

BUFFALO TRACKS

CHAMBER NEWS

June 2011

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Dear Chamber Members,

June 1-4 PRACC held a youth Life Skills camp at the Outlaw Ranch in Custer, SD. In attendance were youth from the Pine Ridge, Rosebud and Cheyenne River Reservations. In all 14 students attended the camp.

The camp was designed to give students skills that will help them achieve success both on and off the reservation. The four days were divided to give ample class time and fun activities. The mornings were reserved for class time. Students learned first hand how to complete job applications and resumes, financial literacy, customer service, public speaking and work ethic. At the end of the camp all of the students participated in a job interview.

The afternoons were filled with activities. The group visited Crazy Horse Monument, Jewel Cave National Monument and other locations throughout the Black Hills. Along with the touring activities students visited with local entrepreneurs Mark Tilsen-Native American Natural Foods and Sandy Swallow-Swallow Gallery for a first hand look at what it takes to run a business.

Other activities included horseback riding, cannoning, fishing and hiking. Students were rewarded for trying different activities and learning new things.

The camp was a great success and shows that given a chance our local youth can succeed. PRACC hopes to make this an annual event and help many more young adults in the future.

The Lakota Voices project is over half way complete. With just 16 months left we are progressing at an even pace. The visitor center is changing every day with new items being displayed. Soon construction will start on the new addition. The new space will allow for greater display space in the center. Also, an outdoor display will be added on the west side of the building. This will provided visitors with information during off hours. The information displayed will include maps and brochures from the area.

PRACC in collaboration with Painted Sky Consulting, Colorado State University, Crazy Horse Monument, Badlands National Park and Mt. Rushmore National Monument produced and delivered a one day cultural diversity training at Crazy Horse Monument May 25, 2010. The training was attended by 85 people representing the National park system and Crazy Horse. Included were Badlands, Mt. Rushmore, Crazy Horse, Jewel Cave, Agate Fossil Beds and Custer State Park. This project is included in the Lakota Voices project and will be offered again next year. We hope to expand the training to include additional front line tourism staff throughout the Black Hills and surrounding area.

We would like to introduce you to our new summer staff. The summer staff started May 23 and include: Kylee Hunter, Kimberly Janis, Katelin Janis and Jesse Burnette.

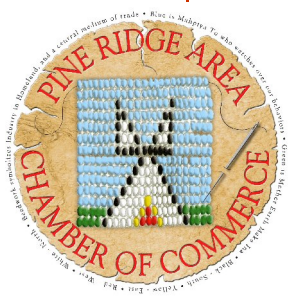
We would appreciate it if you would hang the flyers in your place of business.



June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 KILI Radio Show 5:00 pm	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 KILI Radio Show 5:00 pm	15	16	17 OLC —————> Graduation and Pow wow	18 Crazy Horse Stampede —————>
19 —————>	20 Ex Board Mtng	21 KILI Radio Show 5:00 pm	22	23	24	25 Little Big Horn Day
26	27	28 KILI Radio Show 5:00 pm	29	30	1 July Wakpamni Pow wow	2
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Each member can place one ad per year in the newsletter free. After one each will have a small charge.



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