

Youth Participate in Summer Camps

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CHOICES Summer Youth Camp at Chemawa Indian School

Chemawa Indian School was the location for Summer Youth Camp put on by the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde July 29, 30, 31. The theme, "Healthy Lifestyle Choices", brought approximately 62 tribal youth to the Salem school. They stayed in the dorms located on campus, and went to many workshops and activities during their three-day stay.

Activities included volleyball, basketball, and swimming in the school's own pool. Some of the workshops were many and varied, the campers had to decide which ones they wanted to attend the most. Just a few were Family Math and Family Science taught by Dean Azule, Nutrition and Addictions taught by Steve Vincent, Kids and Gangs, taught by Don Dexter. Some other workshops covered health, AIDS/Sexuality, and spirituality.

Thursday, July 30, a special speaker, Faith Spotted Eagle, from Spokane, spoke to the campers during a special assembly about self-esteem and Sacred Energy.



Valerie Haller and Lydia Mathena

Participation was part of her lecture, where she stressed pride, decision-making, spirituality, and the importance of taking risks. Ms. Spotted Eagle's presentation was very thought-provoking in that she gave statistics for sexual activity among native American kids, and also stated that children are having sexual experiences at a younger age, for various reasons. She had everyone get in a circle, which provided a comfortable, more relaxed setting as a combination to some very tough issues to talk about.

That night there was a pow-wow and a barbecue.



Kids at JOM daycamp creating at the Community Center

JOM Program Sponsors Summer Fun!

The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde's JOHNSON O'MALLEY Program sponsored a summer Day Camp for 34 children K--8th grades during the week of July 14th-20th, 1992. JOM Coordinator, Ms. Wendi Spencer, Education Secretary, Ms. Shawn Hostler, and Education Program staff member Cecile Kneeland, all worked diligently to plan, organize, and teach classes during the camp. Activities conducted at the Summer Day Camp included:

- *Making Dream Catchers
- *Designing Shields
- *Learning Chinook Jargon
- *Soil and Water Conservation
- *Learning about Traditional Foods
- *Playing Games
- *Beadwork and Leather Work
- *Value Teaching

The summer Day Camp concluded with a traditional feast of salmon, venison, roots, fried bread, and stew. The Children took a field trip to the Newport Aquarium.

The Education Program would like to thank the Tribal Council, Fish/Wildlife, Polk County Extension, Figaro's Pizza, Pacific Security Bank, and many parent and staff volunteers who donated items and time to make this camp a success. If you missed out on the activities this year, look forward to next summer, because we want to make it even bigger and better.

Legal Services Available

Oregon Legal Services (OLS) is a non-profit organization that provides representation on civil cases to low-income clients in the smaller communities and rural areas of Oregon. OLS serves Yamhill County through a field office located at 720 East Third Street, McMinnville.

The McMinnville office is a small office consisting of one full time attorney and one support staff/paralegal. They also have a retired attorney who volunteers time for the senior population of Yamhill County. OLS provides assistance on legal issues involving federal housing, public entitlements (AFS, ADC, SSI, foodstamps, unemployment), consumer, domestic relations, and senior issues. Many of these issues are handled through self-help materials and referrals to other agencies.

The McMinnville office of Oregon Legal Services urges people to call our office for an appointment. Seniors are seen by appointment only on Thursday afternoons. Our telephone number is 472-9561. Collect calls are accepted. If you do not live in the state of Oregon, check your listings for the legal services provided by your state.

Head Start & Child Care

The months of September and October will bring the start of HEAD START activities for the Grand Ronde Community. The Yamhill Community Action Program is cooperatively working with the Confederated Tribes to expand Head Start service for the Grand Ronde area. The program targets 3 and 4-year olds whose families meet low-income guidelines. Services can also be provided for 5-year olds who missed the Kindergarten cut-off date for enrollment, due to birth dates. If you would like more information regarding Grand Ronde Head Start Program, contact Ms. Cecile Kneeland, 879-5211.

The Tribe has also received a Child Care Development Block Grant to establish child care activities within the Grand Ronde community. The grant, which was awarded by the Administration for Children and Families, Region X Office, Seattle provides assistance to Tribes whose communities and reservations have little or nonexistent child care services.

The program will work toward establishing a Community Child Care Center, as well as assist tribal members in becoming child care providers. Look for more activities during the months of September and October. If you are interested in serving on the Tribal Parent Board to work with the Education Program in planning child care activities, contact Cecile Kneeland, 879-5211.

Welcome New Principal

The Education Program and Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde would like to welcome Ms. Kathy Sumners, who is the new principal of Grand Ronde Elementary School, Willamina School District. Ms. Sumners hails from Philomath School District and replaces outgoing principal, Dr. Kathleen Shelley, who retired during the summer months. Welcome Kathy!

EDUCATION

1992-1993 Fall Term Outlook

For many Higher Education and Adult Vocational Training students, Fall Term 1992 begins the week of September 21, 1992. Many community colleges, four-year colleges and universities will resume registration and class activities at that time. A word of warning to tribal members who, during the months of August and September, are just now getting around to filing for a possible entry into school for Fall Term, you are too late! If you have not already registered with Tribal Education Program prior to July 31, 1992, your application will more than likely be placed on a waiting list for Winter Term consideration.

This year the Higher Education Program will reach an all time high of 40 enrolled students. Funds for the Higher Education Program are limited and students are strongly encouraged to apply for and obtain all the financial returning Higher Education Students and 20 Adult Vocational Training students from the 1991-1992 school year. The AVT program projects enrollment to climb to approximately 30 participants for the 1992-93 school year.

The Tribe's Education Trust Fund Scholarship Program currently has awarded a total of four continuing students at the undergraduate level from the 1991-92 school year and has approved a total of 5 newly undergraduate students for the 1992-93 school year. This brings our total scholarships to 9 students. The program has also awarded 2 graduate student scholarships for the 1992-93 school year.

FINANCIAL AID UNDERGOING CHANGES

Just when you thought it could not get much worse, it just might! All Higher Education and Adult Vocational Training students who will be attending school during the 1993-94 school year, BE AWARE. Expect big changes in how financial aid is determined. There will be a change of how "independent" student status is defined. It appears the \$4,000 income and not being claimed by parents will not be a factor in determining independent status. The only students who will be declared independent are:

- *Those students who are orphaned or declared by courts to be their own legal guardian
- *Those students who are 24 years of age or older
- *Those students who are veterans
- *Those students who are married

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