

# Summer Program Reflections



## DNIEC Garden

DNIEC Students grew an array of fruits and vegetables over the Summer. They grew some plants from seed and also transplanted starts donated by United Indian Health Services. The plants included cucumber, Summer squash, zucchini squash, cherry tomatoes, carrots, parsley, and strawberries. Students harvested the fruits and veggies, prepared snacks with them, and shared some with their families.



## Native Plant Walk

DNIEC Summer Program students went on a Native Plant Walk at the Tolowa Dunes State Park, lead by the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation. DNIEC students each received a culturally important plant identification guide and field journal to help them document their findings. Students also learned the Native names of plants.



## Champions for Change

Del Norte County Department of Health gave two presentations to the DNIEC Summer Program students. They prepared a healthy snack with the students and also brought the "Smoothie Bike." Students took turns peddling a stationary bike with a smoothie machine attached to it. Afterward, the students enjoyed the fruits of their labor-- delicious, nutritious smoothies!



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### Ocean World

DNIEC students enjoyed their annual visit to Ocean World, where they observed a variety of sea creatures, such as seals, fish, and sharks. They also explored the tide pools and touched starfish and beautiful sea anemones. They even got to pet a live shark!



### Cultural Enrichment

DNIEC Students participated in cultural enrichment activities, such as beading with local Native materials like shells and pine nuts. In addition, each student received an eagle feather donated by a staff person.



### Klamath Jet Boat Tour

DNIEC students went on the Klamath Jet Boat Tour for their last field trip of Summer Program.

Students learned about the various Native landmarks, such as the two large rock formations near the mouth of the river called, "Oregas" or the "Two Sister Rocks."

They also observed many animals, such as eagles, osprey, ducks, and black bears!