

Computer technology camp for middle school students



Summer 2003 & 2004

Nearly 300 middle school students throughout Puget Sound spent a week learning Web design, graphic design, and digital photography. Fun, interactive curriculum developed by Giant Campus was used in tandem with Macromedia Dreamweaver and Adobe Photoshop Elements to teach cutting-edge computer skills.

Ten TechCamps Northwest programs were held in King, Snohomish, and Pierce Counties at the following locations:

- Bethel School District
- Edmonds School District
- Fife School District
- University of Washington, Seattle
- University of Washington, Tacoma
- Clover Park Technical College
- Puget Sound Center

Partners

Thanks to a grant from the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, the cost of a weeklong TechCamps Northwest program was just \$50 per student, which included snacks and lunch. Scholarships were awarded, so no student was turned away due to financial burdens.



Who attended TechCamps Northwest?

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| Females: | 51% |
| Males: | 49% |
| White: | 48% |
| African American: | 21% |
| Hispanic: | 15% |
| Asian/Pacific Islander: | 7% |
| Native American: | 5% |
| Other: | 4% |
| Economically Disadvantaged: | 56% |
| Academically Challenged: | 15% |



Mission

Bridging the digital divide, the gap between those with access to technology and those without access, is a driving force behind the Diversity in Technology Group at the Puget Sound Center, and is the reason TechCamps Northwest was developed.

TechCamps Northwest targets groups that are statistically under-represented in the high-tech industry, including females, minorities, and the economically disadvantaged.

For more information, visit www.pugetsoundcenter.org/techcamps.

