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Dworshak offers educational program about Native American culture

AHSAHKA, Idaho – The Dworshak Natural Resources Management staff invites visitors to learn more about Native American culture during a campground interpretive program near the playground area of the Dent Campground at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 12.

Jim Spears, park ranger at the Nez Perce National Historical Park in Spaulding, Idaho, will be speaking about the history of the atlatl and other historical weapons used by the Nez Perce people.

The ancient atlatl (pronounced AHT-lah-tuhl) was a hunting tool that predated the bow and arrow. The atlatl is the weapon that transformed early humans from scavengers to big-game hunters. Thought to have first developed in Europe some 20,000 to 25,000 years ago, evidence of the atlatl has been found on every continent except Africa.

For more information, please call U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park Ranger Donna Bryant at (208) 476-1274.

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