Welcome Back

Welcome back to another year of GEAR UP. I am so excited for this year as our first GEAR UP class that will be graduating and applying for their postsecondary choices.

Study Table will again be in the computer lab Monday-Fridays. There will also be math help with Miss Harris on Tuesdays till 7pm. Pizza will be provided on Tuesdays.

There are more Peer tutors available this year. Connor Thompson and Diana Leon are back along with a few new students. Peer tutoring looks good on your resume and college application. There will be no GEAR UP homework tables on early out days. Come on in and see what you are missing.

Summer Tech Camp Tripod: A Landscape for Learning

School was just out for a week last June when the Tech Camp was held at Perarrygin Lake State Park in Winthrop, WA. This camp is a partnership between GEAR UP and the U.S. Forest Service.

On the first day after setting up camp local graduates from Oroville and Tonasket along with Bridges (college students from Central Washington University) worked on team building and leadership activities.

On July 27, 2006, a lightning strike started the Tripod Fire on the Okanogan and Wenatchee Forest burning 175,185 acres. Since 2007 GEAR UP participants have been studying the area with help from the U.S. Forest Service monitoring changes in soil erosion rates, plant succession, and stream side riparian habitat in a post fire environment annually.

The goals of Tripod: A Landscape for Learning is to make participants aware of the complex ecological processes that are a part of their world. Increase the awareness of natural resource possibilities.

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Supportive Parents = Successful Students Night

On September 15th the Oroville Junior/High School had a round robin learning opportunity for parents of all Oroville Junior/High School students.

Topics that were covered were GEAR UP tutoring and study skills, Family Access on Skyward, information on Navigation 101 the advisory class’s students attend, 9th grade parent orientation, and 12th grade parent orientation.

2010 Spokane National College Fair

On November 10 all OHS Juniors will attend the College Fair in Spokane. GEAR UP and the district are sponsoring this field trip.

Possible topics include applications 101, financial aid information, ROTC/Military academies, two and four-year college transfer, and much more. Colleges and trade schools from Washington and other states will have representatives at the fair.
Summer Tech Camp continued

"Having been a chaperone on the day trips to the Conconully area of the Tripod fire in the past this is a wonderful opportunity for any student to learn and find out about jobs in natural resources." - Miss Cole

Other things the participants did where swimming, fishing, visited the fishery and Beaver habitat restoration program, and walking around historic Winthrop. Before heading back home they finished the day with ice cream.

"Tech camp is the most fun and educational thing you can do during the summer I highly recommend going if you can"

-Alex Lopez

Photos (top to bottom)
Team Building
Chilling at camp
Soil Analysis/Group picture
Beaver Habitat
Ever thought about a job in a fancy restaurant as a chef or being a hair stylist? Go to SCC with Gear Up to learn more about this two year Associate in Applied Science degrees.

The food service industry is the third largest retail industry in the nation and the nation's largest retail employer. The mission of the Culinary Arts Department of Spokane Community College is to provide students with technical training, professional management skills, and employment opportunities within the culinary arts industry.

Cosmetology is a diverse field that offers a variety of employment opportunities. SCC's Cosmetology program provides the education and training needed to successfully compete in today's job market. Upon successful completion of the 1,600 hour program, students are prepared to take the Washington State Board Exams.