



# Cultural exchange



Photos by Dean Rhodes

Thirteen students from Fu Jen Catholic University in New Taipei City, Taiwan, visited the Grand Ronde Tribe on Wednesday, July 19, to participate in a cultural exchange. Oregon State University Human Development & Family Sciences instructor Tasha Galardi said the school has had an exchange program with Fu Jen for more than 10 years because a former dean of Public Health was a graduate of the Taiwanese university. The students specifically requested coming to Oregon because they feel a kinship with Native American culture and history, Galardi said. They also visited the Siletz and Warm Springs Tribes during their stay in Oregon. During the cultural exchange inside achaf-hammi, the Tribal plankhouse, the Taiwanese students explained the indigenous Tribes of their island nation and performed songs and dances. About 70 Tribal youth and adults, including Tribal Council member Chris Mercier, attended. The Taiwanese students were welcomed with a drum song performed by Cultural Resources staff members David Harrelson, Jordan Mercier, Brian Krehbiel and Travis Stewart, and Jordan Mercier smudged the plankhouse before the exchange started. After the Taiwanese students performed, Grand Ronde Tribal members performed about eight Tribal songs and lunch was served.

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