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Sedona Williams makes a necklace with dentalium and beads during the Canoe Paddle Camp on Saturday, June 16. In the background, Cheyenne Simmons makes a necklace also.

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The Grand Ronde Canoe Family hosted a Canoe Paddle Camp held at Willamette Park in West Linn Friday through Sunday, June 15-17. It was an opportunity for participants to prepare for the Canoe Journey in July and for people who have never been in a canoe to learn. The camp was open to all Grand Ronde Tribal members and their families. In addition to paddling, there were cultural activities and protocol and dance practice.



Cheyenne Simmons sets the pace for the rest of the pullers as a lead puller during the Canoe Paddle Camp on Saturday, June 16.