

Funding group tours reservation

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Grant Makers of Oregon and Southwest Washington traveled to Warm Springs recently aiming to learn more about the area and the current needs and opportunities for grants.

A group of representatives from over 20 funding organizations had the chance to tour the reservation as well as meet with tribal leadership to discuss ways in which grant money could help local organizations.

Joyce White, executive director of the organization, said Grant Makers of Oregon and Southwest Washington is a trade association for those who are affiliated with a grant-making association.

Because some of the funding groups were unfamiliar with living conditions on an Indian reservation or had never been to a reservation, White said, the trip served to educate participants of local culture and current needs.

"They're all wanting to use their resources in the best and most effective way,"



Representatives from various grant programs spent time touring Warm Springs as well as Sherar's Bridge and other areas, where they had the opportunity to learn about petroglyphs.

White explained.

During the trip the group took a driving tour of the reservation. Several community members served as tour guides to educate participants about local culture and the history of the Warm Springs reservation.

In addition to a guided tour of the Museum at Warm

Springs, the group toured Warm Springs Forest Product Industries, the language program, Early Childhood Education, I.H.S., and the Pelton Round Butte Dam.

The group also enjoyed a dinner and presentation of traditional foods and dance at the longhouse at Simnasho.

During the second day of the

two-day trip, the group spoke with tribal leadership to learn about tribal finance and later toured Sherar's Bridge and visited Horsethief Lake.

Overall, White said, the trip was very effective and enjoyable. "Everyone has been really, really wonderful," she said.

Collage of Culture returns on May 16-17

The Fifteenth Annual Collage of Culture is right around the corner. The Collage will be Friday and Saturday, May 16-17, at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

The headline entertainment this year is the Little River Band.

On Saturday at the Collage, there will be the traditional cultural performances, including drumming and dancing by tribal members.

Friday night at the Collage is for adults 21 and over, as the event is a first-ever brew fest at the Collage, sponsored by US Bank.

This year the Collage is welcoming back the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI), which will display their Science Fair, hands on fun for all ages.

During Saturday, May 17, the Collage will feature entertainment at the pavilion, next to the food court.

Entertainers include belly dancers, rock and roll, Hebrew and rap.

New to the Collage, the Gold Wing Touring Association will

be under the big tent.

Also new to the Collage is Lowes Home Improvement from Redmond. They are coming with toy kits for kids to learn how to make wooden toys.

The Collage also welcomes back the Central Oregon Bass Club with "Casting for Kids." On Saturday, they will be holding their regional contest with the winner going to the State competition.

New this year is the Cultural Center, with history and other displays from the Museum at Warm Springs, the Jefferson County Museum and Historical Society, the High Desert Museum and OSU Extension.

And of course there are the famous Hot-Air Balloons launching all week of the Collage.

Tickets for the Collage are on sale at the Madras-Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce.

Tickets are \$5 each, kids 12 and under are free.

If you choose to buy your ticket at the gate it will be \$5 until 4 p.m. After that the price is \$10.

Members compete in gameroom tourney

June A. Smith
Executive director, Boys & Girls Club Warm Springs Branch

In April we had ten local club members participate in an annual event held at the Bend Club.

They competed against 55 other youth from surrounding Boys & Girls Clubs in events such as foosball, pool, chess, checkers, table tennis, and bumper pool.

The kids enjoyed the trip and the opportunity to see another club.

J'von Smith won first place in table tennis - Good job!

We wish him good luck



Members Waymon Harry, Dapri Miller, Izraii Mendez, Delina Culpus, Lynden Harry, J'von Smith, Soraya Mendez and Kaliyah Iverson (l-r back row); Kiani Picard, Hekili Harry and Kyeowna Miller (l-r front row).

when he travels to Lebanon, Oregon to compete in the State Gamesroom Competition on May 17. Congratulations, Boys & Girls Club Staff & kids.

Club members learn root digging skills

June A. Smith
Executive director, Boys & Girls Club Warm Springs Branch

In April, we took groups of kids, including some parents, out root digging with the current 2008 Miss Warm Springs and Tribal Youth Coordinator, Cyrille Mitchell.

We had about 45 participants go out and use an actual "cupin" to dig various roots.

For some of the kids it was a new learning experience. Many of the kids enjoyed digging in the dirt and finding different sizes of roots.

We, at the Boys & Girls Club, hope to continue to build and



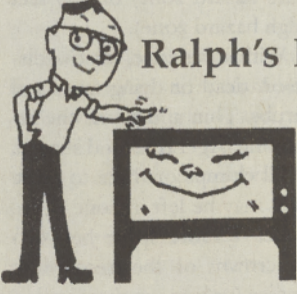
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Boys and Girls Club members on root digging field trip.

maintain relationships with other resources and community partners to benefit the youth and community. We look forward to working with Cyrille throughout the year.

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