

Natural Resources Summer Youth Crew Program Reaches its Tenth Year

By Justin Phillips

Along with the long, warm summer days in Grand Ronde, another season with the Natural Resources Summer Youth Crew program comes to an end. Sighs of relief came across the youth crew on their last day as they did final maintenance procedures on Agency Creek Park. What seemed like the beginning yesterday is the end today.

Since 1990, the Tribe's Natural Resources department and the Oregon Youth Conservation Corps (OYCC) came together to provide a program to increase educational, training and employment opportunities for teens and to improve work skills, teamwork, the sense of social responsibility, appreciation of the environment and self-esteem.

The Summer Youth Crew consisted of Tribal members Brandon Robertson and Torey Wakeland as well as community members Ashley Buring, Glen Wilds and Erik Fendal. Their ages ranged from 14 to 17.

Under the direction of Youth Crew Leader Heidi Rogers, the five teens took to the field for eight weeks. Projects on the reservation included work done on Agency Creek Park, Coast Creek Road, Yoncalla Creek, Burton Creek and Elk Meadows.

"Agency Creek Park had part of the trail washed out from winter flooding," said Rogers. "We had to re-route the trail around the wash-out."

All together the youth crew covered approximately ten miles of trails, which included brush clearing, maintenance and building new trails. They even started building a trail for the new archery site that will soon be finished.

"I think that this has been one of the best youth crews we have ever had," said Jeff Baker, Biologist for the Natural Resources department.

The hard labor put in this summer may not last forever, but the new friendships and memories that were made will.



The Natural Resources Summer Youth Crew poses for a picture at a resting place made of logs at the Agency Creek Park. From left: Glen Wilds, Erik Fendal, Torey Wakeland, Ashley Buring and Crew Leader Heidi Rogers. Not pictured: Brandon Robertson. Photo by Justin Phillips



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Please complete this application and return it by Sept. 30, 2000 to:
The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, Spirit Mountain Stampede,
9615 Grand Ronde Road, Grand Ronde, OR 97347.
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AGENCY CREEK PARK

EDUCATIONAL DAY USE PARK

The Tribe has created a five acre park with a half mile nature trail for day use visits. Eventually, the park will contain education signs which will explain subjects from riparian areas to stream restoration. It will also have tags identifying the common plants of the area.

Photo by Teresa Henry

DIRECTIONS:

- Take Agency Creek Road about 6 miles (stay to the left on the tar); when the pavement ends continue to the right on the gravel.
- There are three parking lots.
- When driving those roads during the weekdays, please use caution and watch for log trucks.
- If you have a CB, monitor channel 17, and observe mile marker signs.
- The park is open to everyone.
- Please do not litter and follow the rules listed below.



DAY USE PARK RULES:

1. No fires within the park. However, portable gas, gasoline, charcoal, and oil camp stoves may be used within the park if in a safe operating condition.
2. No firearms, sling shots, archery equipment, BB or pellet guns, or similar devices in the park, trails or parking areas.
3. No hunting or trapping within the park. Fishing is allowed (Oregon Dept. of Fish and Wildlife rules and regulations must be followed).
4. No picking or gathering of any plants (living or dead), or natural minerals.
5. No digging or excavating of soil and rocks or other naturally occurring material.
6. No soliciting.
7. No obscene, indecent, abusive, or threatening language while in the park.
8. No motorized vehicles, horses, bikes, or any other device allowed on the trails. Handicapped persons may use a wheelchair (may be motorized), and/or any other devices needed to help them access the trails.
9. No dogs are allowed in the park unless they are on a leash.
10. No overnight camping in the park, parking lots or trails, this shall include the use of trailers, campers, motor homes and tents.
11. No alcohol or illicit drugs are allowed in the park.
12. No littering. Garbage cans are for waste produced while using the park, dumping of household waste or other waste will result in prosecution.
13. Park is open one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. Any violation of the preceding park regulations will be turned over to the Yamhill County Police for full prosecution.