

Ski Day at Mt. Hood concludes season

By Rachel Leo
For the Splyay

Early last Saturday morning, 44 kids, parents and friends came up to Mt. Hood Meadows for the final Kids Tribal Ski Day of the season.

This was the fourth Kids Tribal Ski Day of the 2005-06 winter ski season, and like the other days, this one was a terrific success, and fun for all.

When the bus arrived at Mt. Hood Meadows, the kids were fitted for skis and snowboards, and then they went out for on-the-snow lessons with instructors.

At lunch, which included pizza, kids and parents ate side by side with some of the instructors and other staff at Mt. Hood Meadows.

Dave Riley, manager of Mt. Hood Meadows Ski Resort, also joined the group for lunch, and was surprised and pleased to receive a warm appreciation ceremony from the Warm Springs Ski Day Coordinating Commit-



Young tribal member enjoys Kids Ski Day at Mt. Hood Meadows.

tee, headed up by Julie Quaid. She presented him with a huckleberry pie made from Mt. Hood huckleberries.

J.P. Patt, director of the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission (CRITFC), and former Tribal Council chairman, gave a few words of thanks to Dave Riley and his team.

Patt told with poignancy of his memories growing up on the reservation, and seeing the lights at night up on Mt. Hood, know-

ing that it was "not a place for him." He has since concluded - after numerous visits to the mountain this year to ski, and also to take his grandkids snowboarding - that it is a place for him.

He thanked Riley for his hospitality and the continued good relations between Mt. Hood Meadows and the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs.

Riley expressed his appreciation to all who participated, especially to the kids. He reminded them to bring their parents and grandparents back up to Mt. Hood Meadows in August when the Huckleberries ripen for more "Meadows hospitality".

After lunch, the kids went back out for another couple hours of skiing, finally coming in just before 3 p.m. to return the borrowed ski and snowboard equipment and gather their things before getting back on the bus for the ride back to Warm Springs.

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"I would like to thank all teams, players and coaches who participated in the 14th annual basketball tournament and all volunteers and referees who make the tournament as successful as it was," tournament director Austin Greene said. "I would also like to thank those contributing sponsors that assisted with this event, Warm Springs Power Enterprises, Warm Springs Forest Products, Kah Nee Ta High Desert Resort and Casino, Warm Springs Composite Products, The Bright Wood Corporation, Greg Leo, Warm Springs Indian Holiday Bowling Tournament Committee, Edison Yazzie for the MVP key chains, T-shirts R Us, and Oregon Embroidery."

Warm Springs Cougars High School Tournament

Boys Division

Champions: Northwest Warriors, Warm Springs; 2nd place: Chiloquin; 3rd place: Grand Ronde; 4th place: Neah Bay, Wash.; 5th place: Toppenish, Wash.

Mr. MVP: Hoke Fasthorse, Northwest Warriors; Mr. Hustle: Nick Peters, Toppenish; Mr.

Rebound: Marcus Stotts, Grand Ronde; Most 3-pointers: Galen Northrup, Northwest Warriors.

All-Tournament Selections: Henry Cross, Neah Bay; Jake Green, White Swan, Wash.; Robert Main, Springers; Cody Nez, Owyhee, Nev.; Galen Northrup, Northwest Warriors; James Nunz, Rez Hoops Unlimited; Nick Peters, Toppenish; Luis Rideshorse, Grand Ronde; Jim Smiscon, Yakama Players; Jeremy Yazzie, Chiloquin.

Girls Division

Champions: Yakama Players, Yakama Nation, Wash.; 2nd place: Lady Springers, Warm Springs; 3rd place: Puyallup, Wash.; 4th place: Chiloquin.

Miss MVP: Alexis Allen, Yakama Players; Miss Hustle: Shirelle Adams, Lady Springers; Miss Rebound: Leonette Minthorn, Puyallup; Most three-pointers: Shonie Shimmel, Lady Springers.

All-Tournament selections: Andi Blodgett, Yakama Players; Shaylia Hunter, Elko, Nev.; Jayceline Frank, Running Rebels; Echo Keo, Chemawa; Keisha McDonald, Puyallup; Tiffany Rich, Chiloquin; Shonie Shimmel, Lady Springers; Denise Smiscon, Wapato, Wash.; Brianna Stacona, Lady Springers; Shelbi Strom, Yakama Players.

Tax help still available to tribal members

By the Warm Springs
Community Action Team

Remember, April 17 is the deadline for filing your 2005 taxes.

The Warm Springs Community Action Team will continue the free tax help sessions, sponsored in part by the American Association of Retired People and the IRS, through the end of the tax season.

The service is available to those who have yet to file their tax returns for 2005, who want to file tax return extensions for 2005, or have issues regarding the 2005 tax year.

We will continue to assist taxpayers with tax returns for 2003 and 2004 tax years after the April 17 tax deadline for 2005 returns has passed.

Free tax help sessions for your 2005 tax returns will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. this Thursday and Friday, April 13-14 at the Family Resource Center.

Appointments will be made for afternoon sessions only. Morning sessions will be first-come, first-served.

The tax filing deadline for 2005 is Monday, April 17 this year and we will also be open on that day from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m. to help people with last minute returns.

Please be aware that when coming in to file your tax returns, you should have social security cards, birthdates and ID for each person on your return. Also, if filing a joint return, both people must be present to sign the return.

If you want to claim a dependent, and have questions on their eligibility, you can call the IRS teletax automated recording system at 1-800-829-4477, and ask for topic 354.

This topic will explain about dependents for tax-related purposes. If you still have questions, please call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 and follow the prompts to speak to someone regarding your specific question.

The IRS website is also very handy for answering tax ques-

tions and tracking down your federal refund - www.irs.gov

Please remember to bring your tribal enrollment card, residential street address and employment street address for each W-2 and 1099 document, if you want to have the tax counselor prepare and submit the Oregon State American Indian Income Exemption form for those with qualified sources of income.

Please bring your 2004 tax return when coming in to prepare the 2005 tax return for e-filing. If you did not file a return in 2004, you do not need to worry about this. If you don't have your 2004 return, please call the IRS at 1-800-829-1040 and follow the prompts to get the reported 2004 adjusted gross income and bring that number in with your other tax documents. This number is not available on the IRS website.

Who must file?

These are general guidelines. If you are close to these thresholds, please come in and we'll verify whether or not you need to file.

For most people, if you are single and under the age of 65 and gross income was over \$8,200, you should probably file. If over 65, the amount is \$9,450.

If married and filing jointly, and both spouses are under 65, and you gross income was over \$16,400, you should probably file. If both spouses are over 65, the gross income amount is \$18,400 before you must file.

If you are the head of household, with a qualifying dependent, your gross income needs to exceed \$10,500, before you must file. That amount is \$11,750 if over 65.

Do not include Social Security income in these gross income amounts unless you are married and filing separately and lived with your spouse anytime during 2005. These are simplified explanations for the purposes of this announcement; the complete message can be heard

by calling the IRS at 1-800-829-4477 and asking for tax topic 351.

Of course, if have tax withholding from any 2005 income that you'd like to claim as a refund, we would be happy to help you file a return. And remember, the Earned Income Tax Credit can add significantly to your refund, if you have earned income from employment and meet certain criteria as to income limits, age and dependents.

Please remember, this is a free service to the community, provided by the Warm Springs Community Action Team and staffed by volunteers who are trained and certified by the IRS and the AARP.

Community members interested in joining the Warm Springs CAT are encouraged to just drop in at a regular meeting usually held at the Family Resource Center (the old clinic).

Meetings alternate between an afternoon meeting from 4 to 5:30 on the first Thursday of each month and a lunch meeting at 11:30 am to 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

There are no fees or dues. The Warm Springs Community Action team is a member of the Central Oregon Partnership. The Central Oregon Partnership is committed to reducing the root causes of poverty in our region.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
APRIL 12th - MAY 6th, 2006							
April is Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Awareness Month							
Warm Springs ECE Celebrates Month of the Young Child 		18 - Darkness to Light Dinner & Program Family Resource Center. 10am - noon Walk in Immunization Clinic @IHS		19 Noon WALK FOR DIABETES @Community Center		22 Little League Jamboree Lili' Springers HEART Youth Basketball Tournament & Health Education COMMUNITY CENTER	
16 EASTER 		17 INCOME TAX DEADLINE AARP TAX AIDE CLINIC AT WSCAT Family Resource Center 9am - 7pm		20 Literacy Week at ECE 		21 Museum at Warm Springs traveling exhibit "Corp of Discovery II: 200 Years to the Future" April 22-25.	
23 Youth Basketball Tournament & Health Education COMMUNITY CENTER		24 Little League Season BEGINS		25 9am Diabetes Breakfast at the Health & Wellness Center		26 Child Abuse Prevention Walk @ Noon - CPS -> Comm. Center w/LUNCH & BALLOONS	
30 Kah-Nee-Ta Mini Marathon & Grade School Challenge 		1 Listen to "Kidz 2nz" - Kids Tunes Saturday mornings at 9am 91.9 FM KWSO 		27 Safety Day 11:30am - 1:30pm Community Center		28 ECE parade is at 10am DEADLINE Friday 4/28 for "Journeys in Creativity: Explorations in Native American Art & Culture," in June. For info 503-297-5544.	
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FAMILY & YOUTH EVENTS from Warm Springs Boys and Girls Club, Recreation Department, Spectrum Youth Center, Warm Springs 4-H, Warm Springs Elementary, Community Health, Early Childhood Education, CPS, Victims of Crime

Easter Treasure Hunt at museum

The Museum at Warm Springs will hold the annual Easter Treasure Hunt starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 15.

Children and youth are invited to seek to their hearts content for Easter treasurers throughout the museum's west field.

There will also be a chance to meet the Easter Bunny. For first-graders and younger, there will be a special "Little Ones Hunt." Please bring your own basket or container. The Easter Hunt is free and open to the community.