

Chinuk Wawa Summer Language Camp



From left, Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier, Chinuk Wawa Summer Language Camp students Ila Mercier, 7, Ulali Quenelle, 5, Reed Kyllonen, 7, Nevaeh Grijalva, 6, Desirae Hernandez, 9, and Post Elementary Chinuk Wawa Teacher and Outreach Coordinator Zoey Holsclaw paddle a canoe on Vern Huddleston Memorial Fishing Pond at Hampton Park in Willamina on Thursday, July 22.



From left, Chinuk Wawa Summer Language Camp students Ila Mercier, 7, Desirae Hernandez, 9, Leloo Quenelle, 8, Nevaeh Grijalva, 6, and Ulali Quenelle, 5, look at life preservers before learning to paddle a canoe on Vern Huddleston Memorial Fishing Pond at Hampton Park in Willamina on Thursday, July 22. In July, the students were focusing on Grand Ronde’s canoes, song and dances. In June, they learned basic vocabulary and in August they are scheduled to learn about different berries and local native plants, as well as make homemade jam and fry bread.



Chinuk Wawa Summer Language Camp student Desirae Hernandez, 9, is handed a Chinuk paddle from Cultural Education Coordinator Jordan Mercier before learning to paddle a canoe on Vern Huddleston Memorial Fishing Pond at Hampton Park in Willamina on Thursday, July 22.

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Chinuk Wawa Summer Language Camp students, front from left, Nevaeh Grijalva, 6, and Desirae Hernandez, 9, wait by a dock before learning to paddle a canoe on Vern Huddleston Memorial Fishing Pond at Hampton Park in Willamina.

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