

Martin Luther King, Jr. Ed. Center

“Opportunity Partners Success”

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Technology Program

Computer Tech students wrapped up the summer session with tours of Next Step Recycling and Practical Computers, two of our partner businesses in the community. Next Step is the premier electronic recycling and refurbishing operation in our area and after the visit five of the six students in the Tech class decided to work there for the remainder of the summer. They will be earning \$5.00 per hour for their efforts and providing a valuable service to their community! In addition, after 40 hours of service, they will be rewarded with a Pentium IV computer. Practical Computers, on Mohawk Blvd in Springfield, is also considering getting involved in DYS programs that provide real world work experience for our students. They have been very helpful up to this point by providing the kids with information about what it's really like to work in the computer/IT field! All in all it has been a very productive summer and we are all looking forward to September and the fall session.



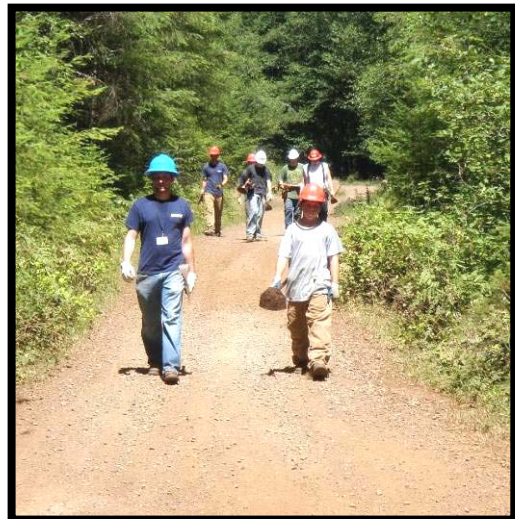
Culinary Arts Program

This week the Culinary Arts Program let the youth explore new recipes and create several different and new dishes! One of the dishes they made was a black bean soup using a recipe out of a cookbook, it turned out great. Letting the youth explore and learn how to work together in making all sorts of dishes, is what this program is truly about...the youth are learning how much they rely on each other to make everything run smoothly.

Nice work!

Horticulture Program

Crews continued to maintain trails for the USFS Blue River Ranger district, brushing, bucking, and building features. Soon we renew our working relationship with the Middle Fork Ranger district! We are also excited to develop a new partnership with the Umpqua National Forest. Youth and crew have eaten loads of huckleberries, have been learning about our local ecosystem, and even observed a Bobcat in the wilderness! Crews are continuing their hard work, in the DYS farm, working for city parks, and maintaining BLM recreational facilities. It has been a great summer so far and youth are continuing to impress daily!





Summer Program

The MLK Summer Experience Program had an excellent run!! Every student, who attended this summer, received credit and their attendance was outstanding. The variety of activities and field trips, in which the students participated, helped them stay engaged and filled them with anticipation for the activities which would come next.

The students reported one of the most interesting subjects was learning of the wall between Israel and Palestine and how different artists expressed themselves through graffiti, on this wall. After this lesson, the youth were able to go on a field trip to the *Eugene's Free Wall*, a wall where the youth were then able to express themselves through positivity and creativity.

Congratulations to all of the youth, who completed the Summer Experience Program, and a big THANKS to all of the people who helped made this summer such a success.

