

Federally-Recognized Tribes Extension Program
2008 HIGHLIGHTS

FRTEP UNIT: Fort Peck Reservation, Poplar, Montana

PROGRAM AREA (Ex. Agriculture, Nutrition etc.): 4-H and Youth Development

PROGRAM TITLE: Fort Peck Reservation Extension Program

ISSUE(S) ADDRESSED: This program aims to address the needs for sustainment of traditional Assiniboine and Sioux values and practices. It also works to teach much needed life skills via 4-H programs to Fort Peck Reservation Youth and families. This is needed to create healthy communities, schools and families across the Fort Peck Reservation where poverty, suicide and school drop-out rates continue to plague Native American families. The program strives to address the need for positive leadership across the reservation.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION: The Fort Peck Reservation Extension Program recruits and trains volunteer adults to mentor and assist in the implementation of 4-H throughout the Fort Peck Reservation. The main goal is to involve as many youth as possible in 4-H Clubs and educational activities. This promotes education, as well as a healthy community. This is done via teaching projects at school, in the community via clubs and camps, and through an afterschool program. The program also supports and encourages youth to become involved in using tribal lands for agricultural entrepreneurship.

PROGRAM IMPACT: The program largely impacts the five entire reservation communities by offering healthy lifestyle activities as well as life skill development that may otherwise be missed. It provides inclusion into groups which focus on personal development and it impacts communities through doing community service projects. The program reaches approximately 150 youth and impacts over 75 reservation families building life skills for the future. It supports the involvement of reservation youth in local events such as county fairs and national events such as traveling to Washington, D.C., to learn leadership.

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Rene Brown showing her pig at the Roosevelt County Fair



White Tails 4-H Club in front of Nations Capitol – Leadership Trip 2008



Touring Native American Heritage Museum, Washington, D.C. 2008



Marching in Poplar Indian Days Parade, June 2008



Having Fun in Canada, 2008