

Network visit



Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Dani Sandoval, a business systems analyst for Nike technology, and Tyler Hogan, a design team legal liaison at Nike, plant broccoli rabe at the Community Garden during a visit to Grand Ronde on Friday, May 29. The two are members of Nike’s Native American Network and the group spent two days in Grand Ronde for a meeting and team building that was facilitated by the Native Wellness Institute and hosted by the Tribe. In addition to volunteering their time at the garden, they toured Chachalu Tribal Museum & Cultural Center and visited the plankhouse. Nike has seven U.S.-based employee networks that draw upon the diverse employee population to provide experiences in the areas of cultural awareness, community building and career development.



Patti LeClaire, Tribal Food Sustainability administrative assistant, tells members of Nike’s Native American Network about the Community Garden before the group gets to work planting during their visit to Grand Ronde on Friday, May 29.



By Kristy DeLoe
Food Sustainability Program manager

Good day from the Community Garden. There have been many things going on around the garden since our last column. May 16 was our very first Farmers Market in Grand Ronde at Grand Ronde Station. We had six booths and are adding two more for the June 20 Farmers Market. Come check out all we have from lavender soap, lawn art, sweets, wood signs, local raised meats to anything we have coming from the garden.

We held our annual Plant Day on May 23 and are pleased to say we had 30 people show up to check out the garden and lend a helping hand. We cannot express enough our gratitude for all the interest in helping this year. A few workers returned May 30 to finish planting and we are happy to say that the garden is fully planted for this year. To date we have harvested 65 pounds of strawberries that are safely frozen to use for jams and much more.

On May 29 we were blessed with a group of Nike employees who came out and toured the garden. They were even nice enough to plant three beds and also pick about 15 pounds of strawberries. This group was amazing and we would love to have them back anytime. Talking about what we are doing here in Grand Ronde and talking about their duties at Nike was a great time while digging in the dirt with the mountains surrounding us with amazing scenery.

If you are interested in working at the Community Garden, please contact Kristy DeLoe 503-879-2018 or Patti LeClaire 503-879-2145. There will be a worker at the garden most Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to noon. However, please call to make sure! We will gladly welcome any help.



Nike employees touring the garden on May 29.



Volunteers helped plant at the garden on May 23.



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