

# EDUCATION

## Celebrating Healthy Lifestyles

1990 Summer Youth Encampment held  
July 30 - August 3, 1990

The 1990 summer youth encampment presented by the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Indians, was held July 30 through August 3, 1990 at Chemawa Indian High School.

During the week of the encampment Indian students from all over Oregon participated in workshops and recreational activities. Topics of workshops that were highlighted during the week included Family Math and Family Science, Alcohol and Drug prevention information, self esteem and motivation, as well as workshops that offered valuable information on the Indian culture and heritage. Other activities included a fun run, a modern dance, Pow-Wow, and a talent show.

A positive result from the camp was that a Tribal Youth council was formed. Students nominated and voted for their peers to represent them on a council of represented Tribes. Four officers were elected in the positions of Chairman, Quinn Herrera; Vice-Chair, Desiree Allen; Secretary, Janet Jim; and Sargent of Arms, Tim Mooney. Mr. Quinn Herrera is from the Klamath Tribe, Ms. Janet Jim represents the Umatilla Tribe, and Mr. Tim Mooney and Ms. Desiree Allen both are enrolled members of the Grand Ronde Tribe. These students did a very good job of representing their peers during the week, presenters and staff from the conference are very proud of these students. During the week the Youth Council formed a resolution for Indian Youth across the state.

The overall evaluation results from the camp was rated very good by the conference participants. Ratings were based on presentation skills and knowledge of workshop topics. The majority of the conference participants stated their knowledge on the workshop topics had increased. 137 youth attended the conference and 53 adults served as chaperons, camp staff and/or presenters. Overall evaluations demonstrated an increased awareness on the topics presented and expressed delight in the overall workshops and activities.



Tribal Youths Tina Butler, Joe Mercier and J.D. Butler enjoy themselves at the Conference. (Photo by Azule.)

### Resolution 1990 Celebrating Healthy Lifestyles Youth Encampment

We the youth of the 1990 Indian Youth Encampment held at Chemawa Indian School. The Indian Youth of Oregon are the future of the Indian nation of tomorrow we stand together in declaring that we will lead healthy lifestyles, free from alcohol and drugs and

Whereas, we the Oregon Indian Youth Leadership will advocate and encourage our fellow youth to lead healthy lifestyles, and Whereas, we the Indian Youth of Oregon will respect our elders and be as role models to our younger Indian Youth.

Whereas, we think that a problem with the youth in my area is really not a bad one, but one to be dealt with is the attendance of school that they attend, we can see a lack of enthusiasm on the part of the youth, we also see a lack of respect for elders on some occasions. We think this is due to lack of knowledge on their heritage. We think that camps like this are what the youth in my area need.

Whereas, if only we can get the people motivated in wanting to get these new facilities approved. We feel that we can do it, but someone needs to stand up and say something, we would like to try and promote this, so that our people will have a different alternative besides alcohol and drugs, we feel that this will get parents and children involved in our community.

Whereas, we believe on our reservation that there is lack of parent/child involvement in doings in and for their community. Everyday we can see neglect of our reservation, garbage thrown around, unkept yards, and some not taking care of their own homes. It would be a great idea to try and get the people to help clean up our reservation.

Whereas, in the community the people overlook in trying to take pride in where we are from, so they really do not see any alternative in trying to make themselves feel good, besides turning to alcohol or drugs for entertainment and enjoyment.

Whereas, on our reservation some are trying to get approved to build an athletic club, running track, R.V. park, and improvement of softball fields.

Now, therefore be it resolved that the 1990 Indian Youth Encampment strongly recommend that the NW Tribes receive and support our resolutions and provide the Indian Youth a stronger voice in Tribal Government.

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