday: 8 a.m. driving range. 9-11:30 a.m., tee times. Awards following round, cash payouts.

Treaty Days Boxing Saturday, June 28

At the Warm Springs Community Center Gym

Gates open at 5 p.m.

Admission: \$5 adults, \$3 students, \$2 senior citizens.

Presented by the Warm Springs Boxing Club



Saturday, June 28
2003 Pi-Ume-Sha Road Warriors 10K & 5K Run

Race registration: 7:30 a.m., Administration Building parking lot. Both races begin at 8:30 a.m. sharp.

Sponsored by the Warm Springs Recreation Department.

Warm Springs Rodeo Association

Presents

The 29th Annual Pi-Ume-Sha All-Indian Rodeo

June 28-29

Events include saddle bronc and bareback, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, senior barrel race, ladies breakaway, team roping, century team roping, wild horse race, cow milking, junior barrel race, calf riding.

Action starting at one o'clock daily

Concessions on the grounds.

Admission: adults \$5, senior citizens \$2, kids 7 years and older, \$2, children under 6 years free.

Absolutely no alcohol or drugs.

WSRA not responsible for accidents, injuries, theft or divorce.