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FOHF Winter Program Small But Powerful

The FOHF has announced new dates for the fall service program. **October 9-15 and Oct. 16-22, 2011** will be the new dates. Interested parties may reserve their place by contacting Bob M at 713-870-1457 or mrtutor156@hotmail.com.

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We had only a small number of participants in the February program so the board is looking to change the time of the 2012 program to later in March when it is hoped that the weather is better for travel. (Please note the box on the left where we have changed the October program dates.) The group that was there this time included Molly Campbell, Brenda Gregory, Donna Bonang(first time), and Marti Donahue. Jan Ittner, Frankie Ramey and Bob Montgomery joined Marti for the second week. During the second week, we were asked to present a faculty workshop on science for 2nd Mesa and we had a good time of making that happen.

During the FOHF board meeting, held at the Hopi Cultural Center, the board elected Molly Campbell as a new board member. Molly has been volunteering for many years with us and has a lot of students and families that she keeps in contact with there. The board also purchased some items that the schools requested including an electric piano for a new program at HBCS, a TV and DVD player, and a new display case for the art program. Several members made special contributions to help us to make these purchases.

The board also voted to offer a partial scholarship to a graduate of Hopi High School who is majoring in Education and pledges to return to the Hopi schools to teach. Funds for the first year were generously donated by a board member. If you would like to be a part of this program, please send your donations to Selinda Miller at the official foundation address listed in the box above. Inquiries about the program may be made by contacting Bob Montgomery.



Miss Hopi 2010-11 Johneth Home from Sichomovi (right) and her attendant, Jenna Lansom from Shungopavi took time to talk with Frankie Ramey during a visit to HBCS. They send their greetings to all of the FOHF and thank them for their service to the Hopi children.
 Miss Hopi said, "I would like to humbly thank each and every one of you for your kind hearts and help in brightening our community."
 Photo by Frankie Ramey



From the left, Brack Cooper, Dorothy Cooper, Shirley Thomson, Ginny Rundell, Ray Coin, Marti Donahue, Frankie Ramey, Jan Ittner, Selinda Miller, and Barb Tobin. Photo taken at Canyon de Chelly by Lu Zacek.
 This group visited the canyon on an early dismissal day at the schools.
 Trivia: Watch Gregory Peck's " McKenna's Gold" for a Spider Rock event. Also, did you know that the famous Kit Carson was afraid to go into the canyon? The US Army officer was sent to capture the Navaho in the canyon and to move them to the Bosque Redondo in NM.



Those green things are turtles that Mrs. Pooyouma's first grade class at HBCS made after Frankie Ramey read them the story of Omar and his pet turtle from Children Just Like Me.
 Photo by Frankie Ramey
 We were able to obtain 10 laptop computers from Bob's old company, Compass Learning in Austin to donate to the schools.
 We have also continued to receive many used children's books to help with the new book-mobile that is being supplied to the Hopi children. The Katy Area Retired Teachers that Lu and Bob have been president of is one of the suppliers. Anna Aiken, a volunteer, has also supplied many books for us to take.

Newbie Notes After Week in Hopi Land by Beth Martin (TX)

Remember the Boy Scout motto--BE PREPARED.

I forgot a coat, bought one at a thrift store in Phoenix, had beautiful weather so didn't need one, and left the coat for Ray to pass on to someone else. I forgot to check how much contact fluid was in my bottle, struck out finding more at the two stores within a twenty mile radius, and was only saved by Brenda who shared from her stash.

Veteran's Shirley and Brenda preparation turned the nightly mundane scoop of ice cream into a dessert adventure with the appearance of chocolate, strawberry and caramel syrups, salted almonds, whipped cream, and even Vermont maple syrup.

If I'd only practiced sitting on the floor with my legs crossed, I would have been more comfortable my first day when I decided to join my first graders on the floor as they did their calendar time. But I don't think that even practice would have allowed me to be graceful getting up.

How could I have been prepared for the delightful conversations that broke out among participants with our varied backgrounds, for the openness and friendship of the teachers, for the generosity of the librarian Mr. Q who brought me a book on Hopi from his own collection, for Leon who shared his vision of expanding the arts opportunities on the reservation and then sang a mini concert for five of us after school on Friday afternoon?

How could I have prepared for the joy of drawing lopsided stars on workbook pages, of reviewing math basics as we walked back in from the playground, of helping a boy in tears because "I can't do this" move to confidently doing his work?

Friday night our speaker talked of the Hopi way. The next morning I headed for home in darkness, but as peach-streaked the gray sky, I pulled off the road and waited for the sunrise. While the Hopi way is to throw a pinch of ground corn and thank his father the sun for the new day, I bowed my head and thanked my heavenly Father for the new day and for the chance to be a part of the Friends of Hopi experience.

My Wonderful Two Weeks with the Hopi Children by Barb Tobin (IL)

During my two weeks in the fall at the Hotevilla-Bacavi Community School on Third Mesa, I felt happy, grateful, and at home. Since the grade 4(Mrs. Tallas) had only 7 students and a TA, the second week I moved to grade 5 (Mr. Honyouti) with 12 students and a TA; I was able to help much more.

In both grades I presented some Native history about Chicago (name means wild onions and came from the Potawatomi tribe) and Illinois (Illini tribe) as well as photos of my former secondary English as a Second Language students and my family. I also shared photos and crafts of my trips to Egypt, China, Tibet, and Tanzania (including Masaai tribal beadwork). Students were like little sponges so eager to learn and inquisitive; they were so receptive and friendly. I learned so much from the Hopi language teacher (Mrs. Onsa) and enjoyed art and library sessions with both grades. Sharing lunch with students was fun!

Other highlights of the two weeks included attending a basket dance, meeting new people, visiting Canyon de Chelly and Awatovi, shucking corn at Mrs. Baker's home, participating in the school's parade through Hotevilla, and enjoying the awesome night sky with the Milky Way just above and the beautiful landscape. As a newcomer, I am especially grateful to the dedicated Friends of Hopi Foundation repeat participants for all of your help and insights. I so enjoyed my rewarding experience that I plan to return next fall for 2 weeks. Elementary students are so wonderfully different than the secondary students I taught for 24 years!

I hope each of you will consider joining us at one or both of next year's programs.

Have You Considered Meeting the FOHF for a Service Program?

We hope you will consider our next service program in October where we will travel again to the reservation to volunteer in the Hopi schools. We know many of you would like to be there with us so why not try to make the next program. We are working with the Hopi Cultural Center to keep the cost at a minimum but, remember, your expenses are probably tax deductible and you would be making a great service to help the Hopi children. We provide several opportunities to learn about their culture and to visit sites on the reservation that are not open to the general public. Ray Coin is a wonderful host and wants everyone to feel welcome on the reservation.

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