

Late-summer kicks

The second annual Portland Timbers and Thorns FC Spirit Mountain Soccer Clinic was held on Monday, Aug. 13, on the Tribal campus. Spirit Mountain Casino has a partnership and sponsorship with the Timbers and Thorns. About 50 Tribal and community youth participated in the clinic for soccer players ages 5 to 18 years old. Timbers youth coaches Houston Greenberg, Daniel Alonzo and Ethan Weinman guided the participants in warm-ups, as well as soccer skill drills and games. “A lot of the kids do not have a background in soccer, but they come out with basic skills and have seemed to really take to soccer,” said Spirit Mountain Casino Sponsorship Coordinator Jocelyn Huffman. “It’s been a very positive experience for me to work with the Timbers and Thorns because they really do want to be involved in our community here in Grand Ronde.” Former Timbers player Jack Jewsbury also attended and helped facilitate the clinic. “He’s been a large part of getting the clinic off the ground,” Huffman said.



Youth coach Daniel Alonzo, left, and soccer clinic participant Owen Jacobson, right, warm up at the beginning of clinic.



Soccer Clinic participants and youth coach Houston Greenberg, back right, play a game of soccer.



John Marrufo, left, and Lok Eaglepipe sit on soccer balls after finishing a warm-up drill.

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