Tamastslikt Cultural Institute/Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation

Community Profile:
Population 2,981
Location Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation

Position Description:
Sponsor Tamastslikt Cultural Institute
Supervisor John Chess

Assignment
The RARE participant takes the lead in developing an interpretive plan for a series of driving routes within the traditional homeland of the Confederated Tribes. The routes tie the Lewis & Clark Trail in with existing tourist attractions and sites. The goals of the interpretive plan are to provide Lewis & Clark Bicentennial visitors with a more insightful view of the encounters between the Corps of Discovery and the Confederated Tribes and to promote long term tourism in our region. The participant will develop interpretive themes and messages as well as recommendations for their presentation. The participant will also facilitate coordination between the Tribes' efforts and those of the various communities and land managers within the homeland.

Required Skills
Knowledge of the Pacific Northwest, its ecology and history, very good verbal and written communication skills, and some experience in preparing public and/or interpretive programs. A background in anthropology, archeology, interpretation, or museology is preferable.

RARE Member: Tama Tochihara - 2000-2001, Year 7 Participant
Tama studied African and Asian history for her BA in history from the University of Illinois, where she also received a master's degree in Educational Policy Studies. After graduating she worked and traveled in various locales. She recently returned from the Peace Corps, where she worked as an agro-forestry extensionist in Honduras.