

Youth enjoy 4-H culture camp

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Crackling fires, toasted marshmallows, *Washut* songs, drumming, dancing, and learning – all of these and more embraced the campers, staff and guests of the 4-H Culture Enrichment Camp at Peter's Pasture these past few weeks.

For years the OSU Extension 4-H Program has held a residential camp at Peter's Pasture for the youth of the reservation, providing opportunities for growth in these areas:

Creating awareness of the traditions and cultures of the three tribes of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs;

Building independence, confidence, competence and knowledge among our youth;

Providing a safe and enriching camp experience within a natural wilderness setting.

The main focus of the camp is to provide a positive hands-on learning experience for youth. The goal of the 4-H program is to encourage positive youth development through life-skill and leadership development, helping youths to reach their full potential and become contributing members of society.

This year, day camps for Early Childhood Education and Summer Academy were provided the week preceding the annual residential 4-H camp.

Wednesday Family Night was



Students perform at the 4-H Culture Camp at Peter's Pasture.

Photos courtesy of Kimberly Woolston



Drumming was one of many cultural activities at the camp.

a huge success with 63 family members and guest speakers attending. The campers performed skits, songs and dances for the audience during the evening campfire. Flute music, drumming, songs and stories

were shared. The schedule of educational lessons provided a wide array of hands-on learning for the campers each day. Some of those classes included: teepee set-up and take down, basket making,

drum making, drumming and singing, beading, leather craft, jam making and animal identification with pelts, bones and feathers.

Special guests and teachers from the Diabetes Team and the Community Health Education Team (CHET) also provided healthy informational classes to the campers, and let's not forget, Smokey Bear.

The campers were given the opportunity to participate in daily sweats, afternoon swimming, occasional hikes, campfire activities, kitchen preparation, and community living.

It was a great year at camp and a big thank you goes out to the campers, parents, community, staff and volunteers for making it all happen for our youth.

School supply picnic Sept. 1

The annual Warm Springs Back to School Picnic is at 4:30 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 1, at the Campus area.

The Back to School Picnic brings together Warm Springs students and families with Jefferson County School District principals and teachers.

School supplies are available to all students who attend.

Sponsors include the Tribal Education Committee, Title VII Committee, Johnson-

O'Malley Committee, and tribal education-related programs. A planning meeting is set for Aug. 16 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Family Resource Center. Everyone is invited to participate.

Contact Julie Quaid at 553-3438, ext. 123, or Emma Smith, Tribal Education Committee secretary, at 553-3257, if you would like to donate school supplies, food, soda or your time.

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The dog show put on by the Summer Recreation Program was held under sunny skies in hot weather at the Community Center. Despite

the heat the show not only brought out award-winning canines, but also attracted senior citizens, parents, and many others who had not witnessed a dog show before. And this:

Monday was spent drying corn and making Kool-aid for visitors and grandchildren. Another day will be spent cleaning out the basement, which has slowly accumulated treasures since 1951, when Edith and Norm moved into their new home. Edith (Switzler) Danzuka is not wanting for activity upon her retirement after 42 years working for the Confederated Tribes.

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