



Del Norte Indian Education Center



Above, left to right: Delilah Santos, Tru Singletary, Abraham Camez, Program Coordinator Angela Davis, Rebeckah Nagel, Esteban Perez, and Program Assistant Anthony Garcia.

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DNIEC Students at the Trees of Mystery

By Angela Davis,
Program Coordinator

The Del Norte Indian Education Center (DNIEC) Summer Program concluded its free six-week session with a memorable field trip to the Trees of Mystery in Klamath, California. The program serves self-identified American Indian students four hours a day, four days a week; this year, eight students from kindergarten through eighth grade participated.

At the Trees of Mystery, students explored the history of ancient redwoods, learning how the Ice Age reduced once-widespread redwood forests. They learned that two of the three surviving redwood species are native to CA: the Coast Redwood and the Giant Sequoia.



Above: Estaban Perez, grade 7

DNIEC Students at the Trees of Mystery (cont.)

They marveled at trees over 3,000 years old, including the 297-foot Brotherhood Tree and the unique Candelabra Tree, formed when young trees sprouted from a single fallen log.

The group hiked the half-mile redwood trail, crossed suspension bridges up to 100 feet high on the Redwood Canopy Trail, and rode the Sky Trail Gondola 1,500 feet above the forest floor!

To round out the visit, DNIEC students stopped by the gift shop, received free samples of freshly made fudge, and visited the museum.

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Above: Tru Singletary, Grade 6



Above right: Delilah Santos, Grade 2

DNIEC Summer Program Students at Tolowa Fish Camp

By Angela Davis and Anthony Garcia

Our K-8 students recently visited a traditional Tolowa fish camp in Smith River, CA, generously hosted by the Brown Family!

Upon arrival, students watched fresh smelt being pulled from the ocean using traditional A-frame nets while birds circled overhead. They were amazed by the massive number of fish caught!

Host Athena Santos gathered everyone near the fire pit—traditionally used for making Tolowa sand bread—to share essential safety rules and camp protocols.

Next, the group visited the drying station to see rows of smelt lining long logs. Students even learned how to check if the fish were ready to be flipped for even drying. DNIEC Program Assistant, Anthony Garcia, said, “My favorite part of the camp was watching how interested the kids were in turning the fish.”

To wrap up the incredible day, every student received fresh fish to take home and enjoy with their families. We are incredibly grateful to the Brown Family for sharing their rich cultural knowledge and bounty with our program!



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Longtime Student Transitions to Full-Time DNIEC Staff

By Angela Davis

The Del Norte Indian Education Center (DNIEC) is thrilled to welcome a very familiar face to our team. Anthony Garcia is stepping into a new role as our Program Assistant!

Anthony is a member of the Chickasaw Tribe who grew up right here in Crescent City. While he may be our newest staff member, he is certainly no stranger to the DNIEC family. In fact, Anthony's journey with us began when he was just a kindergartener. He participated in our programs all the way through the eighth grade.

Anthony recently graduated from Del Norte High School and is continuing his education locally at the College of the Redwoods, Del Norte campus. Driven by his favorite subject, history, Anthony is pursuing a career in teaching. His deep roots in our community and his passion for education make him a perfect fit for our center.

Anthony has already jumped into action to represent DNIEC and support local families. At the recent Salmon Festival in Klamath, CA, he spent the day tabling at the NCIDC booth. He reached 135 event participants, and he helped distribute 75 tobacco-cessation kits.

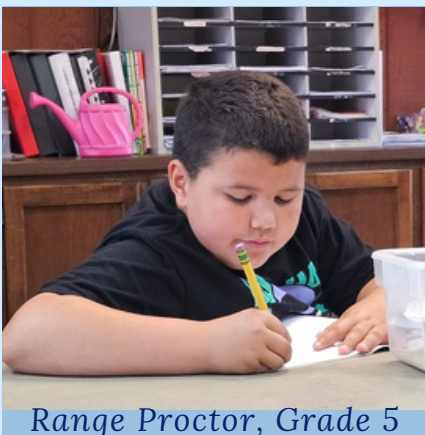
Having spent nearly a decade as a student in our program, Anthony brings a unique, invaluable inside perspective to how our center operates. We could not be prouder to witness his incredible full-circle journey from a young learner in our program to a leader helping guide the next generation. Please join us in giving Anthony a warm welcome back to DNIEC!



Above: Anthony Garcia is processing alder



Above: Anthony Garcia at Salmon Festival



Range Proctor, Grade 5

DNIEC Afterschool Program is holding Open Enrollment for Grades K-8!

When: Mondays, 1 pm- 5:30 pm

Tuesdays- Thursdays, 2 pm- 5:30 pm

Where: 888 4th Street

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