

Cabin John family spends summer volunteering as Global Citizens

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While some people were at the pool or beach this summer, Cabin John residents Carolyn Projansky and her children 11-year-old Adam and 9-year-old Mira Glasser spent part of their summer vacation with the Quileute Tribe of La Push, Washington.

Along with 11 others, they spent a week working side by side with community members to create a garden for the tribal offices and make repairs to their historic Indian Shaker church.

“We were welcomed enthusiastically by the tribe and offered a rare look at some of their traditions, such as drumming circles and storytelling,” Projansky said in a statement. “My personal favorite was learning to smoke a fresh salmon upright on an open fire.”

Mira is a fourth-grader at Bannockburn Elementary and Adam is a sixth-grader at North Bethesda Middle School. Projansky is president of production company Five Star Films and she spent part of her week behind her video camera, documenting the history of the Indian Shaker church for the tribe’s archives.

Projansky and the children decided to volunteer in La Push with Global Citizens Network as a way to gain a better understanding of economic need in the United States.

“We lived in South Africa for several years, so the children have been exposed to other cultures,” Projansky said. “But on this trip we saw a very different way of life without even needing our passports.”

Global Citizens Network sponsors trips to 14 different communities around the world. Located in Minnesota, Global Citizens Network connects volunteers and primarily indigenous communities who are interested in sharing their culture and friendship through partnership and solidarity.

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