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Tribal youth attend Native American Conference

Pictured below are youth and chaperones that took part in the weekend retreat in Eugene.

The Oregon Indian Education Association Youth Conference was a great success. It took place at the University of Oregon campus in Eugene, Oregon.

The conference dealt with cultural, health, leadership, and educational issues that were relevant to Native American youth. The workshops included: Youth Leadership; Indian History; Talking Circles; If the Moccasin Fits; HIV/AIDS Awareness; Run to Live — Live to Run; Teen Suicide; Getting Ready for College; Shaking the Money Tree; story telling; Power to Culture in our Life; Practicing Respect; Doing Your Part to Save Mother Earth; Dealing with Discrimination & Prejudice; Improve Your Study Skills; and Natives in the News.

There were also recreation activities such as a basketball and tennis clinic, and a Pow-wow that was sponsored by our tribal council. The Pow-wow was a wonderful experience for our youth. The drum group set up, and the majority of our youth participated in drumming, singing, and dancing. It was a wonderful experience for all of us.

We had eighteen youths from this area attend. They ranged from 6th to 11th grades. The youth that attended the conference were: Josh Baker, Valerie Haller, Diana Robertson, Tana Ainsworth, Brianna Leno, Pam Truam, Brad Leno, Erica Empey, Teresa Henry, Brandy Leno, Cheyenne Freeman, Jodie Brandon, Dustin Billings, Eric Fendell, Josh Holmes, Levi Liebelt, Jessica Holmes, and Tara Leno.

The chaperones for this event were: Lisa Leno, Vernon Kennedy, Duane ManyHides, Dana Leno, Bryan Mercier, Randy Leno, Cole Holmes, and Kelly Mercier. Special thanks to all of these people for volunteering their time and energy.

The youth were also able to spend time and become familiar with the college campus and environment. Many talked of wanting to attend college there someday.

Thanks to all who supported this event: Tribal Council, Education Committee, Education Program, JOM, Wellness, and Student Advisory Council. Your contributions were sincerely appreciated.

Phase II expansion to add 36,500 square feet to casino

Spirit Mountain's Phase II expansion is progressing rapidly, with both employees and customers eagerly anticipating the addition of 36,500 square feet of new gaming, dining and family entertainment space.

Scheduled for completion in July of 1996, the new expansion will include "Legends" Steakhouse and Lounge, a "SuperPlay" children's attraction, a video arcade and expansion of the gaming space. The total expansion could add as many as 125 to 150 new employees to the resort, according to David Harjo, Vice President of Development for Spirit Mountain Development Corporation.

Legends Steakhouse, which will seat 150 people, will offer a menu featuring steaks, seafood, pastas and salads, and will be open for both lunch and dinner. The adjacent lounge will seat 125 people. Both the restaurant and lounge will offer a full service bar, serving alcohol at full market prices, an amenity which has been added at customer's requests, according to Harjo. Tentative operating hours for the restaurant will be 11 a.m. to 12 midnight, with the lounge open from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The expansion also calls for approximately 3,000 square feet of banquet and meeting room space, accommodating from 150 to 400 people, depending upon the configuration. The area will feature a retractable wall, which can be used to accommodate two concurrent small functions or one large function. The meeting room space would be available to Casino customers for company meetings, private parties and other functions.

Perhaps the most eagerly awaited additions to the Casino are two children's entertainment areas. Spirit Mountain has negotiated a contract with West Coast Food & Fun, Inc., a Portland-based company to locate one of their very successful "SuperPlay" entertainment centers for children aged 12 and under as part of the new expansion. "We did some extensive research into what would be both a popular draw for our customers and a profitable enterprise for us," notes Harjo, "and decided a "SuperPlay" center at Spirit Mountain would be the best decision for the corporation." Currently there are three other "SuperPlay" locations in the greater Portland area, including Gresham, Milwaukie, and Aloha.

The main attraction of Spirit Mountain's "SuperPlay" center will be a 3,000 square foot "soft play" area, featuring a soft-cushioned floor for jumping, tunnels, rope ladders, and other activities. There will also

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General Council Meeting
Sunday, April 14 at 11:30 a.m.
Community Center

Children from the After School Club will be selling crafts they have made. Money donated will sponsor an activity of their choice.

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