

Youth start video game club

Those with a love of video games are invited to join a new gaming club starting up in Warm Springs.

Jaimerae Bagley, 17, is working for Eagle-Tech Systems at the Warm Springs Plaza this summer, and said he and several fellow youth employees are working to get the club in operation.

Since larger cities feature arcades or Internet cafes for those dedicated to gaming, he said, "I figured why not start one up here?"

In order to get the club going, Bagley said, they need people to take a simple survey

to determine what types of games are most popular with local youth.

"If people want more games here, they'll have to come in and do a simple survey so we can figure out what games to get," Bagley said.

They planned to have the club going as early as this week, he added.

For Bagley, an interest in video games is something he developed at an early age.

"Most of my friends were gamers," he explained.

When he was younger, he said, his cousin received a Nintendo 64 for Christmas.

"When he introduced me to that I kept coming over every day," he said. "Finally his dad got fed up with that and bought me a 64 the next Christmas."

Now, he said, he plays for about an hour per day.

It's also something Bagley plans to incorporate in his future.

"My dream is to become a video game programmer," he said.

Anyone with questions about the video game club is encouraged to stop by, Bagley said, or call him with questions at 553-1034.



Neda Wesley leads a group of 4-H Day Campers in a dance.

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Teens learn business skills through Eagle-Tech program

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Local teens working with Eagle-Tech Systems this summer are also benefiting from a new class.

Seven students are taking a class on leadership and entrepreneur development this summer, according to Daniel Berumen.

"We're giving them kind of an insight on small business and how to become an entrepreneur," Berumen said. "These kids are young, but this is a great starting point."

Yvonne Iverson is teaching the five-week-long class, which features students ranging from age 14 to age 17.

It involves a mixture of curriculums: the Ford Family and Leadership Program, the Indianpreneurship program from Onaben and the Building Native Communities financial literacy curriculum from the Fannie Mae Foundation.

Because Iverson is familiar with all three programs, she said, she is able to easily blend the programs and pick out what aspects will apply best to youth.

"The challenge has been getting enough kids to participate," Iverson said.

Part of the class involves creating a business plan in order to apply for a \$500 microgrants.

"The microgrant is open to anybody with a business idea, ages 14-18," Iverson explained. Interested teens that aren't currently participating in the class are encouraged to contact Eagle-Tech Systems if they need help with a business plan, she added.

Jaimerae Bagley, 17, is currently participating in the class.

Right now, he said, they're working to develop a co-ed high school basketball tournament that will take place August 23 through August 26.

Currently they're working to publicize the event, he said, but they've also had to learn about the financial and business aspects involved in hosting a tournament, he said.

Throughout the class, however, Bagley said he's learned that business is not as difficult as he once thought.

"It's pretty simple," he said. "Some people think running a business is hard."

According to Iverson, the project has been going extremely well.

"They've been doing great," she said. "They've been really excited about getting the project

completed."

In addition to the leadership and entrepreneur development class, those with Eagle-Tech Systems are also working with students to help them obtain high school credits through a new program.

SK Online is an alternative program through the Salem-Keizer Public School District for students throughout Oregon.

The program provides online learning alternatives to any student who needs acceleration or remediation, is credit deficient, has scheduling conflicts at his/her regular school, medical considerations, has limited English-language skills or is home schooled.

According to Berumen, they began using the program very recently and are currently working with several students to help them recover credits.

As for the program and the current class, he added, they plan to continue both.

Though they hope to increase numbers, Berumen said, "This is a pilot project. We understand that it's something that's pretty new and innovative here."

Anyone with questions can call 553-1034.

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Deadline approaching for tribal art show

The deadline for submission to the Tribal Member Art Exhibit at the Museum at Warm Springs is Friday, Sept. 21. The exhibit will run from Oct. 4 through Jan. 6.

Applicants must be 18 years of age or older and en-

rolled in the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. Applicants may submit up to five items along with application before the deadline. All entries must be no more than five years old and have not been exhibited in any other exhibits at the Mu-

seum at Warm Springs.

Submitted works must remain on display through the entire duration of the exhibit dates. Applications are now available at the museum. Contact Natalie Moody at the museum, 553-3331, ext. 412.

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