

# Strengthening Family Camp at Peters Pasture

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This year at the annual tribal culture camp at Peters Pasture, the focus is on more than just culture.

Families worked to come closer together, as well as learn about their culture, as they spent time in the outdoors.

This year marked a few significant changes at the camp.

While in the past the camp had been only for local youth, this year the Culture and Heritage Department and OSU Extension worked together to create a camp for all members of a family.

As Shawn Morford, director of OSU Extension, told the families at the camp, "It's about bringing families together."

The two organizations combined resources to create several days of cultural activities and classes for the families that traveled to the camp.

At the beginning of camp five teepees were filled with families.

About 30 people attended along with ten staff members from OSU Extension and Culture and Heritage.

During the first day of camp, families worked together to create a family shield that they posted in front of their tent or teepee.

The families gathered materials and used art supplies for their family shields, which represented who they are and aspects of their family.



At the beginning of camp, families worked together to create a family shield to post outside of their teepee or tent. This year the focus of the culture camp was strengthening the bond between family members.



Families also learned about each of the three tribal languages during sessions with staff from the Language Program—during 30-minute sessions families learned things like basic greetings and how to introduce themselves in all of the tribal languages.

Beading, basket making, animal pelts, drum making and various other traditional arts served as the focus for other family sessions.

The Diabetes Team offered an educational session as well as the Shadow Project.

The families were encouraged throughout the camp to take time to visit with elders who also attended and learn more about traditions and their lives.

Youth workers from OSU Extension had the opportunity to assume a leadership position and host several ice breaker activities at the beginning of camp.

For example, on the first day of camp those in attendance listed things about themselves like their favorite color, sport, food and hobby.

Each camp participant then used the list to introduce themselves to their fellow campers.

The camp also featured plenty of free time for families to work on projects or do arts and crafts and spend time together.

Plus, there were also tee-pee pole races that could be called at any time.

The family camp ends today, August 14, after several fun-filled days at Peters Pasture.

## Supply list released for fall term

The following is the school supply list for the school new year:

### Kindergarten:

Two boxes of Crayons, basic 16, standard size (not chubby).

Ten pencils, size No. 2.

Two 4-oz. bottles of white liquid glue.

Three glue sticks — small, solid.

Two large box of tissues.

One package of baby-wipes (80-150 count).

One bottle of hand sanitizer.

No permanent markers.

**First and second grades**

One box of 16 small Crayons.

Twenty pencils, size No. 2.

One eraser.

One pair of metal scissors.

Two 4-oz. bottles of white glue.

Three glue sticks — small, solid.

Two box of tissues.

One bottle of hand sanitizer.

No permanent markers.

**Third grade**

One box of 16 or 24 small crayons.

Pencils, size No. 2.

Pink Pearl erasers.

One pair of sharp-point scissors.

Two 4-oz. bottle of white glue.

Two glue sticks — small, solid.

One large box of tissue.

One 12-inch ruler (inches and centimeters).

No permanent markers.

**Fourth and fifth grades**

One box of 16 or 24 small crayons.

Pencils, size No. 2.

Pink Pearl erasers.

One pair of sharp-point scissors.

One 4-oz. bottle of white glue.

Two glue sticks — small, solid.

One 12-inch rule (inches and centimeters).

Notebook paper.

One box of tissue.

No permanent markers.

Registration.

**Sixth grade**

One box of 16 or 24 small crayons.

Pencils, size No. 2.

Pink Pearl erasers.

One pair of sharp-point scissors.

One 4-oz. bottle of white glue.

Two glue sticks — small, solid.

One 12-inch ruler (inches and centimeters).

Notebook paper.

One box of tissue.

Ballpoint pens, blue or black (not erasable).

No permanent markers.

**Seventh and eighth grades**

College-ruled notebook paper.

One 2-inch, 3-ring (metal ring) binder with dividers.

No Pee Chee folders/pocket folders.

Please note:

Some classes may require additional materials. If so, students will be notified during the first week of school by their classroom teacher.

Some school supplies will need to be replenished throughout the school year.

**Back to school**

Kindergartners begin school on a modified schedule.

Conferences are held with each parent on either September 3 or September 4.

Kindergarten students attend one day in small groups on one of the following days:

September 5, 8 or 9. All kindergartners attend school beginning September 10.

Kindergarten and new students must provide the following:

Proof of birth date. (Must be 5 years old before Sept. 1 to enroll in kindergarten.)

Proof of Immunization. (Oregon law requires immunizations before a student attends school.)

**New students K-12:**

Register beginning August 27, call for an appointment.

First bell time:

8:30 a.m. Warm Springs Elementary School, K-5. (Ph. 553-1128.)

8:25 a.m. Jefferson County Middle School, grades 6-8. (Ph. 475-7253.)

8:30 a.m. Madras High School, grades 9-12. (Ph. 475-7265.)

Grades 1-9 start September 3. Grades 10-12 start September 4. Welcome Back!



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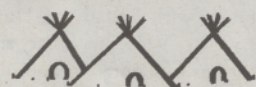
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## Fundraisers

Donations welcome!

**Indian Taco Sales** - Every Friday at the Senior building from 11 a.m. to afternoon, through the month of August.

**Come and enjoy a tasty Indian taco, lukameen, and fry bread. \$6.00 a plate, includes drink.**

\$10 Huckleberry pies, when available  
Individual tables set up to sell treasures.

**Raffle Ticket Sale** - Assorted items and cash prizes. **Contact:**

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Drawing will be held August 29, 2008  
\$1.00 a ticket, or 6 tickets for \$5.00

For info: 541-553-3313 or 541-553-3520