

Interesting work for summer youth

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Summer youth workers are involved in some interesting jobs this year. Many are working on the reservation, but some are working at businesses and organizations off the reservation.

Kalliah and Halona Jackson, for instance, are working at Kibak Tile in Redmond. Kibak is a company of Warm Springs Ventures.

The Jackson girls recently worked on specially designed tiles that were given as gifts at the signing ceremony for the Pelton-Round Butte project. The design for the tiles is by artist Lillian Pitt, and includes the image of a salmon.

The Kibak staff has enjoyed having the girls working at the plant this summer, said Sandra Danzuka, of



Photo courtesy of Sandra Danzuka
Kalliah and Halona Jackson paint tiles at the Kibak Tile plant in Redmond.

Warm Springs Ventures.

This is the first summer that tribal youth workers have

worked at Kibak, said Verleen Kalama, of the Workforce Development Department.

There are other tribal youth who are working off the reservation this summer, through the Summer Youth work program, said Kalama.

There is a worker at the Portland office of the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission; and one at the Madras office of Best Care. Another youth is working at the Culver Market.

The Summer Youth work program this year is employing 125 young people, so far. There is some funding remaining for additional workers, but the issue is identifying a willing work-site, said Darlene Trimble, of WEDD.

Youth are working at places like BIA Roads, Early Childhood Education Center, IHS, High Lookee Lodge and the Senior Center, the Community Center, Family Resource Center, Boys and Girls Club, among other places.

Language Camp next week

Culture and Heritage will be hosting a Language Camp next week, Tuesday through Thursday, July 27-29. The camp will be held on the grounds of the Museum at Warm Springs.

The three languages of the Confederated Tribes - Kiksht, Ichishkiin, and Numu - will be spoken and taught. The camp will feature many elders who speak the language in its fluency. Campers will learn language by lesson from the language teachers and their apprentices.

Registration is limited to 25 children per language. To register, or for more information, call Anna or Deanie at 553-3290. Registration forms and other information can be picked

up at the Culture and Heritage Language Program Office or the trailer.

The Language Camp will be a day camp. Parents can drop off and pick up the campers at the beginning and end of the day. A meal at lunchtime will be provided. There will be plenty of Indian foods, plus sandwiches and a barbecue on the last day.

There will also be water games in the afternoon. "Kin" session dollars will be given for each session a camper participates in and completes. With Kin dollars, students can purchase school supplies, toys and student gear on award and reward days. Children under 5 will need to bring an adult.

\$2.3 million awarded for fish restoration work

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has finalized a \$2.34 million grant to the Columbia Basin treaty tribes under the federal Pacific Coastal Salmon Recovery Fund for regional fish-restoration projects.

NOAA Fisheries administers the program initiated in 2000 by states, tribes and Congress to help conduct local conservation and restoration efforts.

NOAA retroactively granted the award for the October 2003-September 2004 fiscal year.

The program is critical to tribal and state efforts, in conjunction with local governments, watershed councils and federal agencies, to implement habitat conservation and restoration projects, supplementation programs, research and monitoring.

A science team comprising

members of the Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla and Nez Perce tribes' technical staff will review 30 new projects proposed under the fund.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, which coordinates the award, will select approved projects by late fall based on project criteria and performance standards established by the states and tribes.

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tribes have launched nearly 100 salmon- and habitat-restoration projects funded by this program, with nearly half of them completed.

The Columbia River treaty tribes, along with other participating tribes and states, strongly support the Administration's and the regional Congressional delegation's efforts to increase funding for this program.



photo courtesy of Juanita Simpson, RDH
With the portable dental equipment, the Warm Springs Dental Clinic staff provide dental care at Simnasho.

Dental Clinic visits Simnasho

The Warm Springs Dental Clinic held a portable dental clinic at Simnasho on June 14-15. The portable dental equipment used was received from an Indian Health Services grant last year.

Dr. Mark Fretz did screening exams and dental sealants were placed at this clinic.

Warm Springs Dental is planning another portable dental clinic during the evenings from July 26-28, from 5 to 8 p.m.; so that families working outside the home can bring their children in.

Please call Natalia Sam or Vivian Smith at 553-2462 to schedule an appointment.

Artwork sought for Indian services publication

The Legislative Commission on Indian Services is updating its Oregon Directory of American Indian Resources, and is looking for tribal artwork for use in the publication.

The publication is used globally by tribal and state governments, in addition to the public, to access information on Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes and state-tribal government-to-government relations.

The publication is also a basic source of information on programs and services for Indians in Oregon. It is available on-line at www.leg.state.or.us/cis.

CIS solicits and selects artwork from Oregon's tribes for use in each directory. CIS solicits artwork in the media of photography, drawing or computer

design. Artists will be informed if their work will be used, and work will be returned at the request of the artist. The deadline for submissions is rolling, but the cut-off will occur sometime in the fall.

Submissions can be mailed to: Jeana Harrington, Legislative Commission on Indian Services, State Capitol Room 167, 900 Court Street NE, Salem, OR, 97301.

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