

EDUCATION UPDATE: GRADES K-12

April 18-21 in Seattle

Indian Youth Conference

On April 18-21, the All Tribes Foundation's I-WA-SIL Youth Program is holding its 25th Annual Northwest Indian Youth Conference at the Seattle Center in Seattle, Washington. The conference theme is "Cultural and Educational Challenges for the 21st Century."

The conference committee has worked diligently to ensure that this will be the finest and largest Native American youth conference in North America. For four exciting days, hundreds of American/Alaskan Native youth will come together and participate in workshops and social activities that they will find mentally, physically, and spiritually challenging.

The focus is on the skills needed to succeed in today's high tech world, but at the same time keeping and strengthening their cultural integrity and identity. Activities include a Scholastic Bowl, keynote speakers, talent/fashion show, workshops, college career fair, arts and crafts displays, banquet dinner, Miss NWIYC Contest, reception, National All-Indian Boys & Girls Basketball Tournament and a tribal government symposium. In conjunction with the conference is the I-WA-SIL Celebration Pow-wow, April 21-23.

If you would like more information on this conference, please contact Lisa Leno or Dustin Harmon at 1-800-422-0232 or (503) 879-2224.

Guest speaker visits Native club

Allison Davis-WhiteEyes, Oregon State University Indian Education Office Coordinator, was a guest speaker at the Native American Clubs at Willamina middle and high schools on February 2.

Allison shared with students her experiences with high school and college, and the choices she had to make to be successful. She has worked in higher education systems for several years and coordinates Native workshops and conferences throughout the Northwest. Along with her background in education, Allison is also a jingle dress dancer. She spoke of the balance that she had to find between the modern world and the traditional one and encouraged students to as-

sert themselves, to choose a college and not take no for an answer.

"Some doors will open for you, but a lot of them you have to open yourself. It can be a lot of hard work but its worth it in the end when you don't have to depend on anyone to support you and your family," Allison said.

The students had fun listening to her story and appreciated it because it was her story that she shared. One student said, "I like the fact that she didn't just say 'you need to go to college.' Instead she explained the different options and the fact that, it is entirely up to me." In all, the students learned some new choices and the benefits of getting an education. Thanks to Allison for her time.

Spring Break Activity

North Clackamas Aquatic Center

Tuesday, March 21 — for grades 6-12

giant swimming pool with hot tubs • basketball hoop in the pool
• ropes • slides • waves • fun, fun, fun

The Youth Education program will pay for swim admission and the meal afterwards. Students are responsible for renting their own with lockers (\$1, plus \$2 key deposit), tubes, air mats and diving sticks (\$1-\$2 each) — please bring money for these items.

Pick up time & place: 9:30 a.m. at Youth Center
Drop off time & place (Tentatively) 5:00 p.m. at students' homes
Permission slip deadline: Friday, March 17th, 2000
Questions please contact: Dustin Harmon 879-2143; Richard Sohapp 879-4534

OUR YOUTH IS OUR FUTURE

Parent Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 28 at 5:30 p.m.

Tribal Youth Center (old A&D building)

Refreshments will be provided.

Parents, grandparents, community members
with tribal kids in grades K-12 — YOU ARE NEEDED!
A community effort is needed to guide this program.

The Youth Education programs for grades k-12 would like to encourage parents and tribal members interested to attend. Applications for the Parent Board will be accepted and meeting dates set for the upcoming year.

We would greatly appreciate your attendance and participation.

If you have questions or concerns please call Lisa Leno at 879-2224.

TRIBAL EDUCATION STAFF & NATIVE AMERICAN CLUB/TUTORING SCHEDULE

WILLAMINA MIDDLE SCHOOL

MONDAY

Richard Sohapp Youth Education 8:30 a.m. to noon

TUESDAY

Lisa Leno Youth Education 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. (as needed)

Richard Sohapp Youth Education 1:30 to 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Richard Sohapp Youth Education 8:30 a.m. to noon

Dustin Harmon Youth Education 1:30 to 3 p.m. (2nd & 4th week)

THURSDAY

Dustin Harmon Youth Education 8:30 a.m. to noon

Richard Sohapp Youth Education 1:30 to 3 p.m.

FRIDAY

Dustin Harmon Youth Education 8:30 a.m. to noon

NATIVE AMERICAN CLUB ACTIVITIES

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MARCH 15 8:22 a.m. Cultural

APRIL 5 8:22 a.m. Educational

APRIL 19 Canceled (out to conference)

MAY 3 8:22 a.m. Educational

MAY 17 8:22 a.m. Cultural

JUNE 7 8:22 a.m. Last Meeting — go over summer schedule.

WILLAMINA HIGH SCHOOL

MONDAY

Marion Mercier Higher Education 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Richard Sohapp Youth Education 1:30 to 3 p.m.

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Richard Sohapp Youth Education 8:30 a.m. to noon

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AFTER SCHOOL TUTORING at the Tribal Youth Center in Grand Ronde

TUESDAY 3:30 to 5 p.m. Please call to make arrangements

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THURSDAY 3:30 to 5 p.m. Please call to make arrangements

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