



DISNEYLAND VISIT — The Unalakleet Day School Dancers from Alaska traveled to Southern California recently where they gave a special performance at Disneyland Friday (May 4).

Under the direction of William Grubbs, this talented group entertained Park guests during a morning performance in Main Street's Plaza Gardens.

Unalakleet Youngsters Visit Hawaii and Disneyland

By LAEL MORGAN

ANAHEIM — The dream of most youngsters in the bush is a tour of Disneyland. No matter how remote the village, almost everyone has heard of the magic kingdom and on the long, dark winter evenings they talk about exploring it.

The 20 member eighth grade

class of Unalakleet BIA Day School did more than just talk, however. They worked for a whole year, showing movies and staging fund raising projects and came up with \$9,000 — enough to visit Hawaii and Southern California as well as the Magic Kingdom.

Leaving the village at the end of April they flew with their

teacher, Bill Grubbs, and his wife Donna to Hawaii.

Here youngsters most enjoyed swimming. They'd learned in Unalakleet and found the island water temperature a considerable improvement.

They also got a tour of Kamehameha, a private school for native born Hawaiians, enjoyed a luau and the Hawaiian Cultural Center.

Then they hopped a jet for Los Angeles, rented a car and headed for Anaheim where they found a ready-made group of tour guides ready to welcome them.

For some months they had

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been corresponding with students of the Lord Baden-Powell school there. Their teacher, Carol Hooker, was in Unalakleet last summer teaching a water safety/recreation program for the campfire girls, and she'd made arrangements for them.

The California students had raised money enough to give their visitors fistsfull of tickets for Disneyland rides and together they spent about eight hours in the entertainment park.

What's good about Disneyland?

"Everything," the youngsters said.

"I rode the Matterhorn seven times," one of them said.

"Wow!"

Then the Californians held a beach party for the visitors.

"A-la-pa!" The Pacific was a lot colder here than it had been in Hawaii, but the Alaskans went swimming anyway. And the party was a success. They never ran out of hotdogs!

In addition, the Alaskans got to visit Universal Studios, Lion Country Safari, Knott's Berry Farm and another of other

entertainment parks.

Then, weary and sun-burned they headed for Anchorage. They'd been out 12 days. Mr. and Mrs. Grubbs said they'd been averaging about five hours sleep a night, but they wouldn't have missed the adventure for anything.

This is the fourth year Unalakleet classes have made an outside tour but this year's was the longest and most exciting to date.

Throughout, they made movies to show the folks back home and promise to make it a free showing A gift after charging the village all year to raise funds.

"Travel is the very best education," Grubbs maintained as he headed for the L. A. International airport and the flight home. And his students agreed but they were all ready to leave.

"It's been fun, but we're tired of the crowds and the traffic," one of them said.

"We all get a little homesick," Mrs. Grubbs admitted.