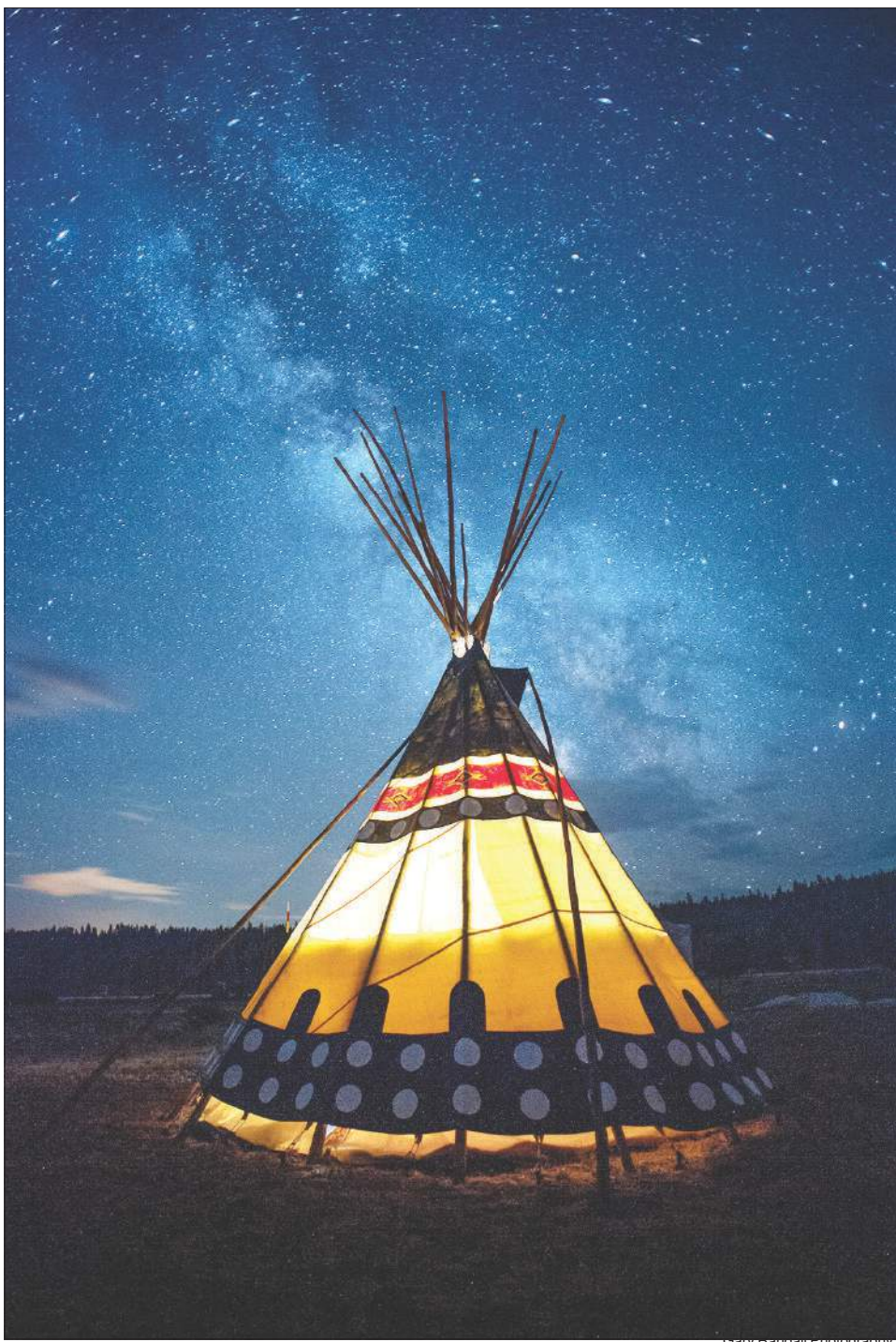


# Simnasho Summer Night



After the storm the sky was clear and starry.

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And so I took some pictures underneath all the turbulence that was happening in the sky.

In time, Darlene and I retreated into the lodge to weather the storm inside. We snacked and chatted until we realized that we no longer heard the noise of the tempest. By this time it was dark outside.

We poked our heads out the tipi door and beheld a crystal clear sky with an incredible archway of stars created by the Milky Way. It was an amazing contrast to the chaotic storm we experienced just prior to this.

Sadly, the Simnasho Hot Summer

Nights Powwow was called off that evening, but not before Darlene and I were able to meet the hearty few who stuck around, just in case.

I would like to thank the people of Simnasho for their hospitality. I was glad to meet Captain, his family and friends. They fed us and made us feel truly welcome. I would like to say that it was my privilege to have been a part of the this event, not only for the opportunity to spend time with my friends and with members of the Simnasho community, but for the unexpected chance to make some beautiful images with my camera that I can share with all of you.

# Native Aspirations finishing for summer

Ninety-six young people spent the summer at various jobs around the reservation.

They worked as part of the six-week Native Aspirations program.

Most of the workers will be finishing the program this week, said Caroline Cruz, tribal health liaison. Some of the students who started a little late will be finishing up next week, she said.

Part of the summer work program involved education and training, two days a week. The students are doing the final training this week.

Then there will be a survey to learn what the students and the employers thought of the program, Cruz said.

The weekly training was required for the high school-age students. There were also

ten college students who participated in the program.

The training sessions focused on a variety of topics. For instance, the training this week is in regard to energy drinks and their side effects. Drinking one energy drink can be like eating 30 candy bars, in terms of what it does to your metabolism.

During an earlier education session, Jefferson Greene of the Warm Springs Canoe Family gave a history of the tribes. He talked about the tribal Constitution, the Treaty of 1855, Tribal Council, and other aspects of the tribes.

Another training was on cross cultural education.

In this exercise, groups of 20 students were asked to invent a culture. The premise was that present civilization and its history had been lost.

But the 20 students in the group survived, waking up in the year 4,000, at which point they had to invent a culture based on a set of instructions.

They used decks of cards, each group developing a different meaning for the cards. They then tried to interact, encountering the difficulties and misunderstandings that can come between cultures that don't understand each other. The lessons were then applied to real life.

Another of the earlier training sessions was on personal finances; and another was on safe relationships.

The Native Aspirations program was funded through a tribal Health and Human Services grant. Based on the feedback from the survey, the program may return next summer, Cruz said.

## Logging Units fires on mop up

Fire fighters were working this week on the Nena fire north of Shaniko Butte. On the scene were four fire crews, one tender, and two heavy-lift helicopters.

The helicopters were initially deployed to the Logging Unit fires on the west side of the reservation. But they spent Sunday, with Warm Springs Fire Management, checking the expansion of the Nena fire.

Meanwhile, mop-up work continued on the Logging Unit fires, moving closer to full containment.

Fire teams set up sprinklers at the Bear Butte 2 fire, part of the Logging Units complex. The sprinklers are supported by water tenders.

A firefighter collapsed on the Bear Butte 2 Fire on Sunday and was flown to St. Charles Hospital in Bend.

"This incident occurred in an extremely remote area, and in short order a helicopter was requested, a landing zone was constructed, and our line medics were able to successfully hand the patient over to the Life Flight professionals," said medical unit leader Glenn Fischer.

The patient was evaluated at the hospital and is recovering locally.

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