Klamath Basin Tribal Youth Program

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About Me

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Overview

MISSION
Construct a partnership between the US Federal Agencies, Native American Tribal Governments and college institutions in the Klamath Basin. That in turn will empower the Native communities by providing their youth with employment and educational opportunities. Also, create roles protecting natural resources and the efficient use of water, developing a new energy frontier, tackling climate change issues, enhancing wildlife habitat, and restoring our cultural and historic Landmarks.

GOALS
To provide a diverse work force dedicated to the Klamath Basin with specific emphasis on supporting tribal students with advanced training and expertise. Share opportunities among Federal agencies to create meaningful employment and educational experiences for Tribal Youth. Successful completion of the program would result in individuals obtaining the qualifications for upper level federal and tribal positions.
First Year Development

May 2011- 1st Klamath Basin Tribal Youth Program initiative meeting.

- General agreement of program development.
  Next step Hiring a coordinator to run the program.

July 2011- A strategy meeting was set up to begin the programs implementation.

During the Summer..

Tribes in the Klamath Basin gave input and strategy for the program.
• An accomplishments meeting was held to discuss progress.
• Strategy needed continuous development to enhance the success of our partnerships.

K - 8th Grade—Introduction to Federal Agencies
High School – Inspire an Interest in Conservation and Restoration
College – Ensure Competitiveness
Inspiration for...
Higher Education &
A Better Career

Insight on Employment

KBTYP will educate and empower tribal youth in the field of Natural Resources while providing experience, education and employment. With the assistance of KBTYP Native youth will be more qualified and understand the positions and careers of Natural Resources.
Rich Cultural Heritage

Native American Studies prepares students to work with information of culture and experience. This information will give background knowledge and experience for any number of career paths. It will also cultivate the cultural knowledge of each individual.

Native experience
Klamath Basin Research Group

- 6 Tribal Students
- 10 weeks
- Klamath Basin Focus
- Tribal and Federal mentors
- Science and TEK immersion

TEK meeting with an elderly from the Karuk Tribe, Charley Thom.
Successes

• Collaboration and Partnership
  – Agencies
  – Tribes

• Student Experience

• Research Formulation and Collection
  – Salmonoid Habitat Valuation Model
• Tribal Ecological Inclusion
  – Gathering information
  – Applying to model

• Ability to give back to tribal communities
  – Inherent passion to provide resources to their Tribes
After Effect

- Pursuit to better understand Tribal Ecological Needs
- Applying TEK to Education
- Support programs and causes that are pushing to better utilize TEK
Empowerment Through Education

Tying in Native Ecological Perspective

• Understanding how culture relates conservation
  – Not having to create justifications

• Ability to give insight from personal values
  – Knowing that their opinions will be valued

• Having an identity that applies within varying science disciplines
  – Feeling of belongings
Thank You

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