



Funds Distribution Report

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Washington Vocational Services

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Organization's General Goals:
We are dedicated to providing outstanding quality services that result in successful community involvement and employment.

Date of Award:	Level:
2023 Q1	\$7,501 to \$10,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Washington Vocational Services.

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Summer Camps 2023 – Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Grant Report

Report Code:	unknown	# of Camper Slots:	90 spaces
WVS’s URL:	www.wvs.org	Grant Amount:	██████████

In 2023, Washington Vocational Services was able to serve 19 individuals in 90 spaces during six weeks of our Summer Camps program. Camp was held in person outdoors, where they participated in adaptive physical activities, crafts, community service projects, and learning projects about our environment, from food production to sea life to animals to recycling. All activities were designed to help campers retain critical social skills during the summer, maintain relationships, increase fine and gross motor skills where possible, be physically active, and remain engaged in their community.

The 2023 camp lineup consisted of six one-week camps: *Outdoor Adventures at Donovan Park*, *WVS Olympics at Edison Elementary School*, *Splash Week at Maiben Park*, *Watch It Grow at Christianson’s Nursery*, *Exploring the Salish Sea at Padilla Bay Interpretive Center*, and *Survivor Week at Bayview State Park*. During *Outdoor Adventures*, campers played games at the park, waded in the river, collected crawdads for examination and release, and earned camp beads for picking up litter debris throughout the park. During *In WVS Olympics*, campers and staff alike competed in games, made torches, celebrated the spirit of games together. During *Splash Week*, campers joined together at Maiben Park where the splash pad cooled everyone off and paired that with water guns and numerous water-oriented games and crafts. During *Watch it Grow*, campers made miniature greenhouses and stepping stones, planted unique and interesting seeds, and enjoyed a personal visit from Marilyn Sheldon. During *Exploring the Salish Sea*, campers explored the Padila Bay Interpretive Center, enjoyed hands-on interaction with local sea life at the Center’s facility, and participated in a noxious weed eradication day on the trail to the beach. Finally, during *Survivor Week*, campers returned to the great outdoors for a week of exploration along the shore, fun games, and a final chance to earn more camp beads by being good stewards of the park and lands.

“Shyla made a lot of great things and it’s awesome that she had this experience as a camper. She loved all of the weeks but her favorites were at the beach!”

-Natasha Gruss

WVS held an end-of-camp celebration, attended by campers from all weeks. The camp celebration was extremely popular and was attended by most of the participating campers and families. Families were able to meet one another and strengthen their own support network, and WVS hopes these led to an increased feeling of community among the participants.

All campers and families who completed our survey indicated a desire for Summer Camps to be held in 2024, to extend the number of days and times that camp would be offered, and would like transportation to be offered in the future.

Week 1: Outdoor Adventures at Donovan Park



Left: Camper Olivia reacts with fear to seeing her first crawdad.



Right: Camper Olivia overcomes her fear and takes a closer look at the crawdad being held by Job Coach Leisa.

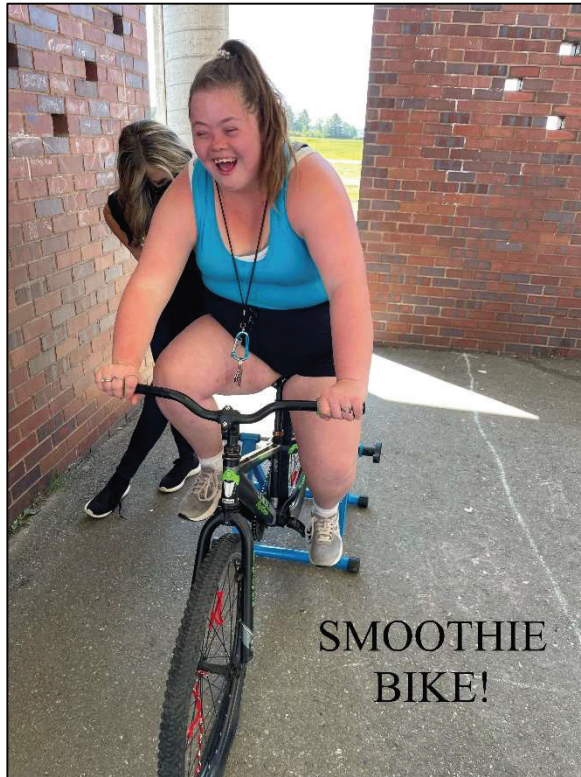


Left: Campers circle around the container of crawdads.



Right: Camper Sam loved Donovan Park.

Week 2: WVS Olympics at Edison Elementary School



Left: Camper Jadan runs a race carrying her hand-made torch..

Right: Camper Megan rides the UW Extension's Smoothie Bike, where pedaling powers the blender on the back of the bike.



Above Left: Campers enjoy a session of volunteer-led yoga.

Above Right: Campers pose with their hand-made Olympics torches between races.

Week 3: Splash Week at Maiben Park



Left: Campers fish for water toys in a pool.

Right: Camper Caleb prepares a science project.



Left: Camper Sam prepares for water wars with her bucket of water.

Above: Campers take a break for a photo opportunity.

Week 4: Watch It Grow at Christianson's Nursery



Above Left: Campers Megan and Jadan work on concrete stepping-stones with Director of Transition Services Julie Handy looks on.

Above Right: Campers conducted a scientific experiment with normally white daisies, using colored water to show how plants draw up water through their vascular system.



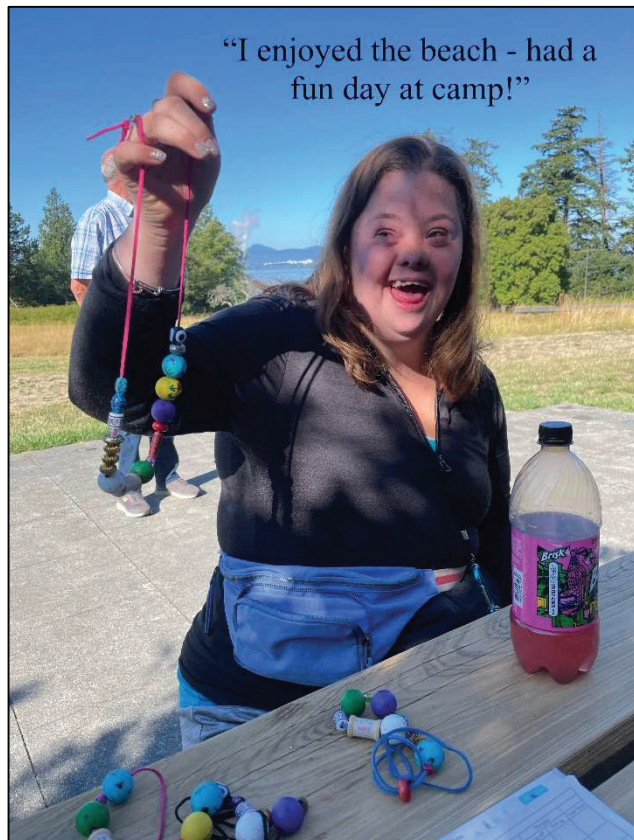
Above Left: Camper Olivia shows off her family tree craft.

Above Right: Camper Shyla leans in to smell lavender blooms, using all of her senses.

Week 5: Exploring the Salish Sea at Padilla Bay Interpretive Center



Above Left: Camper Caleb stands with a Padilla Bay staff person, learning about shore life. Above Right: Camper Charlie, who is visually impaired, uses his sense of hearing to experience a tank at Padilla Bay. Below Left: Job Coach Tony and Camper Will discuss the coral and urchins in the tank. Below Right: Camper Megan shows off her necklace featuring the camp beads she has earned.



Week 6: Survivor Week at Bayview State Park



Top Left: Camper Olivia waves at the camera. Top Right: Camper Caleb and Job Coach Leisa show off their red wristbands. Bottom Left: Campers Megan and Jadan work on a puzzle project. Bottom Right: Campers and Job Coach Erin show off their team spirit.