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A school for campground management for American Indians?

Isn't that like starting an aviation course for birds?

Not completely, said Secretary of the Interior Rogers, C. B. Morton, announcing a new training program by the National Palk service to teach the financial and technical aspects of tourist-oriented campground management to members of American Indian tribes. Graduates will return to their tribal homes to develop and manage public campgrounds on Indian lands.

"The program is a part of a major effort by the Department of the Interior assist in the development of tourism and recreational resources of the Nation's Indian reservations," Secretary Morton said. "The campground managers will be equipped to attract tourism dollars to their reservations, and give tourists the services they need."

Courses will be offered at the Albright Training Center in Grand Canyon National Park, Ariz., Secretary Morton said.

Financed by the Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs and utilizing the training personnel and facilities of the National Park Service, two four-week sessions are planned this year, May 1-26 and June 5-30. There will be 24 trainees at each session. Those attending the first class will be drawn from Arizona, California, and New Mexico. The second session is ' expected to draw trainees from a wider area of the United States.

The first camp dedication will take place on the Hoopa Reservation in northern California May 20. Hoopa Indians will assist the Park Service in the training program.