Agriculture & Native American Environmental Youth Camps

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Goals and Objectives

• The Diné College Land Grant Office holds two camps during the summer: one for High School Students and one for students between the ages 9-15 years old.
• The camps are for kids who show interest or are involved in agriculture, sustainability, and the environment.
• The Land Grant Office’s main goal is to reach out to students on and around the Navajo Nation and have them learn the essential tools to help them personally and in hopes that they will take what they learned during the camps back to their family and communities to teach or show them what they learned.
Agriculture Camp

- The Agriculture camp is a one-week camp. During the camp the students learn about livestock and livestock management, animal health and care taking, growing different types of crops.
- Throughout the week the students received hands-on training through field labs, workshops, and field activities. Teamwork and participation is encouraged to have the students open up and talk with one another.
- College students mentored and participated along side the students in both camps and helped them begin and learn about the exciting wonders of the surrounding natural environment around them.
Native American Environmental Youth Camp

• The Native American Youth Camp is a one-week camp. The primary purpose of the camp is to educate the youth about the dynamics of the land and water through hands-on learning. During the camp the students learn about sustainability, restoring valuable water resources, and the overall environmental health of their surroundings.

• Throughout the week the students camped out and explored different ways of evaluating the health of a watershed through collecting basic ecology data at local streams and lakes, classifying plant vegetation, identifying sources of pollution and the human impact on the environment.
Reasons and Purpose

• The main purpose the Diné College Land Grant Office puts up the Agriculture and The Native American Environmental youth camps during the summer is to reach out to the youth and give them hands on experience in what Agriculture and environmental science is. Also to show them the importance of what they can benefit from it, and to have them get more involved in their own communities. What it also doses is it helps the youth build this sense of community amongst one another; it shows them how to work together in groups and pushes them out of their comfort zone. It also teaches them different skills that they may use later on in life.
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