

This year marks the fifth year of H.O.P.E! How fast time flies! We've been off to a great start, so far. Currently, we have a roster of 15 with half of those students being first timers. It's always exciting to have new students who are amazed by every science project and fun game we play. A new challenge we have is that some of our students are returning for their third year. Normally, we only have students for two years. Meaning they believe that they've "been there and done that" with all our activities. But it's always a joy when we add a new science experiment or try out a math game with them. Love whenever we get to hear, " wait, we didn't do this last year!" Have to keep the students on their toes!

Another newer challenge we've had this year is a stark increase in our students participating in sports. Which, on its own isn't an issue, of course, but it means we can go for a month without getting to see much of a student if they're in basketball, wrestling, football, etc. But this isn't all bad. It also provides a new way to interact and show the students we support them. A few days ago, I went to see one of our students compete at her second ever wrestling meet. She was overjoyed that "her church" showed up to watch her. At youth group, she was telling another H.O.P.E. student about it. The second student became upset that I haven't been to one of her basketball games yet. Suffice to say my future is going to be full of sporting events this year.

Thank you for your continued prayers for H.O.P.E. as it grows, changes, and works hard to reflect God's love to students on the Rez.

Blessings,
Trey