Green Club Students Clean Up Tsaile Lake

Members of the Diné College Green Club spent the day on Saturday picking up trash and cleaning up around Tsaile Lake.

Students from the Green Club at the Tsaile Campus took part in some philanthropy work on November 9, 2013, organizing the Tsaile Lake cleanup. Littering has become a concern on the Navajo reservation in recent years and Diné College students have taken notice.

As part of an effort to combat the garbage that has been accumulating around Tsaile Lake, Green Club President, Audrey Youvella recruited 14 individuals campus and community wide to take part.

“There needs to be more awareness on littering on the Navajo Nation, we have the opportunity to put an end to this,” said Ms. Youvella. “Too often we see our beautiful homelands devalued by littering, we need to be mindful of the many generations to come who deserve to appreciate it.”

The Green Club took a proactive role after they felt it was a concern having observed how the trash was affecting the Lake’s ecosystem. The fish and wildlife in the region are the natural inhabitants of Tsaile Lake and with all the littering they become threatened or harmed.

This prompted the President, Ms. Youvella to take action and organize a cleanup. Her next campaign is to arrange another cleanup for the College community in the Spring.

President’s Corner

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In observance of Veterans Day, November 11, 2013 at 8:00 a.m. there was a flag raising ceremony held on the North side of the Gorman Classroom Building. Afterwards, refreshments were served for everyone at the Student Success Center.

There are many individuals who are part of our College community who have devoted their time to serve as members of America’s Armed Forces. It is my honor to pay tribute and thank all veterans and those currently serving as protectors of our great nation. On behalf of Diné College, we extend our sincere gratitude to our veterans.

Diné College will remain ready to help these remarkable men and women begin or re-establish their careers. We all must contribute in every way we can to make sure the actions of all veterans are met with appreciation.

Veteran’s Day is to honor those who have made America strong and free. Remember that America’s veterans symbolize a great cause, and whether they live in honor among us, or rest in valor below, they have earned our eternal gratitude.

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Maggie George, Ph.D.
President of Diné College
Window Rock Students Form Student Club

Some students from the Window Rock Center are working hard to establish a club that will bring students together, improve student life, enhance morale, and establish a network with the Associated Students of Diné College.

The club is called Tseghahoodzí na’ó’a’í Binahat’a’ which translates to “Window Rock Student Planners.” The newly elected officers are: President, Abran Chapo; Vice-President, Vinton Sheppard; Secretary; Shirleen Tabaha; and Treasurer, Enjoli Haskie.

“We want to make our campus a better environment for the students. We would like to see picnic tables, improve student life, provide networking opportunities, and assist in College recruitment efforts,” said Abran Chapo. Chapo said the club would also like to work with the Navajo Transit Authority to provide a daily shuttle service to the Tsaile main campus. They would also like to see tutoring services for students.

Currently there are 93 students enrolled at the Window Rock Center, along with some 20 GED students. “We’re involving our GED students and are encouraging our community members to not forget our local college. We have very caring instructors who work with us one on one. The College’s slogan, ‘Where your future begins!’ is a very good quote,” continued Chapo.

Lorinda Ben is the sponsor of the club. “Our student body members have very intelligent ideas. We must support them and help them feel they belong. It is great to see them plan and discover services we may be overlooking,” said Ben.

President Chapo issued a challenge to other Diné College community centers. “If we can do it, other campuses can do it. Get your ducks in order,” he said.