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"Hispanic Families Learn About Nature"

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Adults and children enjoyed themselves and learned during the "Families in Nature" tour last June 20 at Mt. Charleston (Photo courtesy of Language Sources)

About 50 Hispanic Southern Nevada families gathered on Saturday, June 20 at the Winchester Cultural Center and traveled to the Spring Mountains recreational area to participate in the program "Families in Nature" organized by the Public Lands Institute of Nevada (PLI) with activities for children and their families to learn more about nature and about taking care of the environment.

In this recreational and multicultural program, participants take guided tours to the different public lands of Nevada to learn more about nature, the environment and the plants and animals of the region.

At the Winchester Center children received workbooks that were part of the tour with information about Mt. Charleston and the plants and animals that live there. Children measured the temperature to later compare it with the temperature of the mountain in order to learn about the difference in the elevation between the city and Mt. Charleston.

At the mountain, they divided in groups to participate in different activities. They found some birds that are native to the region, talked about the indigenous flora and fauna, played a game to name the animals that live there and learned to take care of the environment.

The Public Lands Institute encourages families to participate in these kinds of programs since they provide a fun way for the children to learn about the place they live in and about taking care of the environment. For more information call 895-5097.