Tulalip Lushootseed Family Activity

Berry Picking

Activity Overview:

This activity guides children and families on where and how to sustainably harvest huckleberries, and could also be used for picking different kinds of berries.

Summer Unit

The goal of the summer unit is to remind and teach families about the importance of seasonal activities and harvesting.

Lushootseed

swəda?x̌ – *Huckleberries*

tatačulbixʷ – *Large animals*

sbadil – *Mountain*

?əɫəd – *Eat*

le?ibəš – *Walking*

?uləx̌əd
To gather from nature

t'igʷicid – *Thank you*

swatixʷtəd – *Land*

t'iwiɫ – *Pray*

t'ilib – *Sing*

ɫuċəbəbiluɫ čəɫ
We will go out berry picking.

?əɫəd čəxʷ ?u ?ə ti swəda?x̌
Do you eat huckleberries?

?əsx̌aƛ'txʷ čəx̌ʷ ?u
Do you like it?

ha?ɫ ?u – *Is it good?*

?əs?əx̌idalus
What color is it?

kaẏkaẏalus – *Blue*

t'aqahalus – *Purple*

?i – *Yes*

xʷi? – *No*

Berry Picking

1. Pack appropriate materials for a long period of time in the sbabadil (*mountains*), such as water, snacks, buckets for picking swəda?x̌ (*huckleberries*), wipes/toilet paper, a blanket for sitting, and an offering (such as cedar, tobacco, or sage) for the swatix̌ʷtəd (*land*).

2. The berry picking area is in the sbabadil (*mountains*), so be sure to have vehicle that is safe to travel on dirt/gravel roads with high incline. Explain to the younger children that you are traveling to łuċəbəbiluł čəł (*We will go out berry picking*).

3. Say a sťiwił (*prayer*) and give an offering (such as cedar, tobacco or sage) to the swatix̌ʷtəd (*land*) and ťigʷid (*thank*) the swatix̌ʷtəd (*land*) before you start ?uləx̌əd (*harvesting*) berries. A small prayer to the land could be: ?uťigʷid čəł ti swatix̌ʷtəd dx̌ʷ?al ti swəda?x̌.

4. Sing ċəbəbiluł sťilib (*berry picking song*) while picking the berries. This time would be great incorporate Lushootseed:

   - łuċəbəbiluł čəł - *We will go out berry picking.*
   - ?əłəd čəxʷ ?u ti swəda?x̌ - *Do you eat huckleberries?*
   - ?əsx̌aʌ́txʷ čəx̌ʷ ?u – *Do you like it?*
   - ha?ł ?u – *Is it good?*
   - ?əs?əx̌idalus – *What color is it?*

5. Take breaks for water and food as needed.

6. After harvesting, thank the land again (ťigʷicid swatix̌ʷtəd) and take berries home to wash and store for later use.