SEED PROGRAM
Summer Excitement, Exploring and Discovery
Institute of Museum and Library Services - Grant

The Seed program is about the contributions, struggles and achievements of the first National Park Rangers the Buffalo Soldiers, and other diverse populations to our nation’s military, security, culture and social fabric. The program also serves as a tool to help lessen summer learning loss by teaching new and expanded materials to young people who may not otherwise receive this education during the typical academic year.

The week long program includes site visits to SAMI – Science, Arts and Math Institute, Billy Frank Wildlife Preserve, American Lake Maneuvers site in DuPont – historic trail tour by JBLM Museum, Historic Vancouver 1st Military Post in Washington, National Park Site at Fort Vancouver, Seattle Parks and Recreation – Discovery park home of the 25th Infantry band building and MOHAI – Museum of History and Industry where the building was the Military Armory.

Thanks to everyone! These youths received a lots of learning, about the history of Washington State Military and Park Rangers from each of your sites. Many seeds were planted for future development. Thanks.
Billy Frank Wildlife Preserve and Preservation Discussion

Trail Walk  Photo Contest

Buffalo Soldiers Museum – Summer Learning Program
1940 South Wilkeson – Tacoma, WA
DuPont – Sequalitchew Creek Trail – Buffalo Soldiers American Lake Maneuvers

History Tour – American Lake Maneuvers  Joint Base Lewis McChord Museum

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Sequalitchew Creek trail leads to the Nisqually Bay

Vancouver Washington – 1st Military Post in Washington State and Buffalo Soldiers Assignment General O.O. Howard
In Memory of
Willie Morehouse
1922 - 2017
Served in the US Army at the Vancouver Barracks 1944-1946
Co-founder of the Buffalo Soldiers - Moses Williams Chapter

03/21/2019

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Fort Lawton, Washington – Parks and Recreation
Discovery Park Seattle

A Million Men Passed Through Here

Fort Lawton made its mark in history as a point of embarkation for troops and supplies to the Pacific. Its strategic location in a major city and access to the Pacific Rim countries determined this role in spite of its original intent. After 75 years of military occupation, most of the site was surplused to the Seattle Parks Department and renamed Discovery Park. A portion of Fort Lawton remains an active army reserve.

08/22/2019
25th Infantry Band Building for Buffalo Soldiers – Black Soldiers who took Jazz music overseas
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MOHAI – MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND INDUSTRY  The building was the former Military Armory