

Native Village of Afognak

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*Stay connected with us by liking our
Facebook pages "Native Village of
Afognak" and "Dig Afognak" to keep up
to date with events !*

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Special Announcements



*Native Village of Afognak
will be closed*



March 30, 2016 in observance of Memorial Day

&

July 4, 2016 in observance of Independence Day



*Tribal Member
Contact Information*

NVA needs updated addresses for the following people, give us a call if you have any information. Thank you!



- Roy Edward Skinner III
- Gilbert John Mathis
- Jo Ann Palmer
- Martin Ray Palmer
- Nicole Roxanne Charters
- Frederick John Malutin
- Dorrie Lynn Wamser
- Theresa Jo Etheridge
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- Mary Jean Blankenship
- Garret Lane Schmidt
- Gordan Charles McCormick
- Richard D. Frost
- Izair Ronald Chute



If you have a special announcements that you would like to share in our newsletter please email
Nina at nina@afognak.org.



Dig Afognak Summer Camp Raffle

\$10,000 Grand Prize

Tickets are \$100.00

Permit#2317

1st Ticket \$300.00	200th Ticket \$300
25th Ticket \$150.00	225th Ticket \$150
50th Ticket \$150.00	250th Ticket \$150
75th Ticket \$150.00	275th Ticket \$150
100th Ticket \$300.00	300th Ticket \$200.00
125th Ticket \$150.00	325th Ticket \$350.00
150th Ticket \$150.00	349th Ticket \$1,000.00
175th Ticket \$150.00	350th Ticket \$10,000.00

Need not be present to win

**Drawing Held Crabfest Weekend
At the Sun'aq Bingo Hall
May 28, 2016 @ 2:00pm**

*For further information call the staff
at Native Village of Afognak.*

*All proceeds go to benefit Dig
Afognak Summer Youth Camps.*





Dig Afognak

Quyanaasinaq to the following individuals and organizations for their generous support to the Dig Afognak Youth Camp! With funding becoming harder to secure, camp would not be possible without your support. A special thank you to Matt Thorpe for getting us donations from other businesses outside Kodiak, we deeply appreciate what you did.

- Robert Thorp
- Alaska Frontier Constructors
- KONIAG INC.
- Marius & Andi Olsen
- Kodiak Area Native Association
- Ice Services
- Alaska Energy Services
- Alaska Executive Search Inc.
- Hans Olsen Jr. Inc.
- Matson Foundation
- Matthew Neagley
- Chery Sutter
- Sun'aq Tribal Bingo
- Native Village of Port Lions
- Loretta Nelson
- Old Harbor Native Corporation
- Price Gregory International
- RNV LLC
- Gloria Bishop
- Brock Simmons
- Afognak Native Corporation
- CIRI Foundation
- Alaska Humanities Forum
- Brennan Cain
- Reagan Tomlinson

We would like to express our thanks to those that volunteered time or donated items to support the Dig Afognak Youth Camp:



- Rick Borton
- Charlie Jerling
- Scott Pillans
- Louis Rocheleau
- Kordell Pillans
- Geri Knagin
- Jesse Kreger
- Tonya Lee
- Nenana Tribe
- Dee Hughes
- Donna Vinberg
- Dale & Mindy Pruitt
- Gary Knagin
- Corinna Marton-Platt
- Peter Squartsoff
- Jesse & MaryAnn Holmes
- Bruce Broding
- Roger Malutin
- Guy & Bobbi Bartleson
- Barbara Voegtle
- Melissa Borton
- Neil Skonberg
- Frank Petersen
- Evelyn Russell
- Jessica Skonberg

Those that volunteered for our Haunted House Fundraiser:

- Chad Pruitt
- Neil Skonberg
- Wade Bartleson
- Sno-Bruins
- Candace Branson
- Alyssa Brentenson
- Anastasia Skonberg
- Malakai Olson
- Meagan Christiansen
- Loretta Nelson
- Stacey Simmons
- John Lisonbee
- Desiree Lisonbee
- Aiden Skonberg
- Natasha Hayden
- Jordon Hayden
- Elizabeth Borton
- Amber Borton
- Skyler Gertz
- Aiyana Gertz
- Michael Fields Jr.



Fundraising Committee: Loretta Nelson, Natasha Hayden, Sean Hales, Stacey Simmons, Shurina Skonberg and Melissa Borton. A special thank you to Dee Hughes, Mary Ann Holmes and Sean Hales



6. **Get to know your neighbors and their children. Offer to help neighbors, and ask for their help occasionally.**

7. **If you know of a family that's under stress, offer to help out by babysitting or helping with chores.**

8. **Find out what resources are available in your community to families, such as parenting support groups, sliding-scale counseling or crisis respite care.**

9. **Know your children's friends. Make them feel welcome in your home.**

10. **If you feel that a child is being abused, report it. One phone call could save a child's life. The authorities will not tell anyone who made the report. But, educate yourself and know the warning signs!**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention month, a nationwide effort to raise public awareness about and take a stand against child abuse and neglect. It is a time to acknowledge the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect, and to promote the social and emotional well-being of children and families.

We believe our children deserve to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment to assure they reach their full potential, by addressing child abuse in our community and being able to report what you see and hear is a responsibility we all should have.

At the Alaska Children's Alliance, empowering Alaska to serve children victims of abuse reports, according to the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, nearly 2,000 Alaskan children were in out-of-home placement in January 2014. The vast majority of those cases were due to child abuse and neglect. Office of Children's Services Director, Christy Lawton puts it like this: "Unfortunately, child abuse is happening in Alaska every day, in every community, among every ethnicity, and every socioeconomic group."

By supporting our families and protecting children all year round, here are

some things we can do to make a difference;

For your family:

- As a parent, block out 15 minutes a day to play one-on-one with your child.
- Tell the children or youth in your life how much you care for them.
- Work with the kids in your life to explore their heritage and learn their family's story.
- Connect with grandparents to preserve cultural heritage. Grandparents are an incredible source of cultural heritage from traditions to language and food!

For friends and neighbors:

- Compliment a father, someone you know or even someone in public on something positive you see him do with his children. Dads contribute uniquely to children's development.
- Offer your time to baby-sit for the child of a friend, neighbor or family member.
- Mentor a young dad you know in growing his relationship with his kids.

For your community:

- Create a "Safe Children Zone" in your neighborhood. Host a community meeting with your neighbors to talk about what each of you can do to help create a sense of safety for the children

in your neighborhood.

- Volunteer at or donate resources to a local preschool or daycare center.
- Become a foster parent.

It is often possible to work with the family to help them solve their problems.

It isn't easy, but people can change. If you know about or have a reasonable suspicion of child abuse or neglect, REPORT IT, within 24 hours to the nearest office of the Office of Children's Services.

