

### Simnasho hosting Lincoln's Birthday Powwow Feb. 13-15

Simnasho will host the 2009 Lincoln's Birthday Powwow, Friday through Sunday, Feb. 13-15 at the longhouse.

Newcomers and Re-joiners are invited to the longhouse on Friday, Feb. 13 at 5:30 p.m. Grand entry at 7:30 p.m.

Saturday grand entry is at 1 p.m. There will be a supper break, but no Saturday evening grand entry. Sunday grand entry is at 1:30 p.m.

Contest in all categories. Specials include:

Drum contest. For information contact Mackie Begay at 553-9230.

Junior girls open contest (8-12 years) for the outgoing princess. Contact Joy Ramirez at 777-9220.

One-man hand drum. Contact Kyle Queahpama 553-6908.

Open chicken dance/round bustle (to be announced). Contact Mackie Begay at 553-9230.

Vendors, contact Sandra Greene-Sampson 553-6619.

Lodging is available at Kah-Nee-Ta Resort, 1-800-554-4SUN. Mention you are coming to Lincoln's Powwow for special rate, limited rooms.

### Course offered to meet seafood sales regulations

The Food and Drug Administration requires that all seafood sold or produced in the U.S. be processed under a specific plan and under the supervision of a trained individual.

This includes fish caught and sold commercially.

The regulations are called Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point, or HACCP (pronounced "hassip").

A short course is being offered by the Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission that will provide the skills to meet the requirements.

There are no required examinations. Your attendance and participation in the program fulfills the requirement.

Certificates will be awarded to those who participate and

complete the two-day course. Lunch will be provided.

The course is being offered from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 27-28. Both days are required for completion.

The course is being offered at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Enforcement conference room, 4270 Westcliff Dr., Hood River.

For more information or to register please contact Kris Sampson at (503)238-0667.

The Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission will cover class fee valued at \$250 per participant.

Class size is limited to 35. Selection is on a first come-first served basis.

### Robotics club studies wind power generation

By Leslie Mitts  
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Wind power served as a topic of exploration for local youth involved with the Lego Robotics Club recently.

Students involved with the club built windmills out of cardboard in attempt to see what type of windmill is most efficient.

Shawn Morford, of OSU Extension Services, said the Tribes' exploration of renewable energy sources led to the activity for the Lego Robotics Club last week as they tried to teach students about how windmills work.

The club is conducted by OSU Extension Services as part of the 4-H S.E.T. Program. S.E.T. stands for Science, Engineering, and Technology.

While the club is designed for students ages 9-14, Morford said, they welcome students of any ages.

The club has been meeting in conjunction with Early Childhood Education as students from the after-school program at ECE met with instructors from OSU Extension Services.

Now, Morford said, they plan to meet at the Education Building in order to give all students a chance to attend.

So far this year students have built robots out of Legos and programmed them to complete specific tasks, Morford said.

The club aims to teach science to students in a way that



Leslie Mitts photos

Natasha Lopez (above) joined Austin Schjoll and Jake Frank (below, left to right) in a windmill building experiment at a recent Lego Robotics Club meeting.

they might not get in the classroom.

"The idea is to engage kids into getting excited about science and technology in a fun way," Morford explained.

"It makes science fun," Morford said. "They don't really know that they're learning science because they're just doing activities."

Because the students complete very hands-on projects, she added, there is a lot of trial and error involved.



"It's helping them learn that in science there is no failure," Morford said.

Jake Frank, 8, is a frequent club participant and even travelled to Bend to compete in the Lego Robotics competition.

As for what he's learned, Frank said, he's definitely learned a lot about robots.

The best part of the competition, he added, was getting to hand out trophies to the winners.

Though his robot didn't do as well in the competition as he had hoped, Frank said he learned a lot through the experience.

"My favorite part is when you get to program them," Frank said. "Then we just have fun."

Frank, Morford said, has excelled in his participation with the club.

"He has been very enthusiastic about it and very committed to it," Morford explained.

Frank said he didn't expect to learn so much through the Lego Robotics Club. "I thought it would be boring, but it was fun," he explained.

Austin Schjoll, 9, works alongside Frank in the Lego Robotics Club and agreed that they've had fun building robots. Plus, Schjoll said, "You get to learn more new stuff."

Eventually the club will explore rocketry as well, Morford said.

The Lego Robotics Club meets every Wednesday after school at the Education Building. For more information, contact Morford at 553-3238.

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