

# Japanese students experience tribal customs

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Spilyay Tymoo

Lucinda Green wasn't about to let the language barrier stop her.

Although the 42 Japanese students that recently came to Warm Springs didn't speak English, she didn't want them to go without experiencing as much culture as possible.

Along with their five adult interpreters, the Japanese middle school students came to Warm Springs as part of a whirlwind tour of the Northwest.

"These are middle school students," Green said. "They just kind of go all over. Warm Springs has been their special stop."

Green organized the event and has done so for the past nine years—something that stemmed from her job as a cultural ambassador at Kah-Nee-Ta for many years.

The students arrived August 16. While staying at Kah-Nee-Ta High Desert Resort, they toured the Early Childhood Education building and gathered at the Agency Longhouse to share their culture with the community.

The Japanese students sang and danced for community



Lucinda Green demonstrates beading techniques to students visiting from Japan.

members that turned out at the Longhouse, Green said, and taught them about origami after tribal members taught them how to make dream catchers—something that can be difficult

when an interpreter has to be called over to explain something.

"I have some good people here helping," Green said. Tribal members also prepared Indian tacos for the group.

After their time in the longhouse, the students gathered in Green's home where they held a question and answer session with tribal members.

According to Green,

"They're always happy that they get to come and meet with some of the community."

Tribal members also hosted a salmon bake for the group at Kah-Nee-Ta.

The students come to the Northwest annually as part of a trip geared toward learning about education.

"Their wish is to meet youth," Green explained. That can sometimes be difficult during summer vacation, she added, so they tour the ECE building and try to meet as many people as possible.

In the past, the group has toured the local mills and dams. According to Nobuyuki Kinoshita, a teacher who travels with the group, "The main purpose is to experience a different culture, lifestyle, customs.

"They exchange culture to understand each other," Kinoshita added.

The group also toured an organic farm in Hood River, traveled to a juice factory and to the Deschutes National Forest.

After staying with host families for several days near Eugene, the group took in the Lane County Fair and then went back to Japan.

The Japanese group is only

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one of many to seek Green out for cultural experiences.

"I've had people from all over the world," Green said. "I've never advertised, and people know of me."

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"I have a guest book that's just unreal," Green said with a chuckle.

The international experience is something she's glad she's had the opportunity to share over the years. "It's good for my children," she said.

## Calendar

There will be a **FALL SPORTS MEETING** in the Warm Springs Elementary Gym this Thursday, August 31 at 6 p.m. The meeting is for Jefferson County Middle School students, grades 6-8. Another fall sports meeting will be held in the Jefferson County Middle School Commons at 6 p.m. on September 5. Free sports physicals are being offered on September 11 at the United Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. Students are asked to come dressed in shorts; girls are asked to wear sports bras.

The next **PARENTING CLASSES** are on the following Wednesdays: September 6, 13, 20 and 27; and October 4. Marcella Hall and Bob Cronkhite will be teaching the classes, which will be held at the Community Counseling Center from 6 to 8 p.m. upstairs. Snacks will be provided. (Babysitting no available).

Youth and adults of Warm Springs are invited to an **UNDERAGE DRINKING PREVENTION** meeting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21 at the Living Hope Christian Center auditorium in Madras. For more information call 410-0606. The town hall is sponsored by the Jefferson County Prevention and Meth Task Force.

Next deadline to submit items for publication in the Spilyay Tymoo is Friday, Sept. 8. Thank you.

## Bough cutting permit reminder

Anyone interested in cutting boughs during the 2006 season should obtain a permit from Timber Committee prior to the close of business on Sept. 8.

A meeting will be held on Sept. 14 to discuss regulations and announce areas opening to cutting.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. in the Fire Management Training Room.

All persons planning to cut boughs should secure a permit and attend the upcoming meeting.

There will be a discussion on cutting incense cedar, followed by discussion relating to noble fir, Douglas fir and western white pine.

For more information on bough cutting contact Talya Holliday at the Forestry Office, or call 553-2416.

## Middle school hosting orientation

A school orientation and welcome for sixth-graders and new students will happen at the Jefferson County Middle School from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 6. Parents are welcome.

This is a chance for sixth-graders to learn about their new school. There will be a tour, and locker assignments. Fees can be paid, and questions will be answered.

Transportation will be provided to and from

Warm Springs. Pick-up will be at 8:20 a.m. at the Community Center. Return drop-off will be at 11:30 a.m.

The middle school will also host an **open house** for all students and parents from 5-6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 7. Refreshments will be served.

For more information call the school at 475-7253.

## Parents: Attendance required at ECE Sept. 6

Warm Springs Head Start parent orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Early Childhood Education building.

All parents are required to attend.

The ECE staff invites the parents to come and introduce their child to the classroom teacher,

meet other key Head Start staff, and check on the status of their child's registration and status.

Head Start is requiring 100 percent attendance on the very first day of school. The Head Start staff wishes to say they are looking forward to welcoming the children and families, and to having an awesome school year.

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