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Native American students visit Hanford



Nez Perce students participating in the PACE program observe fish in a tank at the fisheries laboratory in the 331 Building in the 300 Area.

The Nez Perce Tribe's Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Program completed its fourth annual Preparing for Academic Excellence (PACE) education program for young Native American students. This year, organizers of the PACE program teamed with the Department of Energy Richland Operations Office and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory to give students an up-close look at science and math in the workplace.

Twenty-six students visited PNNL on July 19 and learned about fisheries, wildlife, material sciences, metallography and radiation. The following day, the students took a bus ride to the Hanford Site's Gable Mountain to learn about the significant role the mountain plays in their culture.

PACE is a two-week summer camp for junior high students. It's designed to introduce students to science, math and NASA-related fields. The Nez Perce Tribe and NASA provide funding for the program. This is the first year that students have visited the Hanford Site for this program.



HELPING WITH THE HYDROS:

The Tri-Cities' biggest event of the year does not take place without Hanford volunteers such as Mike Schliebe of Fluor Hanford and son Kurt, center. At the July 21-22 Tri-Cities Water Follies Columbia Cup hydroplane races, Hanford volunteers in "SECURITY" shirts helped out in the Lampson pits. Others helped with parking, viewing areas and media relations and acted as hosts, monitoring areas around the boats for safety. Hanford volunteers also helped with the air show featuring the Canadian Snow Birds and at the Allied Arts Sidewalk Show in Richland.