

Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak

July 2021 Newsletter



Chair Letter


Cama'i Tribal Members,

I have been fortunate enough to be your Tribal Chairman for the last two years. I am happy to share that our tribal offices are now open to the public after we decided it was in the best interest of our tribal members and staff to close the tribal offices down to the public in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

I was invited to join the Arctic Care 2021 Visitors Day on the 12th of May. It was my pleasure to represent our Tribe and meet with Lt Gen David Krumm and his staff that oversaw the operations here in Kodiak.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy summer.

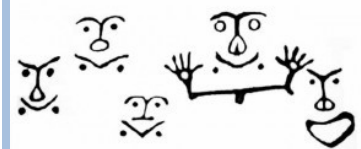
Quyanna for your support,


Nina Gronn



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Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak's Tribal Leadership



Sun'aq Membership Picnic

The Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak Tribal Council would like to invite Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak Membership to an end of summer picnic/potluck on August 21st, 2021.

The Membership Picnic/Potluck will be located at the Fort Abercrombie Recreation site and will begin at 12:00 PM.

The Tribal Council and Staff will provide Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. The Tribal Council Requests that Members who are attending the Membership Picnic/Potluck bring a dish to share.



Nina Gronn– Chairman



Tommy Johnson Jr.– Vice Chair



Emily Jean Capjohn–
Secretary/Treasurer



Alexandria Troxell
Council Member



Carla Schauff– Council
Member



Hanna Sholl– Council
Member



Sharon Wolkoff– Coun-
cil Member



Jeannine Marsh–
Tribal Administrator

Membership Spotlight

Darlene Wiersum was born and raised in Kodiak, she is the daughter of Laurence and Haroldean Anderson.

Darlene has been volunteering her time over the past three years to identify graves and clean up the Russian Orthodox Cemetery located on Upper Mill Bay Road.

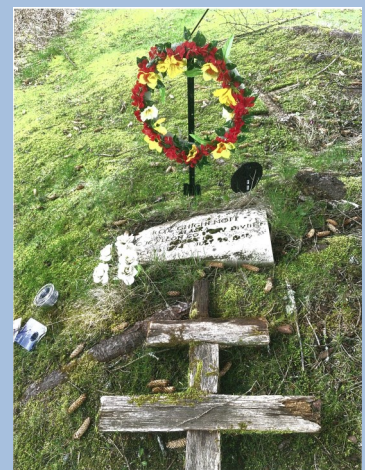
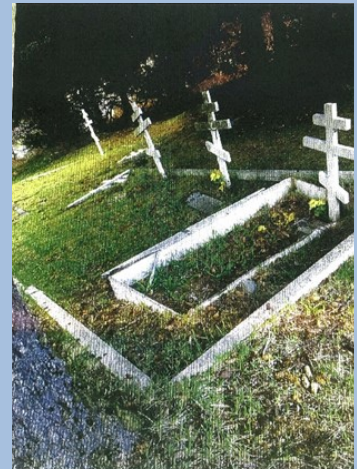
Darlene has spent many hours documenting and contacting family members to identify plots that have been left and forgotten. She has also taken the time to mark and put flowers on graves that are unmarked. Darlene believes that this project she has taken on is much needed as graves have sunken into the ground, crosses and fences are damaged and in horrible condition.

The Koniag Board of Director's, members of their Leadership Team, along with Koniag Governmental Services are collaborating with local Tribes and the City of Kodiak on several community projects on July 22nd. This includes a beach clean-up at Bruhn Point and Russian Grave Yard Beautification. Approximately sixty-five individuals will join efforts that align with Koniag's values and commitment to community.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of the projects, please contact Alexandria Troxell at 907-486-4131.

If you would like to get in contact with Darlene, she can be reached by E-mail at idrr@ptialaska.net

The Sun'aq Tribal Council and Staff would like to say Qu yanaasinaq to Darlene for her efforts and dedication to helping to beautify our community and bring light in a trying time during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



Ladies Craft Night

Ladies Craft Night will resume this September 2021. After being closed since March of 2020, Sun'aq Tribe Social Services Dept will once again offer a once-a-week craft night for ladies of Kodiak.

We will continue to meet at the Sun'aq Tribe Social Services office at 115 Mill Bay Rd. Suite 201. We are located under the Native Village of Afognak offices.

We will continue with our Thursday evening schedule from 6pm – 8pm. Start date will be announced soon.

We are looking forward to seeing our regulars and welcome any new ladies who would like to join us.

Any questions please call
Cherie Skonberg at
486-0261



Social Services Department

Kodiak Pride

Once again, the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak is partnering with Kodiak Pride, an event to promote inclusivity and visibility for the local LGBTQ2s+ community. Scheduled events include self-paced walks, and an in-person walk/race on June 26th. We are proud to assist in hosting this event with funding from our Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant #2018-AC-BX-0012. For more information, join the "Kodiak Pride" Group on Facebook!

Tribal Court

The Sun'aq Tribal Court is available to all members on an as-needed basis. For questions about Tribal Court, contact Sean Hales at (907) 206-6621.



KODIAK PRIDE



**SUN'AQ TRIBE OF KODIAK
SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

ALASKA NATIVE FOSTER HOMES NEEDED

How YOU can help:

- 1) VOLUNTEER AND SHARE YOUR GIFTS WITH FOSTER CHILDREN,
- 2) SUPPORT AN EXISTING FOSTER FAMILY BY PROVIDING A MEAL OR DONATION,
- 3) SPREAD THE WORD TO TRIBAL MEMBERS ABOUT THIS DIRE NEED,
- 4) BECOME A FOSTER PARENT!

*Restore Trust & Hope to Sun'aq's children.
Help our tribal children maintain Alutiiq values and allow time for families to heal with hope for a better future.*

**Contact: Linda Resoff, Sun'aq's Social Services Director at
486-0260 for more information.**

Thank you!

What's new in Sun'aq's Social Services Dept.: *Alaska Tribal Child Welfare Compacting, *Tribal Court Changes and Expansion, *New Domestic Violence Grants & *Tribal Youth Programs and Outreach

Employment, Training & Services

The Employment and Education Department is excited to welcome new staff!

Our new Student Services Case Manager is Janelle Barton. We also welcome Alyssa Madrid, the new Cultural Programs Coordinator, and Lynda Lorensen as our new Childcare Program Administrator.

Student Services Case Manager

Janelle Barton was born in Kodiak to the late Donna Katelnikoff-Yovino. Her grandparents are Sophie Katelnikoff-Shepard and the late Fred Katelnikoff Sr. Janelle is married to Frank Barton and her daughter is Sadie Coyle. She enjoys creating artwork using the petroglyph designs created by our ancestors.

Janelle manages the scholarship programs and processes new applications for eligibility for the Employment and Education Department. You can call her directly at 907-206-6424 or email her at scholarships@sunaq.org.

Cultural Programs Coordinator

Kodiak born and raised, Alyssa Madrid has been a member of the Kodiak Alutiiq Dancers since childhood. Her parents are Angela and Jose Madrid, and her grandmother is Sharon Wolkoff. She is learning Alutiiq and enjoys carving and painting. Alyssa is excited to start an inclusive, consistent program for middle school and high school youth in Kodiak.

This summer we will host a program offering healthy, positive activities for native youth based in Alutiiq culture. The program will run June 24th to August 5th, every Thursday 10am – 3pm. We will be accepting a group of 10-14 middle school and high school age youth to participate. Activities will include making Alutiiq (frybread), fishing, traditional storytelling, berry picking, making jam, and other adventures! Applications will be posted on Facebook and our website on June 2nd. Contact Alyssa for more information and to register culturalprograms@sunaq.org.

Our programs:

Johnson O'Malley

The Johnson O'Malley (JOM) program funding offers supplemental educational, cultural and health related activities to native youth ages 3-18 that live in Kodiak. Funding has been used to supply back packs, school supplies, winter gear, and tutoring.

The Liitukut Scholarship is available to Sun'aq Tribal members attending an accredited 2-to-4-year college. The Fall Liitukut Scholarship deadline is June 30, 2021. Scholarship awards are based on student need and available funding.

Job Placement & Training

Grants for certificates and licenses are available for Alaska Natives living in Kodiak that are unemployed or need more training for job advancement. These grants can be used for a wide variety of technical training opportunities, and are based on student need.



Janelle Barton-Student
Services Case Manager

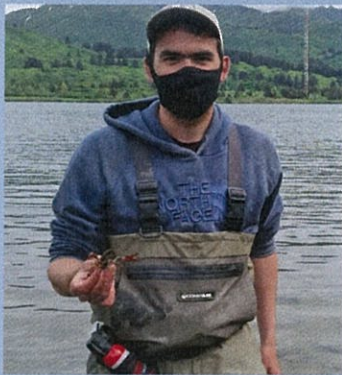


Alyssa Madrid- Cultural
Programs Coordinator





Matthew Van Daele
Tribal Biologist



Daniel Smith
Tribal Youth Intern



Signal Crayfish
(*Pacifastacus leniusculus*)
Caught in
Buskin Lake

Natural Resources Department

Cama'i from the Natural Resources Department, and happy Spring!

There have been several new and interesting developments on the invasive species front, particularly regarding the population of invasive signal crayfish who have taken up residence in the Buskin Watershed.

At the upcoming Alaska Invasive Species Awareness Week (June 13th – 19th), “our” signal crayfish will be one of the featured species of concern for the entire State. Fortunately, signal crayfish have not invaded any other part of Alaska, but unfortunately they still remain a significant threat to the health and survival of salmon returning and rearing in the Buskin. We are hopeful that by being a featured species it will raise awareness and highlight the importance of protecting vital subsistence resources.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs has also continued its generous support of our programs designed to protect subsistence resources and increase opportunities for our Tribal Members to have an active role in natural resources management. We recently received a new grant from BIA’s “Invasive Species Program” to spend the summer removing crayfish from the Buskin, as well as analyzing at least 550 of the crayfish we capture for carbon and nitrogen concentrations.

Carbon and nitrogen concentrations will help us understand what the crayfish are eating (the old saying of “you are what you eat” is very true in this case). Typically, more carbon (like carbohydrates) means you are eating more plants, while nitrogen (protein) indicates more animals. These concentrations will allow us to see what the main diet of crayfish is – more plants, more animals, or a mix – and therefore where they are “hanging out” on the food chain.

We’ll also be analyzing a number of likely food resources eaten by crayfish for their own carbon and nitrogen concentrations to see if these foods have unique “signatures.” One of the most-likely animals crayfish may be consuming in the Buskin (besides each other) are salmon, so if salmon have a unique signature, we’ll be able to see if they are eating a lot of salmon... or just a little.

The funding from this grant is also creating more opportunities for our Tribal Youth Intern to gain excellent experience in resource management, ecology, and related fields of biological sciences. We are thrilled that Daniel Smith will be rejoining our team this summer, and he is enthusiastic to continue his studies and preparation to become a Wildlife Biologist – and to have a direct role in being a fellow steward of our natural world and protecting our subsistence resources.

Finally, another big element of this BIA grant is to increase education and outreach opportunities to the community and Tribal Members - so if any of you would like to participate and help us catch crayfish (especially on beautiful sunny days), let us know!

Take care, have a safe and wonderful summer, and please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Quyanaa,

Matthew Van Daele

Tribal Biologist/Acting Natural Resources Director

(907) 206-6538; matt@sunaq.org

Tribal Transportation Program

Road Safety Audit (RSA)

Recently, STK received a BIA grant to perform a Roads Safety Audit (RSA) on our Tribal Roads Inventory. Despite Covid-19 circumstances, we were able to jump-start this project hiring a certified engineer to perform RSA required QA/QC which gives us a baseline analysis on 13 roads we selected at this time.

Purposes of the RSA is to assess the relative safety of the roadways and make recommendations for improvements. The RSA will review crash data and traffic volumes, review background reports and design criteria, and calculate crash rates and determine trends or “hot spots”. Comprehensive field reviews are performed in the areas selected as through safety data analysis and/or from inherent knowledge of problem sites. STK will be working with both our City and Borough municipalities on this project.

Currently, STK is preparing a Tribal Safety Plan to include specific Road Safety Audit Findings and to execute priorities with our Partners.

Tribal Roads Safety Plan

In 2005, the Federal Highway Administration and the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with Tribal input, developed a “Strategic Highway Safety Plan for Indian Lands”. The Strategic Highway Safety Plan establishes direction and emphasis areas aimed at reducing crashes in Indian Country. In addition, in August 2008, the “Tribal Transportation Safety Management System Implementation Plan” was developed to improve safety and to meet emphasis areas identified in the “Strategic Highway Safety Plan for Indian Lands”. STK received monies to develop a Tribal Roads Safety Plan.

CURRENT AREA OF CONCERN

In 2016, STK purchased a former cannery and dock which exists on a busy well-developed waterfront corridor along Shelikof Street in downtown Kodiak. STK is currently converting the property into a multi-use facility which includes a fish processing facility which is currently operational. Shelikof Street parallels the shoreline and the downtown boat harbor and hosts most of Kodiak’s seafood processing plants with industrial and commercial businesses also occupying the road.

Shelikof Street is very busy and congested road due to lack of adequate parking. In addition, vehicles block walkways, heavy equipment operates in the ROW, and access to business is often blocked, forcing pedestrians into the roadway. STK is very concerned that this multi-use and congestion on Shelikof Street promotes potential incidents for injury and/or fatalities for both the public and workers. The Tribal Roads Safety Plan will address the road safety issues on Shelikof St. and will add more roads from the RSA to the Safety Plan.



Did you Know?

The Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak exists to provide our members with leadership, economic, and educational opportunities while embracing and sharing our rich culture heritage with pride and dignity.

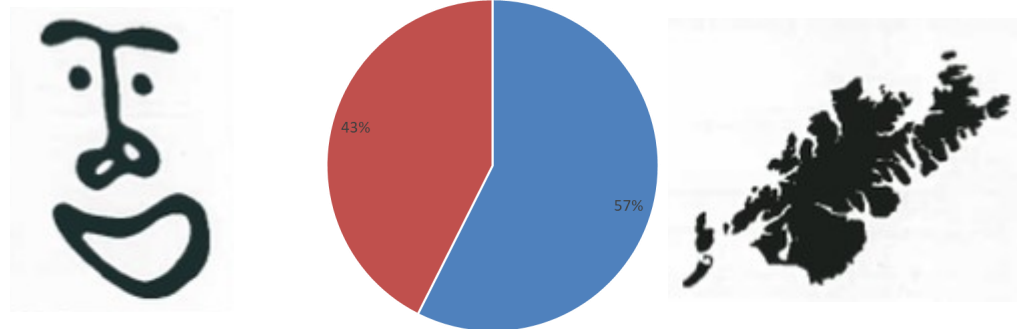
Over two-thirds of the Alaska Native population living in the Kodiak archipelago are members of the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak, which is the largest of the 10 federally-recognized Tribes in the area and the largest Alaska Native community in the Gulf of Alaska. The Tribe serves 1,924 Tribal members who live on the Island's road system.

The Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak is dedicated to rebuilding our traditional political and cultural institutions and practices. Our tribe strives to build and support Sun'aq Tribal unity, cultural identity, and life ways.

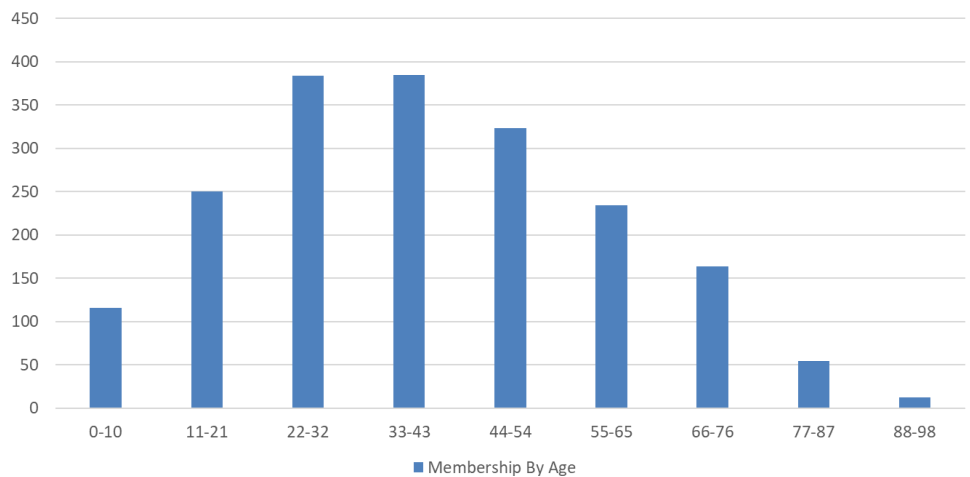
Our people settled permanently where the city of Kodiak is now located about 2,500 years ago.

Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak Membership Dynamics

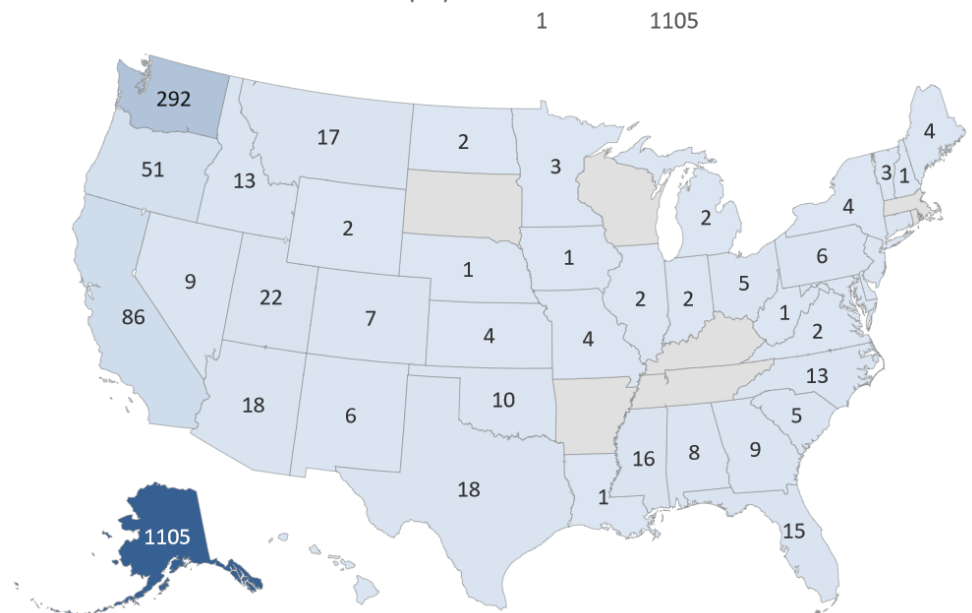
Alaska Members & Out of State Members



Membership By Age



Membership By State



Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak Staff

Admin

Jeannine Marsh– Tribal Administrator
Traci Marsh– Executive Administrative Assistant/ Enrollment Manager
Patricia Miles– Receptionist
Claudine Alokli– Housing Advocate

Finance

Delores Stokes– Finance Director
Cherise Olsen- Finance Assistant

Social Services Department

Linda Resoff– Social Services/ ICWA Director
Sean Hales- Tribal Court Clerk
Cherie Skonberg– Women's Advocate
Annelica Lopez- Visitation Advocate

Natural Resources

Matthew Van Daele- Tribal Biologist
Daniel Smith-Tribal Youth Intern
Kelly Krueger– Tribal AMBCC liaison

Employment & Training

Candace Branson– Services Director
Alyssa Madrid– Cultural Programs Coordinator
Lynda Lorenson– Child Care Program Director
Janelle Barton– Student Service Case Manager
Sadie Coyle– Alutiiq Language Teacher Assist.
Stevi Frets– 477 Case Manager

Tribal Transportation Program

David Kaplan– Tribal Roads Project Manager
Randy Boskofsky– Transportation Coordinator

WildSource Staff

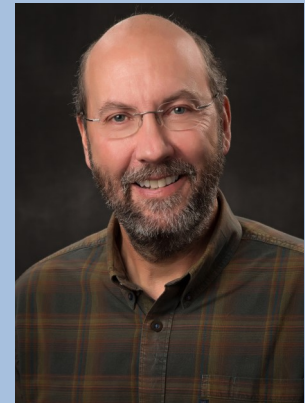
Chris Sannito- CEO
Ruben Mangrobang– Plant Forman

Bingo Staff

Doreen Anderson– Bingo Manager
Leslie-Ann Heglin– Finance Manager



Quyanna Thomas Lance



The Sun'aq tribe of Kodiak Tribal Council and Staff would like to thank Thomas (Tom) Lance, Natural Resources Director, for his many years of dedicated service to the Tribe and its Members.

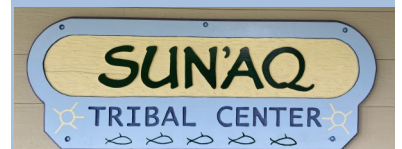
Tom Retired from the Tribe on May 10, 2021.

The Tribal council and Sun'aq Staff congratulate Tom on his retirement after nine years of service to our membership.

Tom brought an enjoyable presence to the Sun'aq Tribal Office and was a valuable asset to the Natural Resources Department.

Tom's hard work and diligence has greatly impacted our tribe's Natural Resources Department and his dedication to protecting our environment will greatly be missed. Tom certainly deserves his retirement and the Tribal Council and Staff wish him the best in his next chapter in life.

Quyanaasinaq Tom!



Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak Bingo



ENTERTAINMENT

Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak Bingo offers evening entertainment to adults 19 years of age or older to play Bingo, 21 years of age or older to play pull tabs. We invite all members and the public to come join us for an evening of friendship and a chance to win cash.

Hours of operation:

Tuesday-Wednesday	<u>Pull tabs only</u>	3:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday-Friday-Saturday	<u>Bingo & Pull tabs</u>	6:00 to closing.

Doors open @ 6:00 Bingo session starts @ 7:30.

Bingo offers gift certificates to those who love Bingo.



Sun'aq Tribal Enterprises, Inc.

Kodiak Island WildSource

Welcome to Kodiak Island WildSource. Located in the center of one of the earth's richest supply of sustainable wild seafood, Kodiak Island WildSource is setting new standards for high quality Alaskan seafood. We specialize in wild Alaskan salmon, a nutritional powerhouse, considered by cooks and consumers to be the finest salmon in the world. We use the latest technology in harvesting and processing in order to ensure we preserve the natural quality of our wild seafood products.



Customer Service, Product Quality and Stewardship of our precious Natural Resources are the core values of our business.

About WildSource

Kodiak Island WildSource is a 100% Tribally owned business of the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak. Although we are not the largest processor in terms of volume of seafood processed, we are in a separate quality class. We do this by harvesting smaller quantities of seafood that can be effectively chilled and processed in a given amount of time, minimizing product degradation. We pay attention to every detail in order to ensure our consumers get total quality.

We specialize in a variety of fresh, frozen and specialty smoked Alaskan seafood products. Our customers include high volume food service operators, gourmet restaurants, health food stores and some consumer direct.

We are committed to supplying premium quality, wholesome, convenient wild seafood. We have a passion for the total care and quality of our fish and the people who eat them. We are located on the pristine island of Kodiak, Alaska and our quality begins on the nearby fishing grounds. Our processing employees work tirelessly to ensure that total care is exercised from the point of harvest until delivery to our customer. We are proud of the fact that we have a very high level of customer satisfaction and repeat business.



July 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 SYP 10AM-3PM	2	3
4 Independence Day	5 Alutiiq Dance Practice 5 PM STK Office Closed	6	7	8 SYP 10AM-3PM	9	10
11	12 Alutiiq Dance Practice 5 PM	13	14	15 SYP 10AM-3PM	16	17 NOK Membership Picnic
18	19 Alutiiq Dance Practice 5 PM	20	21	22 SYP 10AM-3PM Cemetery Beati- fication/Bruhn Point Clean-up	23	24
25	26 Alutiiq Dance Practice 5 PM STK Council Meeting	27	28	29 SYP 10AM-3PM	30	31



August 2021

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Alutiiq Dance Practice 5 PM	3	4	5 SYP 10AM-3PM	6	7
8	9 Alutiiq Dance Practice 5 PM	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Alutiiq Dance Practice 5 PM	17	18	19	20	21 STK Membership Picnic/Potluck 12-3
22	23 Alutiiq Dance Practice 5 PM	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Alutiiq Dance Practice 5 PM	31				

Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak Mission Statement

The Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak's mission and member services seek to address current Tribal issues while creating wholesome opportunities for Tribal health and growth. The STK takes pride in assisting Tribal Members in achieving their personal and professional goals.

We are dedicated to rebuilding our traditional, political and cultural institutions and practices. Our Tribe strives to build and support Sun'aq Tribal unity, cultural identity, and life ways.

Housing Advocacy

The Sun'aq Tribal Housing Advocate is here to assist Sun'aq Tribal Members with applying for programs available through Kodiak Island Housing Authority. Programs that the Housing Advocate can assist Sun'aq Tribal Members with include:

- Life Builders Young Adult Transitional Living Program
- Student Rental Assistance Program
- Low Rent Apartments
- Rental Assistance Program
- Elderly and/or Disabled Housing
- Cliffwood / Harborview Apartments
- Emerald Heights Senior Housing for Seniors 55+
- Weatherization / Renovation Program
- Mutual Help Homeownership
- Mortgage Loan Home Start Homeownership

Please contact Claudine Alokli, Housing Advocate for more information at the Sun'aq Tribe of Kodiak offices at 907-531-5009

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