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Skokomish Indian Nation

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CELEBRATING CHAIRMAN GUY MILLER'S 27 YEARS OF DEDICATION

On July 15th, the Skokomish Community Center filled with laughter, gratitude, and the rich aromas of a traditional feast to honor Charles Guy Miller. The surprise recognition dinner marked a historic milestone for our people: Miller's 27 years of selfless service on the tribal council, including 17 consecutive years leading us as our Tribal Chairman. It was a beautiful evening dedicated to a leader who has given his all to the community he grew up in.

Tom Strong took the floor to share words of acknowledgment for the work Guy has done throughout his tenure. Tom emphasized that over the decades, Guy has taught our community what real leadership looks like. He noted that sometimes leadership means taking bold steps toward our future, while other times it is simply offering a steady shoulder to lean on collectively as the Tribe trudges forward through challenging times.

True to his humble nature, Guy was



Vice Chairman Louis Auld, Executive Secretary Jasmine Johnson-Krise welcome the crowd and start the evening of honor for Charles "Guy Miller"

quick to deflect the solo praise. He reminded the crowd that the major decisions over the years were never his alone, but rather the work of the council as a whole for the betterment of the Skokomish Tribe. He shared that he feels the Tribe has made incredible strides and accomplishments over his long tenure. Looking back affectionately, he spoke fondly of his time working alongside long-time council members like Bill Smith, Tom Strong, Alex Gouley, Terry Butler, and Tim LaClair, with whom he spent most of his time on council.

As tokens of deep appreciation for his unwavering dedication, Guy was presented with several beautiful gifts. These included a stunning eagle vest and shirt crafted by Taylor Krise, an amazing heron plaque by Dennis Allen, and a beautiful blanket gifted by his daughter, Tahnee Miller. Kimberly Miller knows how to hit the sweet spot with a homemade huckleberry pie she made just for Guy

making the rest of us jealous. Yet, as attendees noted, no physical gift could ever fully thank him for the countless hours of love and care he has poured into our community. The celebration continued with a spectacular feast prepared by head cook and Vice Chair Louis Auld. Attendees enjoyed a magnificent spread of salmon,

shrimp, elk, spaghetti, homemade rolls, fry bread, and desserts.

Looking forward, Guy expressed immense optimism for the days ahead, stating that the Tribe has a bright future in very capable hands. Passing the leadership torch, he looks forward to seeing where the community goes next under the guidance of Tom Strong, our new Chairman. With many years of knowledge under his belt, Tom ensures the Skokomish Tribe remains in steady, capable hands. Thank you, Guy, for a lifetime of caring and leadership.

Here are just a few of the many accomplishments that our Tribal Council has achieved over the years:

- Paid off Waterfront Motel
- Purchased Bourgault farm
- Completed New Community Center/ Gym Paid in full Wastewater At Ta³badas/Completed to Potlatch/ Minerva
- Casino doing well, paid back the Tribe 7 Million.
- Twin Totems doing well
- Completed 5 Restoration Projects to the Nalleys Estuary
- Helped Divers by Ending Stumpage
- Helped Harvesters by Ending taxes
- Got ownership of the River back, the River bed and both sides.
- Paved and Lighted Tribal Center and Reservation Road.
- Complete Renovation of Elder Homes- siding, roofs, windows, painting, etc

Just a few things to show what our Tribal Council and staff has done for our Tribe over the years.

Our Hands are raised to you for all your hard work



Guy and Tahnee Miller



Chairman Tom Strong and Councilman Guy Miller

EDUCATION UPDATES: PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE

Employee Spotlight



We would like to give a shoutout to Kasiah Brown. She is one of our tutors here in the education department and she tutors grades 3-5 at Hood Canal School. She has been with our department for close to two years. Kasiah has also worked for the Skokomish Wellness Center and Tuwaduq Family Services. We are so glad she has brought her knowledge and skills to the education department. Kasiah is passionate about her job and when she isn't working, she enjoys beading, clam digging and spending time with her kids. They are always out on weekend adventures. Kasiah works hard while tutoring in the school, works hard fishing, gathering clams and oysters and selling her beadwork. Kasiah is the Secretary for the Early Childhood Education Parent Policy Committee as well. She supports our youth through tutoring, culturally, as a parent and through creating change in policy. She is an inspiration and role model not only for her boys, but for all the youth she supports through her work. We are so glad you are a part of our team, and we appreciate what you do for our youth. Thank you, Kasiah!

If you are interested in tutoring services for your student(s), please reach out to us in the education department and we will get you set up with services.

School Sports

Students, it's that time of year to get ready for school sports! If you haven't already, make sure to make an appointment for a sports physical. Right now, if you get an appointment at the Skokomish Health Clinic for a physical it will get you halfway into the back-to-school bash raffle.

For parents wanting to sign your youth up for sports at Hood Canal School, you can find the link to sign your youth up on the perspective sports page your student(s) wants to play. If you need extra assistance, please contact Dan Winter, Athletic Director at Hood Canal School (360-877-5463 ext. 224), any of the Hood Canal Tutors (Leah Andrews, Kasiah Brown, or Helen Tinaza) or Education Manager, Amber Hanson.

Sports at Hood Canal include flag football, volleyball, boys' basketball, girls' basketball, and track & field.

For parents wanting to sign your youth up for sports at Shelton High School, you can find the link on the Shelton High School page under the athletics tab. While on the athletics page you can click, "Athlete Registration" and fill out the necessary paperwork. If you need extra assistance, please reach out to Scott Chamberlin, Athletic Director at Shelton High School (360-269-3458), our high school tutor, Hattie Williams or Education Manager, Amber Hanson.

Sports at Shelton High School include cross country, football, soccer, swimming/diving, tennis, volleyball, basketball, bowling, wrestling, baseball/softball, golf, track & field, dance team, and cheerleading.

It's important for our students to keep their grades up and attend school consistently to remain eligible to participate in sports. We are here to help with tutoring and transportation. Please contact us for extra support when needed and we will set up a plan that fits yours and your students' schedule.

Back-to-School Bash

This year our department is working closely with the Youth Program and the Skokomish Wellness Center to host the annual back-to-school bash. The education department will be giving out backpacks for students in kindergarten through college; the youth program will have packets for families to fill out for Tom's After School Program and the Wellness Center will be helping families get registered for their youth's physical. There will also be fun water activities and games for the youth to enjoy. By filling out your forms required by the education department, youth program and completing a physical, youth will be entered into a raffle that will be held after September 1st. There will be food! The only thing we ask is that you bring your own chair as seating will be limited. Please see the flyer in the Sounder for more details.

See Flyer on Page 11

Freshman Orientation at Shelton High School

Orientation for incoming freshmen at Shelton High School will be on August 26th and 27th. The orientation will go from 8:30-11am both days and is in the mini dome. This is a time for students to participate in activities, get to know students and SHS teachers, pick up class schedule, learn about programs SHS has to offer, get school pictures taken, and pick up ASB/ID card. See flyer for registration information.

If you are a freshman and you need a ride to orientation, reach out to us in the education department, 360-877-2460, and we will make a plan to get you to the high school on time.

For any questions, comments or concerns please reach out to Amber Hanson, Education Manager, at 360-877-2460 or by email at Amber@skokomish.org.

HIGHCLIMBER

FRESHMEN

CLASS OF 2030

AUG 26 & 27
8:30-11:00
MEET IN MINI-DOME

REGISTER HERE:



ORIENTATION

SNACKS & TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED

CAMPUS TOURS
LEARN ABOUT CLUBS & STUDENT LIFE
GET YOUR SCHEDULE & TAKE ID PHOTOS

Skokomish Head Start Honors Little Graduates with Blanket and Sash Ceremony

On Saturday, July 18th Our families gathered at the Skokomish Community Center for the Skokomish Head Start Graduation Celebration.

It was a beautiful morning to honor our little ones. We started in a good way with a prayer by Cody Andrews, and then our singers Gussy Blacketer, Norma Cagey, Kris Miller, and Kimberly Miller sang the Canoe Song and the Eagle Song. Hearing the drums, paddle songs, and seeing our children honored with their blanket and sash ceremony and Eagle Dance was so special. It Reminds us of who we are and who they belong to. The Blanket and sash ceremony was done to honor our graduates as they move on to kindergarten. Being wrapped in love and protection from their families and community. The Children were wrapped in blankets and sash's regalia and presented with candy leis to mark their next step into kindergarten.

The blanket represents protection, love, and being wrapped in the strength of family and community as they walk forward.

[The Graduating Students wore the blankets, and the returning students wore the sash]

The sash honors their hard work and achievement.

The sound of the drum and the movement of the dancers lifted the room a powerful way to honor our little ones, our culture, and our future.

Elder's, Teachers, families, and friends stood together to sing, drum, and cheer for each graduate. There were smiles, happy tears, and pride for how far these children have come this year.

The Skokomish Head Start staff thanked all the families, cultural leaders, drummers, dancers, and volunteers who helped make the day happen and who support the children all year long.

Congratulations to all our Skokomish Head Start graduates. We are so proud of you. You carry our songs, our strength, and our love with you wherever you go. This year we celebrated 12 Graduates

Graduating Students

Kalaiah Andrews
Lakota Andrews
Cameron Brown
Alakai Bean-Busenius
Elliana Carrington
Shay Emerson
Jordyn Grover
CJ Guillen-Martinez
Kymari Johns
Sayalts Miller Jr.
Dakota Qintero
Easton Twiddy

We also honored our returning students who will be back next year:

Returning Students

Urijah Andrews-Atalig
Persephone Bean-Miller
Salish Carrington
Valeria Castelan Dominquez
A'naiya Chay
Melodiee Dan- Best
Enatai Grover
JanayCee Gillen-Martinez
Renni Larsen-Riley
Hazel Long
Alexander Longshore
Talon Miller
Aurora Regna
Kaeo Stratton
Koa Twiddy
Theodore Twiddy
Emory Ware
Paige Ware
Warren Zinga

Special Thanks

Skokomish Tribal Council
Lead Cook: Tahnee Hawk-Miller
Assistant Cooks:
Mary Williams
Kimberly Miller
Ocean Sparr
Marcy Tinaza

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SONSHINE



Sobriety Night

*EVERY MONDAY at the
Skokomish Tribal Center*

*Meeting starts at 6 PM
Meal will be provided*

Food donations are always appreciated

Our Bright Stars: Our Future Leaders



As the school year came to an end, Hood Canal School fourth grade students attended a clam seeding field trip. Students brought their curiosity and excitement as they learned about clams, the environment, and the role we all play in caring for the places around us. Students enjoyed the hands-on experience of helping seed 16,000 manila clams! Pictured checking out the tiny clams are our boys, Corbett Gamber Jr and James Byrd IV. A special thank you goes to fourth grade teacher Payton Herdman for making this field trip a reality.



Incoming kindergarteners and a few that are still at headstart have been getting a test run at the big school this summer during Summer School! They've been busy practicing the alphabet and letter sounds, creating fun arts and crafts, and exploring the outdoors on nature walks. Along the way they're building new friendships, practicing classroom expectations and routines, and gaining confidence before their first day of kindergarten. We can't wait to welcome them back at hood canal for an amazing school year! Pictured is Paige Ware and Kymari Johns.



One of our outstanding 7th graders Harmony Taylor, has been making the most of summer school by showing determination, a positive attitude, and a strong commitment to learning. She shows up ready to work hard. We are so proud of all the hard work she's put into the new school year. Keep crushing it, Harmony!




Skokomish WIC

Women, Infants, and Children
WIC provides healthy foods & nutrition information for you and your child up to age 5.

For appointments and questions, contact:
Debbie Gardipee
360.463.4439
dgardipee@spipa.org

SPIPA main number: **360.426.3990**



Next WIC date:
August 4th, 9-3
SPIPA IPC, phone appts.

Phone and in person appointments. Date subject to change.

PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT



At **Skokomish Head Start**, we provide a nurturing and stimulating environment where young learners can explore, discover, and grow.

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- ✓ Nutritious Meals & Snacks
- ✓ Individualized Learning
- ✓ Health & Family Support Services
- ✓ No Fees!

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Next class

August 5th and 19th
@ 5:30pm Employment Exploration

Limited Space



When: Wednesdays, 5:30pm to 7pm

Where: Skokomish WFD building (old TANF building)

What: Career Building Activities/ Food Provided

Who: WFD clients and community who want to get signed up for WFD.



THE 4TH ANNUAL ELECTED TRIBAL OFFICIAL ACADEMY TRAINING
“AT THE END OF THE DAY...WE ARE RESILIENT”

By Lyn Dennis, , Lummi/Tahltan Band of B.C., Tribal Liaison, The Evergreen State College

The Evergreen State College’s 4th Annual Elected Tribal Official Academy Training took place May 5-6th at the beautiful 7 Cedars Casino Resort in Sequim, Wa. and hosted by the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe.

The Steering Committee includes Ron Allen, Chairman of the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe; Teri Gobin, Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors; and Kris Peters, Chairman of the Squaxin Island Tribe. They provided highlights about the importance of leadership at the beginning of the Training.

Chairman Allen said, “It’s a journey to serve our tribes. Our world is complex. Self-Governance began with eight tribes, today we have almost 400 tribes. We are citizens of Nations and you are a citizen of a government. At the end of the day we are resilient. I encourage you to build your businesses, so you can take care of your people.”

Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors, Gobin said, “We do everything we can to help our people. How can we bring back the teachings, including our culture and language, and how can we assist one another for moving

forward.” Squaxin Island Chairman Peters said, “Networking and relationship building is important. We uphold in many directions. We need to stay humble. Don’t forget where you come from and our time in these positions are short. Mental health and addiction are the biggest challenges. My people come first and remember your values.”

A special thanks to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Northwest Regional Office who has supported the Training the past three years. Kurt Fredenberg, Acting N.W. Regional Director presented an overview of the BIA and provided a handbook. There were presentations including: Finance, Lobbying, Jurisdiction issues on reservations, the Bureau of Indians Affairs, the Governor’s Office of Indian Affairs, TVW, Indian Gaming 101 and Tribal Energy.

Lummi Nation Chairman Anthony Hillaire presented about the first inpatient detox facility in Washington State and on the Lummi Reservation, entitled “SHOQWEL YA’ LHAOLH-EX’XW’ the Lummi translation is ‘A building where one transitions toward a healthy way of life.’

Lyn Dennis, Lummi/Tahltan Band of B.C., Tribal Liaison said, “The Evergreen State College staff including

facilitator, Emily Washines of the Yakama Nation and Skokomish Tribe, and Program Coordinators Josh Grady of the Cowlitz Tribe and Linda Terry helped make this Training a success, definitely a team effort. A special thanks to Rosina DaPoe, Deputy Director, Washington Indian Gaming Association and Operations Manager, Linda Edwards for their assistance with the Training.”

We had a Tribal Leaders and Tribal Liaisons Reception in the Prince Pavilion. We had delicious frybread with a special berry butter, shrimp and more. Some of the Washington State agencies represented included the Department of Commerce; Office of Equity, Office of Governor Bob Ferguson; Department of Health; Department of Enterprise Services and this was a great opportunity for networking.

The following are graduates for the 2026 Elected Tribal Official Academy Training:

- 1. Nalani Barela, Burns Paiute Tribal Council
2. Anthony Purcella, Burns Paiute Tribal Council Vice-Chairman
3. Kristopher Kitz, Cowlitz General Council
4. Tim Van Mechelen, Cowlitz Tribal Council Member

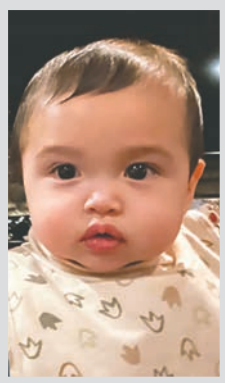
Jamestown S’Klallam Chairman Ron Allen

- 5. Michelle Lawrence, Cowlitz Tribal Council Member
6. Terrance “TJ” Adams, Lummi Nation Vice-Chairman
7. Amber Caldera, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe Chairwoman
8. Renee Veregge, Port Gamble S’Klallam Tribe Council Member
9. Quintin Swanson, Shoalwater Bay Chairman
10. Rita Andrews, Skokomish Tribal Council
11. Louis Auld, Skokomish Tribal Council
12. Chris James, Skokomish Tribal Council
13. Teri Gobin, Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors
14. Ryan Miller, Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors Treasurer
15. Malory Simpson, Tulalip Tribes Board of Directors
16. Deland R. Olney, Yakama Nation Tribal Council
17. Brian Saluskin, Yakama Nation Tribal Council
18. Jessica Garcia-Jones, Muckleshoot Tribal Council Secretary
19. Eileen Richardson, Muckleshoot Tribal Council

For additional information, please contact Lyn Dennis, Tribal Liaison, at lyn.dennis@evergreen.edu or cell: 360 819-7028.

Tribal Members with Birthdays in August

Table with 7 columns representing birth dates in August (1st to 31st) and rows listing tribal members. Includes names like Shirley Cameron, Tanya Lewis, Pete Peterson Jr., Dakota Gamber, Shilo Peterson, Lisa Carrington, Bessie Blacketer, etc.



Happy 1st Birthday Nephew, You are growing up so fast and looking so handsome. We love you bunches Revan.

Our River, Our Future: Skokomish Restoration Progresses



Log jam at side channel outlet

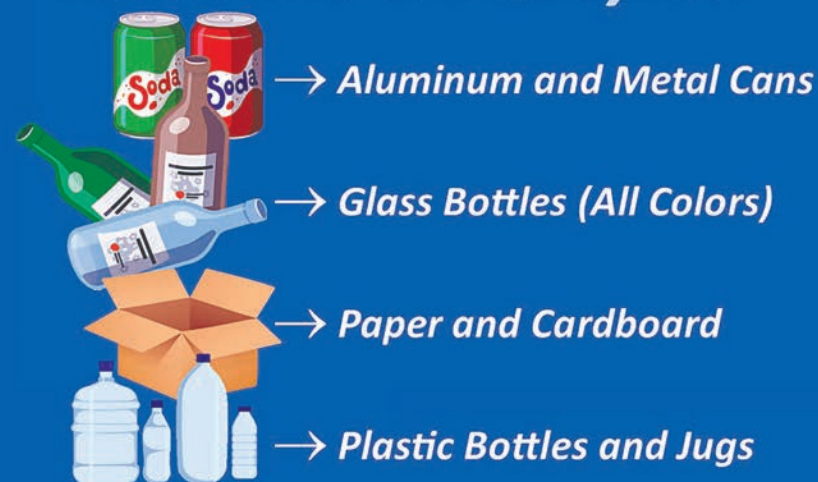
Construction on two restoration projects along the Skokomish River are well underway, involving numerous partners collaborating alongside the Tribe's Natural Resources Department. One of these projects, in the Upper South Fork, continues work that began over a decade ago. The second project is the river mile 6.5 project on the mainstem and includes the WDFW area at Rocky Beach. At both sites, side channels are being created to connect floodplains with the river, and engineered log jams are being placed to create habitat and aid in restoring natural river processes. The projects have recently entered the in-water work window, which allows for work to take place in and around the water with certain procedures in place to protect the animals living there. Surveys were conducted prior to ensure the work would not impact fish spawning. At the Upper South Fork site, water is temporarily being diverted to allow for construction, and several engineered log jams have been completed, as well two side channels. At the river mile 6.5 site, several engineered log jams have also been completed on the north bank of the river, and side channels defined for improved wetland connection. Work will begin on the south bank in the upcoming weeks. Construction for both projects will continue into early fall.



Deflector jam with cofferdam

SKOKOMISH SOLID WASTE BUILDING

What Can We Recycle?



New drop off station is behind the Tribal Center,
Call for more information at 360-426-4232 or
Pick up a brochure today!

What We Throw Away Stays On Our Land

When we recycle, we protect our waters, our food sources, and our traditions

RECYCLE BREAKDOWN TIMELINES:

PAPER → 2 to 6 weeks
Glossy paper takes months

ALUMINUM → 80 to 500 years
Cans are highly recyclable

PLASTIC → 450 to over 1,000 years for bottles
10 to 20 years for thin plastic bags

GLASS → Up to 1 Million Years or more
Stays in landfills as granules of sand indefinitely

Remember to recycle what you can &
use the New Solid Waste Building!
Please call the Tribal Center for more
information at 360-426-4232!



Housing Waiting Lists AS OF AUGUST 1ST, 2026

Rental Applicants			Ownership MH/ Applicants		
1	Jonathon Dominguez	32	Kevin Prest	1	Eleanor Smith
2	Jonathon Edwards	33	Justin Miller Wilke	2	Myranda Andrews
3	Willie Grover	34	Ben Tinaza	3	Jeff Johns
4	Brandon Carrington	35	Valerie Peterson	4	Jimmy Byrd III
5	Alexie Moon	36	Charlie Henry Jr	5	John Smith
6	Aaron Wilbur	37		6	Addison Emerson
7	Tyler Andrews	38		7	Jamie Kenyon
8	Lashya Johns	39		8	Shannon Edwards
9	Maxamus Miller	40		9	Spilyay Miller
10	Shera Johns	41		10	Kayla Strong
11	Timber Ware	42		11	Matthew Auld Plant
12	Jimmy Byrd III	43		12	Joel Allen-Johns
13	Jose Mendoza	44		13	CarrieAnn Smith
14	Kristine McMann Sweatland	45		14	Alan Peterson
15	Sunsomay Keith	46		15	William Pickernell`
16	Torina Kenyon	47		16	Kaylean Mendoza-Lopez
17	Billy Allen	48		17	Beth Burfiend
18	Valani Andrews	49		18	Jonathon Dominguez
19	Baily Plant	50		19	Ben Peters
20	Vera Smith	51		20	Jonathon Edwards
21	Edward Smith	52		21	Helen Tinaza
22	Charles Henry Jr.	53		22	Willie Grover
23	Joseph B. Peterson	54		23	Tyler Auld
24	Doreen Strong	55		24	Brandon Carrington
25	John Smith	56		25	Alexie Moon
26	Beth Burfiend	57		26	Chase Burfiend
27	Ben Peters	58		27	Hattie Peterson-Williams
28	Taylor Strong			28	Taylor Strong
29	Malakai Seymour			29	Treyton Andrews
30	Rachel Smith			30	Rachel Smith
31	Thomas Peterson Bluebird			31	Aaron Wilbur
				32	Jeremy Wilbur
				33	Tyler Andrews
				34	Lashya Johns
				35	Maxamus Miller
				36	Shera Johns
				37	Amy Kenyon
				38	Timber Ware
				39	Jose Mendoza
				40	Kristine McCann Swetland
				41	Sunsomay Keith
				42	Angel KingGeorge Parker
				43	Torina Kenyon
				44	Valani Andrews
				45	Bailey Plant
				46	Vera Smith
				47	Joseph B. Peterson
				48	Rachel Smith
				49	Billy Allen
				50	Haidi Williams
				51	Kevin Prest
				52	Justin Miller Wilke
				53	Ben Tinaza
				54	Charlie Henry Jr
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Eligibility income at the time of admission shall not exceed the most recent amount established either by the Skokomish Tribe or by HUD, but in any case, cannot exceed 80% of the Median Income. Income as defined by 24CFR

You will be required to update your wait list application every (12) months to keep you active on the housing wait list. Applicants who have no change in circumstances still need to update their application in order for the Housing Department to determine if you are still interested.

Spring Cleaning the Medicine Cabinet: How a Simple Drop Box Keeps Our Community Safe

Take a look in your bathroom cabinet and chances are you'll find it: that half-empty bottle of painkillers from a procedure years back, sitting next to expired cough syrup and a tube of something you can't quite remember buying. For years, folks were told to just flush old medications or toss them in the trash. These days, we know better.

That's where the pharmacy medication return box comes in. Think of it like a mailbox, except instead of letters, it's built for dropping off unwanted prescriptions safely and anonymously — no questions asked.

It matters more than you might think. Old medications left sitting around are a real hazard, particularly in houses with grandkids visiting, curious pets, or kids underfoot. And when those chemicals end up in the trash or flushed down the drain, they don't just disappear — they can make their way into the waterways we all depend on here in Skokomish.

Using the box couldn't be easier. Just gather up your old pills, capsules, or patches, black out your name and info on the label (or skip the hassle altogether and dump the pills into a Ziploc bag), and drop it in the slot. No paperwork, no pharmacist

conversation required. Just skip needles, liquids, and illegal drugs — the box will list what it won't take. Locally, the Skokomish Police Department now has a Medx return box on-site, making it easier than ever for folks in the area. You'll also find drop boxes at Neil's Pharmacy, Mason General Hospital in Shelton, and the QFC and Safeway pharmacies over in Belfair, plus a 24/7 bin at the Sheriff's Office. Can't make it into town? The state offers a free mail-back program — call 1-844-482-5322 (TTY: 711) or order online through MED-Project Washington.



Next time you're tempted to toss that old bottle in the trash, swing by the Skokomish Police Dept. drop box instead. It's a small errand that makes a real difference.



Skokomish Community



DUMPSTERS will be AVAILABLE

3rd Friday & Saturday of the month

This will be the only available dates & times for the dumpsters

Friday & Saturday – ONLY 9:00am to 5:00pm

This site is for enrolled Skokomish Tribal members only.

Must show Skokomish Tribal ID to access the site. Significant other of Skokomish Tribal members must show spouse's Tribal ID to enter site.

Dumpsters are for household garbage only

NO APPLIANCES – TIRES or Furniture

Pay More Recycle & Salvage (Not open on weekends)

Located at 2278 E. Brockdale Rd. Shelton, WA (360) 462-6800

Will accept at NO CHARGE

Old televisions, computer tower, monitors or other similar type of electronic items
You will need to contact and transport

If any questions, contact Thomas Kachman at the Housing Department
at 360-877-6748 Monday through Friday 8:00 to 4:00

Dumpsters are available
3rd Friday & Saturday
of the month ONLY

Posted 8-1-26

Rez Photo of the Month Answer



The beautiful young lady in this photo is none other than: Jean Smith! Thanks Jasmine for sharing this amazing photo



MASON COUNTY GARBAGE & RECYCLING

5 (of many) FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How often do you pick up?

Mason County Garbage & Recycling offer weekly, every other week, monthly and on call schedules.

Why aren't plastic bags allowed in recycling containers?

Plastic bags clog the recycling equipment. Most large grocery stores accept plastic bags for recycling.

What if I have extra garbage or recycling?

There are charges for extra garbage. Please place extra recycling materials in a bag or box next to your recycle cart. The driver will transfer it to the cart for dumping into his truck. There is no charge for extra recycling materials. Please contact our office if you have a significant amount of cardboard or oversized cardboard. The normal truck cannot pick up large pieces of cardboard.

To notify of large cardboard at (360-426-8729).

Where should carts be placed for pick up?

Please place all carts within 3-5 feet of the curb by 6MA. Allow 3-5 feet of clearance between each cart and surrounding obstructions to help ensure service.

What happens when my road is closed or there are no pick-ups due to weather conditions?

Under our tariff from the Washington State Department of Utilities and Transportation, pick ups may be missed due to weather or road conditions. If the accumulated material (solid waste or recyclables) is collected on the next scheduled or available pick up waste, the company is not obligated to extend credit for the missed pick up.

Customers will not be charged for overfilled containers or for additional material in bags placed next to the normal container provided the extra does not exceed a reasonable amount due to the missed pickup.

Road Side Littering

It's tough to label an individual as a "litterer". But someone is littering at different locations along the road side in some cases it's an area that kids are waiting to catch the school bus, you may have seen it. If you see or have seen who is doing this deed call and let someone know. Littering is done on purpose, by people deliberately dropping items (garbage) on the ground either in bags or just dumping open garbage.



Some Litter Last This Long:

Cigarette Butts	1 to 5 years
Aluminum Cans	80 to 100 years
Orange Peels	up to 2 years
Plastic Bags	10 to 20 years
Glass Bottles	1 million years
Tin Cans	50 years
Wool Socks	1 to 5 years
Plastic Bottles	indefinitely

How long do you want to have this type of Litter along the side the roadway? Just think how this will look in just short time.



South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

Diaper Distribution

Skokomish Tribe
Friday, August 7th

Across from Tuwaduq Family Services
10:00am-1:30pm

Pull-ups | Diapers | Wipes | More

Need diapers? You may qualify! Households on or near Tribal lands and enrolled in programs like WIC, SNAP, or TANF may be eligible.

Call SPIPA at 360.426.3990



Resolutions Approved by Skokomish Tribal Council

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 061 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF CELESTE VIGIL TO THE HOUSING COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES CONTAINED WITHIN S.T.C. 1.06, THE SKOKOMISH COMMITTEE STANDARDS ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2026 – 062 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF JENNIFER ADAMS TO THE HOUSING COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES CONTAINED WITHIN S.T.C. 1.06, THE SKOKOMISH COMMITTEE STANDARDS ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-063 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROSETTA LACLAIR TO THE HOUSING COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES CONTAINED WITHIN S.T.C. 1.06, THE SKOKOMISH COMMITTEE STANDARDS ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2026- 064 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF TRICIA LONGSHORE TO THE HOUSING COMMITTEE PURSUANT TO THE APPOINTMENT PROCEDURES CONTAINED WITHIN S.T.C. 1.06, THE SKOKOMISH COMMITTEE STANDARDS ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-065 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS (BIA) TIMBER, FISH AND WILDLIFE (TFW) SUPPLEMENT FUNDS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-066 A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES FY2025 AND 2026 SMALL AMBULATORY PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-067 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION NATIONAL CULVERT REMOVAL,

REPLACEMENT, AND RESTORATION GRANT PROGRAM FY 2023-2026 (CULVERT AQUATIC ORGANISM PASSAGE CULVERT AOP)

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-068 A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE DRAWS FROM THE SKOKOMISH TRIBE’S ACCOUNTS WITH THE BUREAU OF TRUST FUNDS ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-069 A RESOLUTION APPROVING SPIPA’S SUBMISSION OF A RENEWAL APPLICATION TO THE USDA FY 2027 FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR) ON BEHALF OF THE SKOKOMISH INDIAN TRIBE

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-070 A RESOLUTION APPROVING A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE FY2027, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (USDHHS), OFFICE OF COMMUNITY SERVICES LOW INCOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP) WITH SOUTH PUGET INTERTRIBAL PLANNING AGENCY AS LEAD APPLICANT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-071 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION, NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (DOH), USDA FOOD AND NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC), WITH SPIPA AS THE LEAD APPLICANT FOR FY27

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-072 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION, NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, WITH SPIPA AS THE LEAD APPLICANT FOR FY2027

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-073 A RESOLUTION APPROVING SUBMISSION OF A U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE 2026 TRIBAL VICTIM SERVICES FORMULA GRANT.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-074 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY FOR FUNDING TO SUPPORT TRIBAL LAND

ACQUISITION STRATEGY DEVELOPMENT

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-075 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP ROLL WITH BLOOD QUANTUM CORRECTION FOR JACQUELINE TAYLOR MCCANN.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-076 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP ROLL WITH BLOOD QUANTUM CORRECTION FOR KRISTINE LAURA MCCANN.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-077 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMBERSHIP ROLL WITH BLOOD QUANTUM CORRECTION FOR NICOLE LINDSAY MCCANN.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-078 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ENROLLMENT APPLICATION OF OAKLAND CHARLES SEYMOUR FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE SKOKOMISH INDIAN TRIBE.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-079 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE SUBMISSION OF THE INDIGENOUS

TOMORROW’S FUND 2026 GRANT APPLICATION FROM THE NATIVE AMERICANS IN PHILANTHROPY

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-080 A RESOLUTION TO IDENTIFY OFFICIALS AUTHORIZE TO ACT FOR THE TRIBE WITH THE BUREAU OF TRUST FUNDS ADMINISTRATION

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-081 A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE THREE TRIBAL COUNCIL OFFICERS AS OFFICIALS TO SIGN CHECKS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE SKOKOMISH INDIAN TRIBE ON ACCOUNTS WITH UMPQUA BANK SOON TO BE RENAMED COLUMBIA BANK

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-082 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN APPLICATION FOR FUNDING FROM SOUTHERN RESIDENT KILLER WHALE FY 27 PROGRAM

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-083 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE 2026-2027 HOOD CANAL INTERTRIBAL DUNGENESS CRAB MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECOND PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED SKOKOMISH TRIBAL CODE: TITLE NINE CRIMINAL CODE

The Skokomish Law and Order Committee will hold a second public hearing to receive comments on the proposed Skokomish Tribal Code Title 9 Criminal Code.

Date: Thursday, August 27, 2026

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Location: Skokomish Community Center

The proposed Title 9 Criminal Code includes revised criminal offenses, offense classifications, penalties, enforcement provisions, and procedures.

The hearing will also address proposed amendments and new chapters concerning jurisdiction, domestic and family violence, property offenses, public administration, public order, weapons, alcohol and controlled substances, traffic offenses, juvenile justice, restorative justice, and other matters affecting Tribal public safety and the administration of justice.

Tribal members and the Skokomish community members are encouraged to attend, review the proposed provisions, ask questions, and provide comments for consideration before final action by the Skokomish Tribal Council.

Copies of the proposed code materials may be obtained from the Skokomish

Community Development Office in the Tribal Center building (360) 426-4232.

Written comments may be submitted to Douglas Smith at dsmith@skokomish.org.

~SKOKOMISH WELLNESS CENTER NEWS~

Vaccines: The Saxophone That Is Loud For A Reason

Primarily in Western Washington, a story is unfolding that feels like it belongs to another era. Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib for short), a bacterium that once caused devastating infections in children, has resurfaced. Washington is currently experiencing a Hib outbreak among adults who are experiencing housing instability, participating in illicit substance use, and heavy smoking. Most importantly, many of those affected were unable to receive the Hib vaccine as children because it was not introduced until 1987. The average age of those infected is 56. Hospitalizations have risen. Lives have been lost.

For many families, Hib is a name they have never heard before. For pediatricians, it is a name they hoped they would never hear again. Yet here we are, and the most heartbreaking part is that there is **no routine Hib vaccine for most adults**. The best way to prevent adult Hib infections is to ensure children are fully vaccinated, helping build the community immunity that protects everyone. Before the Hib vaccine was introduced in the late 1980s, Hib was one of the leading causes of bacterial meningitis in children under age five. It also caused pneumonia, bloodstream infections, brain damage, and death. The childhood vaccine changed everything. Cases plummeted, pediatric wards grew quieter, and parents no longer had to fear fevers the way they once did. But Hib never disappeared. It simply became rare because children were vaccinated. Now, as childhood vaccination rates slip in Washington State and across the United States, Hib is finding openings again and adults who have limited vaccine options are paying the price. **This outbreak is not just a medical event. It’s the saxophone playing louder by the day when families and individuals choose not to vaccinate.**

Vaccines protect grandparents, teachers, neighbors, and immunocompromised adults who may not be able to fight off Hib, measles, or other serious outbreaks we have seen in recent years. The Hib vaccine is given routinely in childhood, typically beginning at 2 months of age and continuing through 12–15 months. There are no routine Hib boosters for teens or most adults, and there is no treatment that prevents Hib after exposure to the general

public. The strongest defense is high childhood vaccination coverage. You may read this and think, “Now I know more about Hib.” But this article is really a call to action: families with children should make sure their child is up to date on vaccines. Hib is the example, but the message is bigger... **vaccines matter.** If you have questions about vaccines in general, please reach out to our providers at the Skokomish Wellness Center. If your child is due

for vaccines, we are holding Well Child Visits from August 1st through September 1st. We also have limited appointments available on Thursday, August 20, 2026, during the Back to School Bash. Please call early to make an appointment for your child. Below is a recommended immunization schedule from the Washington State Department of Health, adapted from the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Washington State Department of Health
Recommended Immunization Schedule – 2026

Children Birth through 6 Years Old													
	Birth	1 month	2 months	4 months	6 months	8 months	12 months	15 months	18 months	19-23 months	2-3 years	4-6 years	
RSV	1 dose during RSV season					1 dose during RSV season for those at high risk*							
HepB	1st dose	2nd dose			3rd dose								
RV			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose								
DTaP			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose			4th dose				5th dose	
Hib			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose		4th dose						
PCV			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose		4th dose						
IPV			1st dose	2nd dose	3rd dose							4th dose	
COVID-19					1 (or more) dose(s)						As recommended**		
Flu					1 or 2 doses yearly during flu season								
MMR							1st dose					2nd dose	
Varicella							1st dose					2nd dose	
HepA							2 doses						

*www.healthychildren.org/rsv **www.healthychildren.org/covid-19

Adolescents 7 through 18 Years Old												
	7 years	8 years	9 years	10 years	11 years	12 years	13 years	14 years	15 years	16 years	17 years	18 years
HPV			2-3 doses									
Tdap					1 dose							
MenACWY					1st dose					2nd dose		
MenB										As recommended		
Flu	1 dose yearly during flu season											
COVID-19	As recommended for age group											

Antibiotic Stewardship and Dentistry

If you have ever suffered from an infected tooth, you may have been prescribed antibiotics by your dentist. Antibiotics are a powerful tool for managing oral infection, but their use requires a great deal of responsibility on the part of the prescribing dentist and the patient. Antibiotic stewardship is an effort to make sure that the right antibiotic, at the right dosage, is used in situations supported by evidence-based guidelines.

As a dental patient this means that if you have an infection in your mouth there may be times when antibiotics are not prescribed such as when:

- The infection is isolated
- The infection can be treated directly (e.g. root canal therapy, extraction, or draining)

In dentistry, antibiotics are primarily recommended when an infection has spread into adjacent areas, is

rapidly expanding, for infections with systemic symptoms such as fever, or for patients whose immune systems are compromised. While very effective, antibiotics are rarely a definitive treatment. The source of the infection must be treated. This usually means root canal therapy or extraction of the infected tooth.

As a patient you can help your dentist prescribe antibiotics effectively and responsibly by providing a detailed medical history complete with any history of allergic reactions. Like many medical decisions, the decision to utilize antibiotics has potential risks and benefits. Your dentist will want to talk with you about all your options. Dental providers and patients share a responsibility to utilize antibiotics safely and in a way that maintains their effectiveness in the future.

MAMMOGRAM BUS

SKOKOMISH TRIBAL

Anita Andrews

& Beth Burfiend

WINNERS







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LIFESAVING
SCREENINGS
TO YOU!

Thank you to all the participants who came for their screenings!

*STILL NEED TO GET SCREENED THIS YEAR?
CONTACT THE CLINIC FOR AN APPOINTMENT.
~360-426-5755~

Back to School BASH

SKOKOMISH Wellness Center

GET YOUR WELL CHILD CHECK, WFD/YOUTH PACKET & EDUCATION PACKET COMPLETED ALL IN ONE PLACE!

JOIN US FOR:

• BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPORT

• FAMILY ENGAGEMENT

• HEALTH EDUCATION

• FOOD, ACTIVITIES, & RAFFLES!

Raffles held Sept 1st!

AUGUST 20TH, 2026
1PM TO 4PM



BASEBALL FIELD BEHIND THE CLINIC

RELAX. REJUVENATE. RESTORE.

ZENBODY
MASSAGE
THERAPY

WITH JULIA LEA

For the week of
August 17th:

Mon, Tues, Wed & Fri.

6 slots are available
from 9am-3:40pm.

*ELDERS & DISABLED WILL
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(For Enrolled Skok
Tribal Members ONLY)

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Each session is
customized to
support your unique
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SIGNS

OF THINKING OR MEMORY CHANGES THAT MIGHT BE DEMENTIA

As we get older, we may slow down a bit. This is a normal part of aging. Changes in memory or thinking that make it harder to get through the day, are not a normal part of aging. **These may be early signs of dementia.**

Because American Indian and Alaska Native people have a high risk of dementia, it is important to know the warning signs.



Do you have any of these 10 signs? If so, talk to your doctor.

01

Memory loss that affects your daily life. You may:

- Forget events or important dates
- Repeat yourself
- Rely more often on lists or sticky notes to remember

02

Trouble planning or solving problems. You may have a harder time:

- Paying bills
- Cooking recipes you have used for years

03

Get confused about the time, date, or where you are.

04

Daily tasks are getting harder, including:

- Driving
- Making a grocery list or going shopping

05

Trouble with how your eyesight and thinking work together that gets worse. This includes:

- Tripping, falls, or problems with your balance
- Spilling or dropping things more

06

New trouble talking or writing. You may have a harder time finding the words you want to say. For example, you may say "that thing on your wrist that tells time" instead of "watch."

07

Lose and cannot find things. For example, you:

- Can't find the coffee pot that you use every day
- Might put your car keys in the freezer

08

Notice changes in mood or personality, such as being:

- Easily mad or sad in everyday situations
- More fearful (scared) or suspicious (not trusting)

09

Act different and make poor choices. You may:

- Spend money you do not have or be a scam victim
- Stop washing up regularly or pay less attention to how you look
- Forget to take care of your pet

10

Pull away from friends and family because it is harder to keep up. You may not want to do things you used to enjoy, like sporting events, church, music, or sex.



American Indian and Alaska Native people have a high risk of dementia.



Big changes in memory or thinking that make it hard to get through the day are not a normal part of aging.



People with one or more of these 10 signs should talk to their doctor to find the cause. It is not always dementia.



Early dementia diagnosis gives you a chance to get care and plan your future.



AMERICAN INDIAN and ALASKA NATIVE RESOURCE CENTER FOR BRAIN HEALTH

To learn more, visit:

www.AIANBrainHealth.org
www.cdc.gov/aging

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August Is Grief Awareness Month, And The Community Health Representatives Would Like To Share A Few Thoughts As We Move Through These Seasons Together

August is already here, and summer is in full swing. Although some may be reluctant, families are beginning to prepare for back-to-school routines. Soon, the days will begin to get a little shorter. During this time, when life becomes quieter, outdoor gatherings slow down, and the sunshine slips away earlier each day, some of us may feel waves of past grief return. We slow down and think about those we miss and those we have lost over the seasons. Grief is a natural emotion we all experience, yet it is not something many people talk about. For some, it can feel overwhelming. On days when grief feels heavy, we may not feel like doing much, and that is okay. It is healthy to rest when we feel mentally overwhelmed, anxious, or sad. Grief comes and goes in waves. In a single day, we can move from sadness to anger, frustration, and even moments of peace. Grief is a form of love, and that is why it can feel so powerful. To grieve someone means you loved them deeply. That love does not end; it becomes mourning, longing, and memories we carry with us. In those moments, we must learn to sit with our feelings and allow each emotion to come and pass. It is important for our children to see us process heavy emotions in healthy ways, because they experience loss too and may be afraid of death. Death

is the one thing guaranteed in this life. Rather than fearing it, we can work toward accepting it as part of life's natural progression. As we move through this life journey together, every loss affects us differently. We may lose grandparents, parents, aunts and uncles, siblings, and some may experience the heartbreaking loss of a child. It takes a tribe to heal and start thriving. We help one another by showing up during hard times. We do this because we understand the weight of grief and how heavy it can be to carry alone. Processing grief in a healthy way can help prevent long-term physical and mental health concerns, and it helps us adapt to change. Loss can bring an emotional release, and while it is difficult moving through these life events; these events can help us grow stronger as individuals while honoring those who have passed on. If you ever feel you need extra support processing your grief, please reach out to a friend, family member, or our Mental Health Therapist at the clinic. We are here for you, and our trained staff can help you through these matters with compassion.

With our warmest regards,
 Your Skokomish CHR Team
 Danielle, Tamela, and Nydesta



South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

USDA Foods Program

Delivery Date

Skokomish

Friday, August 14th

Across from Tuwaduq Family Services

10:00am-1:30pm




NOTE: Please stick to the monthly schedule for the USDA Commodity Food Program. Food distribution staff have other duties that they are responsible for on the days they are not issuing commodities. If you're unable to make the date, please call and schedule an appointment with appropriate staff. For USDA Food, call SPIPA at 360.426.3990. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

FIND
BALANCE
THROUGH
YOGA
PRACTICE

Feeling stressed or out of alignment? Yoga is more than just stretching – it's a pathway to balance, strength, and inner peace.



COMING SOON!

SEPTEMBER 10, 2026

10:30AM - 11:30AM

SKOKOMISH COMMUNITY CENTER

SKOKOMISH WELLNESS CENTER




Instructor: Michelle Pugh, Joonbug Yoga

joonbugyoga

SKOKOMISH WELLNESS CENTER

WELL CHILD CHECK

30 Minute Head-to-Toe Physical Exams
Developmental & Mental Health Screenings
Vision & Hearing Tests
Necessary Immunizations
Guidance on Sleep, Nutrition & Safety

****ON THE PASSPORT
NEEDED TO ENTER
BACK-TO-SCHOOL RAFFLES!**

Limited appointments available Wednesday, 08/20/26, during Back-To-School Bash!

Appointments Available August 1st - September 1st

Call to schedule today!
360-426-5755




SKOKOMISH INDIAN CHILD WELFARE & COMMUNITY HEALTH REPRESENTATIVES

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Join our Heartful Parenting Course and learn how to nurture your child's and family's growth with empathy, understanding, and love.

Our Class Offers:

- ✓ Practical Tools for Managing Stress.
- ✓ Strategies for Building Trust and Mutual Respect.
- ✓ Tips for Maintaining Patience and a Positive Attitude.

JOIN US

August 10th & 24th 5:30pm-7:30pm
Community Center Gathering Room




SKOK ELDERS CORNER

Hello Elders, and Community

As summer continues, we've enjoyed some wonderful outings together and are looking forward to several exiting events in August.

June 24th – Burke Museum Outing

Our June 24 trip to the Burke Museum was a memorable experience. One of the highlights of the day was visiting the archives collection featuring Skokomish baskets. We were amazed to see such a large collection of baskets created by Skokomish weavers, with some dating back to the 1870s. While it was inspiring to see these beautiful pieces of our history and culture preserved, it also left us wishing we knew the names and stories of the talented basket weavers who created them. Their artistry and craftsmanship



continue to represent the rich culture of the Skokomish people.

July 11- Black River Blueberry Picking

On July 11, 27 Elders traveled to the Black River blueberry fields for a day of berry picking. We had a wonderful



turnout, and everyone enjoyed spending time together outdoors. There were plenty of blueberries to pick, lots of laughter and good conversation, and it was a beautiful day to enjoy being outdoors. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the outing such a success.

Looking Ahead to August

We are planning a day trip to attend the Jamestown Elder Luncheon on August 11th. If you are interested in participating, please let me know as soon as possible. We will attend if there is enough interest from our elders.

We are currently gearing up for our Elders Picnic Raffle Fundraiser; I will be looking for any Elders who would like to help at the raffle table selling raffle tickets. Also looking for donations to the Elder's Picnic Raffle any donation helps, and all proceeds are appreciated and go back into the Elders program. We will be purchasing and looking for local Skokomish artwork as well.

Ice Cream, Water Marbling, and What's Next for Skokomish Programs

Thank you to everyone who came to celebrate PRIDE in the community. There were 61 participants who signed in, although I suspect there were more than that, some did not sign in. There was an ice cream social celebration, celebrated with a bowl or a cone of Olympic Mountain Ice Cream, along with water marbling of cups.



The water marbling was a new craft idea that went well, with the exception that the marbling did not dry. The cups turned out wonderful, much better if they dried!

A "Father's Support" group was planned but has been postponed until August 12, 2026. The "Our Strong Father's" program from United Indians of All Tribes Foundation is coming down to give a presentation to the fathers of Skokomish Tribe on how to put together a father's support group. This group is open to all men, young and old, who are involved in the lives of Skokomish children. The initial group will be held in the covered area behind Tuwaduq Family Services. All are welcome, any questions call Linda Charette at 360-426-7788.

Domestic Violence Program is also busy helping with the Elder's Picnic, scheduled for August 15, 2026 at the Skokomish Community Center. The DV program is honored to be included in the preparation of gifts and honoring's for the picnic.

August 12, 2026

OUR STRONG FATHERS

OPEN TO ALL FATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES

Reducing the personal, cultural, and systemic barriers that disproportionately affect Native fathers.

Who We Are

Our Strong Fathers is the only Seattle-based program focusing on Native fathers' cultural and parental needs. We challenge stereotypes of masculinity and promote growth and healing.

What We Do

- Challenging topics and discussions
- Mentoring, support and resources
- Sweat lodge, drum circles and powwows
- Cultural crafts and responsive activities
- Movie nights, family dinner and outings
- Honoring ceremony

Come listen to Scott Pinkham and Anthony Bluehorse introduce the program to the Skokomish Community. August 12, 2026. The covered area behind Tuwaduq Family Services Building. 5pm - 7:30pm Dinner will be served

Questions: Contact Linda Charette, Domestic Violence Advocate 360-426-7788

Turning Trash into Treasure: Mastering the Art of Composting

If you're tossing out your household kitchen waste—such as coffee grounds and eggshells—and you're not recycling yard waste, such as leaves and grass clippings, you're wasting all the good stuff! All of these items, which end up in a landfill, actually belong in your compost bin. Composting is easier than it seems, and it gives you a chance to create your own gardener's gold, which is what gardeners call this rich mixture of decomposing materials that can be used to enrich your garden. A compost pile doesn't have to take up a ton of space, so you can do it on a small or large scale—and it doesn't matter whether you have a tiny garden plot or a rambling country garden.

Best of all, compost is free! All you need is a mixture of yard and kitchen waste materials, time, and patience. Eventually, solid materials will break down enough for you to use—and your compost will improve your soil's texture and water-holding capabilities in containers (or mixed in with native

soil when you plant shrubs and trees). You can compost a lot of stuff! A lot of different materials can go into your compost bin. Keep a lidded countertop bin handy (or just a bowl, though that can get smelly) to collect food waste when you're cooking.

You need a balance of green materials—which are fresh, moist plant materials—and brown materials, which are dry, carbon-rich plant materials with no life in them.

Green/wet materials:

- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Eggshells
- Grass clippings
- Coffee grounds/filters and tea leaves/tea bags without staples

Brown/dry materials:

- Dry/dead leaves
- Wood chips and wood ash
- Straw
- Chopped up twigs
- Dryer lint
- Paper towels or napkins
- But some items don't belong in your compost pile.
- Some items should never

be put into your pile. That includes pet waste, meat scraps, whole eggs, bones, dairy, fat, leftovers, or diseased plant material or weeds. Food waste can attract unwelcome visitors, like rats, while disease may survive to infect new plants when you use your compost. And weed seeds may not be killed if your compost pile isn't hot enough.

- Make sure you mix and layer wet and dry materials.
- Layering them like a lasagna is the best way to build up your compost pile or fill your bin. The ideal ratio of green/wet items to brown/dry items is three parts brown materials to one part green for most efficient composting. Some experts say you can fudge that a bit if you end up with more brown or more green material from time to time, but it will take the pile longer to break down.
- If your compost gets smelly, add some air.
- This is when you need to turn the pile and add dry materials if the compost feels too wet.

There are three main methods of home composting: open-air composting, closed-bin composting and the tumbler composting method. Each method works just as well and depends on the amount of space you have available. You can find more information in our downloadable resource, available below.

All three methods follow the same basic principles. A simple home compost guide to help you be more sustainable at home.

1. Find a dry and shady area for your compost bin or pile
2. Mix brown materials (i.e. our wipes, cardboard, cotton, wood chips) with green materials (i.e. leaves, food waste, coffee grounds)
3. Add water to ensure your compost stays moist, not wet
4. Regularly turn compost to ensure aeration

AUGUST PROMOTIONS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS



CLUB LUCKY MULTIPLIER EVERY TUESDAY IN AUGUST 10AM – 6PM

Based on your Club Lucky level, receive an **EXCLUSIVE** multiplier.

CLUB LUCKY = 2X Lucky Points
LUCKIER DOG = 3X Lucky Points
LUCKIEST DOG = 4X Lucky Points



BEACH DAY GIFTING EVERY THURSDAY IN AUGUST 2PM – 8PM

Earn 200 Same-Day Points to receive a gift.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6 | Carry-All 35L Tote
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 | Camp Folding Chair
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20 | Set of 2 Beach Towels
THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 | Sport-Brella for Shade



WEARABLE WEDNESDAYS EVERY WEDNESDAY IN AUGUST 10AM – 8PM

Earn 50 Base Points.
Get a **FREE** Wearable.

Wearables for August 2026 include the **Sasquatch T-shirt**, **Hood Canal T-shirt**, **Olympic National Park T-shirt**, and **"Lucky.Lucky.Lucky!" T-shirt**.



10TH ANNUAL YESTERYEAR CAR CLUB CAR SHOW

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15
9AM – 3PM**

\$20 Entry Fee for vehicles.
Registration starts at 9AM.
All Makes and Models Welcome.
Open to the Public.
Car Show viewing is **FREE**.



CAR SHOW SPIN & WIN SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 9AM – 4PM

Play the **CAR SHOW SPIN & WIN** game on your favorite gaming machine to reveal your prize.

See how much your Spin reveals.
Top award is **\$1,000 CASH**.
All Club Lucky members receive **one FREE gameplay**.



HEAT IS RISING EVERY SATURDAY IN AUGUST 6PM – 9PM DRAWINGS EVERY 30 MINUTES

If selected, Club Lucky members have a chance to win up to **\$10,000 in CASH**.

The Heat is Rising ... if it hits 100 degrees you win the progressive.
SEVEN WINNERS each night.
Additional entries for every 50 base Lucky Points earned.
Activate entries on the drawing night beginning at 5PM.

SECOND CHANCE BONUS:
Saturday, August 29 at 9:15PM
FIVE WINNERS will win **\$500 in Free Play**.

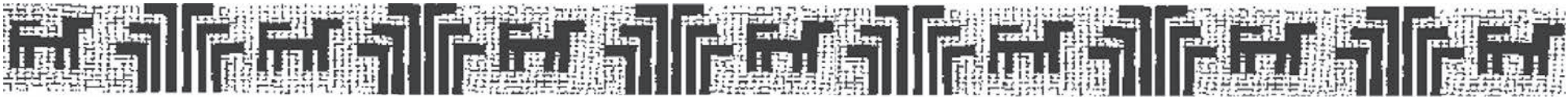


CELEBRATE LDC TURNING 25

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30
2PM – 5PM**

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2	6			4	9			
	7	5	1	2				
							2	9
		1		8			4	
8				1				3
	2			3		9		
4	8							
				5	8	7	6	
			3	9			8	2

Fill the empty squares with numbers 1 to 9 so that each row across, each row down, and each 3x3 square contains all the numbers from 1 to 9. Good Luck!

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