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Council Delegate Walter Phelps highlights the importance of education in presentation to Girl Scout Troops



Photo: Council Delegate Walter Phelps (center) speaks to Girl Scout Troops representing the Arizona Cactus-Pine Council at St. Michael Indian School.

ST. MICHAELS, Ariz. – Council Delegate Walter Phelps (Cameron, Coalmine Canyon, Leupp, Tolani Lake, Tsidi To ii) took time on Wednesday to share words of encouragement to a group of 30 Girl Scout Troops participating in a week-long summer camp at St. Michael Indian School.

Delegate Phelps, a member of the Health, Education, and Human Services Committee, recalled a conversation with a former leader that took place while the two participated in the Navajo Nation parade years ago.

“I remember a great leader and he said, ‘I know the Navajo Nation will continue to grow stronger and the Nation will be strong for many more generations,’” said Delegate Phelps.

“I tell you this because that’s who you are, you are the future of our Nation,” Delegate Phelps told the group. “You are the future leaders, the future doctors, the future police women of the Navajo Nation.”

Delegate Phelps commended the girls for taking part in the summer camp and recommended their continued participation in the Girl Scouts to help overcome adversity and setbacks that often affect the youth throughout the Nation.

Crystalyne Curley, legislative district assistant for Delegate Phelps and Celena McCray, legislative district assistant for HEHSC chair Council Delegate Jonathan Hale (Oak Springs, St. Michaels) were also in attendance and urged the group to adhere to the teachings of their elders and to continue with their education despite obstacles that may stand in their way.

Delegate Phelps concluded his brief presentation by encouraging the Girl Scouts to become involved in their communities by attending chapter meetings.

“You learn a lot about your community by attending meetings, and many important decisions are made at the local levels that affect your lives on a daily basis,” Delegate Phelps said.

Troop Leader Carla Moerike said the group will be given the opportunity to earn a Girl Scouts badge if they attend chapter meetings in the near future.

The week-long summer camp is the first to be held in St. Michaels for the Girl Scouts of the Arizona Cactus-Pine Council.

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