

# Great time for youth at camp

Twenty-one youth took part in the Second Annual Soaring Butterflies-Warrior Spirit Camp, May 15-17 at the HeHe Longhouse.

This year the Soaring Butterflies and Warrior Spirit expanded to reach third- to fifth-grade, and ninth-grade and up.

The camp was open to all ages third-grade to high school.

Frank Smith led the boys' sweat, and Suzy Moody led the girls' sweat. This was the highlight of the weekend, according to a simple evaluation.

Youth also enjoyed a movie, campfire and crafts.

Office Kippley taught survival skills, while Officer Komning introduced the class to his drug searching K-9.

Elders Wilfred and Geraldine Jim spent the weekend with the youth, teaching them song and crafts.

On Sunday morning the youth learned how to prepare, bake and serve salmon. They served roots the classes had



Youth and teachers at Soaring Butterflies-Warrior Spirit camp.

gathered.

Certificates and t-shirts were given to each participant, along with encouraging words from chaperones, teachers and elders.

Thank you Community Counseling, cooks, volunteers, Tribal Youth Program, Deanie, Myra, Frank, Rosanna, Joe, Anita and many volunteers who completed presentations to the Soaring Butterflies/Warrior Spirit youth.

The Monday evening K-8 Soaring Butterflies-Warrior Spirit class is over for the school year.

However, the class held

on Tuesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. is now open to all youth ages third-grade and up. And the Jefferson County Soaring Butterflies-Warrior Spirit class will continue till June 9.

There is also an adult Soaring Butterflies-Warrior Spirit class on Monday from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Warm Springs Community Counseling Center. This class is being offered by Warm Springs Community Counseling Center and the Community Health Education Team staff.

For more information call Sarah at 541-553-3205.

## Youth golf returns to KNT

The Junior Golf program returns to the Kah-Nee-Ta Golf Course this summer for youth golfers.

The program starts June 23 and will run until August 18. For more details talk to Joe the Pro at 541-553-4971.

**Tribal Salmon Camp** is for youth in grades six through eight.

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, along with the Nez Perce Tribe, are hosting this year's camp, July 13-17. Space is limited. The application deadline is May 31. There is a link to the

application on the CRITFC website.

**Aquatic Center Summer Swim Lessons** will be June 15 to September 3. Lessons are Monday thru Thursday mornings from 8-11. Scholarships are available. You can learn more by visiting their website: [macaquatic.com](http://macaquatic.com)

## Sea Lion Predation Town Hall with U.S. Congressman Kurt Schrader

May 30, 2015 \* 12pm \* Clackamette Park \* Oregon City, Oregon

*Sea Lion Predation: An Unprecedented Threat to the Survival of Endangered Columbia and Willamette River Salmon, Steelhead, and Sturgeon*

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, U.S. Congressman Kurt Schrader (D-Canby) will join members of Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) Oregon, Columbia River Treaty Tribes, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) officials, local elected officials, and other concerned citizens for a



Town Hall to discuss the need for federal legislation to address the serious threat growing populations of sea lions pose to Columbia and Willamette River fish populations, including endangered salmon and steelhead.

The purpose of the Town Hall is to show our federal and state officials that broad support exists for action to address the impact of sea lion predation on our endangered salmon, steelhead, and other fish species!

Congressman Schrader has joined with Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler (R-Camas) to introduce the *Endangered Salmon and Fisheries Predation Prevention Act (H.R. 564)*, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) to allow federal, state and tribal fish managers to address the predation on endangered fish populations in the Columbia and Willamette Rivers. Unfortunately, current federal law under the MMPA is failing our fish! **Why is action needed?**

### To save our endangered, wild fish from extinction!

- The Columbia River system is home to 13 different species of salmon and steelhead listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Sea lion predation threatens the survival of several populations of ESA-listed wild spring Chinook and Steelhead.
- In 2014, [ODFW estimates](#) that sea lions below Willamette Falls consumed 8 percent of the wild, ESA-listed upper Willamette River spring Chinook run and 13 percent of the wild, ESA-listed Willamette River Steelhead run, further threatening extinction.
- A recent [NOAA study](#) found that 45 percent of returning Columbia River spring Chinook, including an ESA-listed population, went missing in the lower Columbia River (even after harvest and other known impacts). The reduced survival for spring Chinook corresponds closely with the huge increase in California sea lions entering the Columbia.
- Steller sea lions are preying on broodstock-sized sturgeon, many of which are 50-70 years old and are vital for producing young. The Columbia River white sturgeon population has been in steep decline since the sea lion influx over the past 10-15 years. Currently there is no commercial or recreational harvest of these white sturgeon.



## Kids Camp 2015 set for mid June

Kids Camp 2015 is coming up in June. This is a privately owned Christian camp for kids ages 8-13.

The girls camp will be June 15-17; and the boys camp June 17-20. For information call

Gladys at 541-325-2650, or Sue Harrison at 541-475-3103.

Legal Notice

## To Native American Farmers or Ranchers or the heir of one who was denied a USDA farm loan or loan servicing between 1981 and late 1999

Some funds paid in settlement of *Keepseagle v. Vilsack* remain unclaimed and will be distributed in accordance with a process established by the Court. The case claimed that USDA discriminated against Native Americans who applied for or tried to apply for farm loans or loan servicing. The Court seeks input from class members about how the remaining funds should be distributed. Of the \$680 million paid to settle the case, approximately \$380 million remains. The Settlement Agreement approved by the Court directs that unclaimed funds be given to non-profit organizations to serve Native American farmers and ranchers.

The deadline to file a claim has passed. **There is no new claims process.**

### Who is included?

The Class *includes* all Native American farmers and ranchers who:

- Farmed or ranched or attempted to do so between January 1, 1981 and November 24, 1999;
- Tried to get a farm loan or loan servicing from the USDA during that period; and
- Complained about discrimination to the USDA either on their own or through a representative during the time period.

The class *does not include* individuals who:

- Experienced discrimination only between January 1 and November 23 1997; or
- Complained of discrimination only between July 1 and November 23, 1997.

### Proposed use of the Funds

There are several competing options for how to distribute the funds.

*First*, Plaintiffs propose to modify the Settlement Agreement, subject to Court approval, to distribute the funds as follows:

- \$342 million distributed by a Trust, overseen by Native American leaders, to non-profit groups to serve Native farmers

& ranchers over a 20 year period.

- \$38 million be distributed quickly to non-profit organizations serving Native farmers & ranchers, identified by Class Counsel and approved by the Court.

The Trust would make grants to organizations providing business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, or advocacy services to Native American farmers and ranchers, including those seeking to become farmers or ranchers, to support and promote their continued engagement in agriculture. The USDA has agreed with this proposal.

*Second*, Marilyn Keepseagle proposes to distribute all remaining funds as additional damages paid to successful Track A claimants alone. The USDA opposes this proposal.

*Third*, other class members have asked to use the funds to pay claims that were initially denied or to permit new claims to be filed.

*Fourth*, the Choctaw Nation has argued that no changes should be made.

### How can I share my views?

If you want to tell the Court of your support of or opposition to any proposal for use of the remaining funds, you may submit written comments, postmarked no later than **June 15, 2015**, to:

Chambers of the Honorable Emmet G. Sullivan  
U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia  
333 Constitution Avenue N.W.  
Washington, DC 20001

The Court will hold a hearing on **June 29, 2015 at 9:00 AM EDT** in Courtroom 24A at the address above. If you want to speak to the Court in person, you may attend the hearing. Your written comments will be considered by the Court even if you do not attend the hearing.

**For more detailed information call 1-888-233-5506 or see [www.IndianFarmClass.com](http://www.IndianFarmClass.com)**