

Tribe, Social Services Host Meth Awareness BBQ



Photos by Angela Sears



On Thursday, June 21, the Social Services Department hosted a Meth Awareness BBQ held in the Tribe's pow-wow arena. About 350 community members attended the festivities which included a number of carnival games, a bouncy castle, and barbecued food at the Community Center. At left, Tribal Council member Reyn Leno poses for a photo with some of his grandchildren. Pictured with Leno are Justin Fasana, Cheyanne Fasana, Bryson Leno, Koana Leno, and Maleah Leno.

Camp Cooper Secrets Revealed

■ Environmentalist Jeffrey Gottfried and Tribal member Travis Mercier take Youth Education into the heart of the forest.

By Ron Karten

"Ok kids, look here," said Jeffrey Gottfried, the Tribe's own science guy, who each summer leads the Native Plants Project for Tribal youth. "This," he said, pointing to the broad-leaved skunk cabbage plant, "is an Indian paper plate."

The salmon berries, the first of the season, had mostly come and gone by June 27, the rainy Wednesday when Gottfried brought a group from Youth Education, to Camp Cooper, the Boy Scout camp built in the aboriginal forest north of Willamina.

"This is a real forest," he said, "not a tree farm. The snags make habitat for wildlife. You can see that there was a fire here at one point."

Then, he saw a salmon berry that had survived on the forest floor. He tried to show the group how good the salmon berry is.

"That's foul, dude, if you eat that," said Tribal youth Levi Linton.

Gottfried popped it into his mouth and went back to talking about the



Tribal youth Levi Linton (l), Amanda Grijalva (blue sweatshirt) and Jordan George (far right) at Camp Cooper with Environmental Specialist Jeff Gottfried (second from right) and Tribal member and Youth Education Cultural Specialist Travis Mercier (second from left).

snags. "You see the holes where big branches used to be? All kinds of animals now make use of them."

He knocked at the base of the snag. Nothing. "Last time I did that, a flying squirrel came out of the top. These snags will contribute

to the forest for 100 years after the tree dies."

He talked about native blackberries and the intrusive Himalayan variety that many Oregonians end up fighting. He noted that the 14-

inch long Pacific Giant salamander is so big it eats mice, but is poison to almost anything that tries to eat it.

"There'd be a camp here this time of year where Natives would harvest berries as they ripen. Hey, look here: a nurse log," he said,

turning to a log now on the ground, but still growing sprouts. "They can influence a forest for 500 years after they're dead," he said. "When you see trees growing in a line, they're growing out of the same nurse log."

Then, Tribal member and Youth Education Culture Specialist Travis Stewart, began to peel a 6-inch wide strip of bark up a cedar tree. Getting some 15 feet's worth, he said that the bark is used for many things, including hats, baskets, rain gear, rope and sleeping mats.

"Hey, look here," said Gottfried. He was holding the top of a bunch of fiddler heads. "Try one. They're good raw like this, but wow, are they good fried in olive oil," he said.

The kids admitted that they were getting hungry.

"Look at the huckleberries growing right out of this stump," said Gottfried, further whetting the many young appetites discovering this new world of eats.

"I am hungry," said Tribal youth Jordan George. But she wasn't going for the berries or the fiddler heads. "I want a hamburger, fries and a milkshake." ■

Photo by Summer Youth Employee Joel Selwyn

Youth Education Takes on Lacrosse

■ Lumberjax Goalie Dallas Eliuk puts them through their paces.

By Ron Karten

Dallas Eliuk, seasoned goalie for the Portland Lumberjax professional lacrosse team, first showed Education Youth a short video about the game.

Lacrosse, has "all the good elements of other sports," and "it won't be long," he said, "until more people are playing lacrosse than football."

The game is played with a stick with a net in it. Eliuk, originally from Vancouver, B.C., brought out softer stand-ins for the game's hard rubber balls, and easy to use sticks, and in the gym, he got the youth throwing and catching.

Tribal youth Gary Westley threw a ball and hit Recreation Coordinator and Tribal member Melvin Brisbois in the chest.

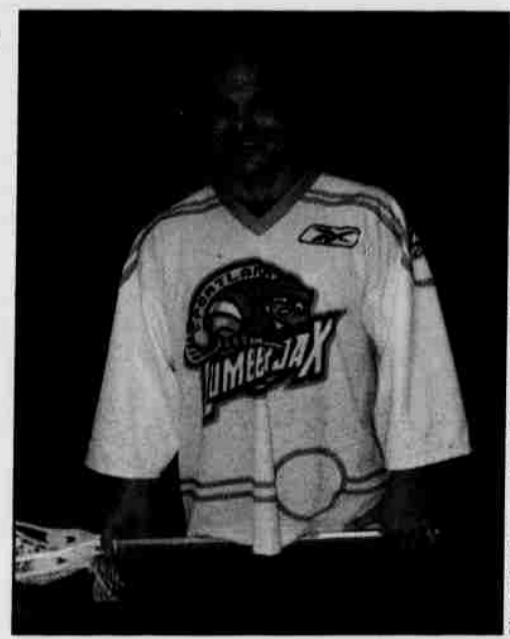
"That was so on purpose," said Tribal youth Levi Linton.

"Did that hurt?" said Tribal youth Shawn Scott.

"Bring out the goal," said Eliuk. "Let's have a little showdown."



◀ Tribal youth Robbie Foster demonstrates his ability to fire a shot at the goalie.



Portland Lumberjax Goalie Dallas Eliuk

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