



Light the past spark the future!

NVA's Dig Afognak Camp Schedule an Alutiiq Cultural Experience

These camps offer Alutiiq cultural activities such as learning and practicing the Alutiiq language, traditional art activities, subsistence gathering and preparation, traditional beading, skin sewing, learning from respected Elders, nature walks, creating healthy friendships, banya, and using Dig Afognak's ropes courses and zip line.

Koniag Camp

June 2nd – June 7th

Registration deadline May 26th, 2023

Koniag is sponsoring this camp for Koniag Shareholders and registered Descendants. Participants are invited to take part in cultural activities such as skin sewing, Alutiiq language and beading. Shareholder/Descendant eligibility requirements: Koniag Shareholders and registered Koniag Descendants. No Shareholder or Descendant under the age of 15 can attend without a responsible adult present at camp; the responsible adult still needs to meet the basic eligibility requirements. This camp is offered at no cost to Koniag Shareholders and registered Descendants.

Harvesting/Survival Skills Camp 1

June 14th - 19th

Registration deadline is June 7th, 2023.

Participants will take part in traditional subsistence activities with local Elders and adult mentors, harvesting, preparing, and preserving traditional foods. The harvesting and recycling activities are intended to teach youth to protect and preserve our resources for the next generations to come. In addition, youth will learn vital wilderness survival methods through fun outdoor activities, games, and competitions. Some of what the participants learn about is first aide, exercise using survival techniques, kayak safety, and how to build shelters and fires. Youth ages 10 through 14 are invited. \$250 for NVA Tribal Members and Descendants/\$350 for non-members.

Language/Music Camp

July 7th - July 12th

Registration Deadline is June 30th, 2023.

Youth participants will engage with Elders and culture bearers to learn traditional Alutiiq dance, music, songs, and more. Campers will have the opportunity to play traditional instruments and make Alutiiq dance regalia. Participants will apply what they have learned towards creating new and modern expressions that appeal to today's youth by participating in an evening of camp performances. Youth ages 9 through 14 are invited. \$250 for NVA Tribal Members and Descendants/\$350 for non-members.

Afognak Shareholder Camp

July 19th – July 23rd

Registration deadline is July 12th, 2023.

Afognak Native Corporation (ANC) is sponsoring this camp for ANC Shareholders. Participants are invited to take part in cultural activities such as skin sewing, Alutiiq language, visits with long lost friends/family, and reminisce while touring the old village of Afognak, if weather permits. Shareholders will have an opportunity to do subsistence fishing. Shareholder eligibility requirements: Afognak Native Corporation Shareholders plus one guest (guest is defined as an immediate family member); Lineal Descendants of shareholders are allowed to attend as space is available. No shareholder under the age of 15 can attend without a responsible adult present at camp; the responsible adult still needs to meet the basic eligibility requirements. We will be holding the **Afognak Peoples Picnic on Saturday, July 22nd** at the old village, or camp (weather depending). No cost to ANC Shareholders.

For more information please call the Native Village of Afognak at 486-6357 or email tribe@afognak.org or denise@afognak.org Please prioritize the camps you want to attend, notice of cancellation must be received prior to the registration deadline in order to receive a registration refund.



Please clearly mark your bags and personal belongings – Waterproof bag is suggested. Native Village of Afognak is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen items.

Please Bring:

- Sanitary supplies
- Sleeping bag (we have beds with mattresses)
- Pillow
- Changes of clothing for at least 6 days, please include clothes that would allow you to dress for the variety of weather that occurs on Kodiak (wind, rain, chilly, or warm). This may include t-shirts, jeans, shorts, sweaters, sweatpants.
- Light raingear
- Rubber boots & tennis shoes or hiking shoes
- Extra socks
- Water bottle (we go on lots of hikes)
- Insect repellent – aerosol cans are **NOT** permitted.
- Sunscreen – aerosol cans are **NOT** permitted.
- TWO large towels and TWO wash cloths
- Warm jacket
- Small day pack
- Warm sleepwear
- Flashlight
- Banya /Personal items – travel size soap, shampoo, deodorant, shower supplies, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, brush,
- Medication (if necessary) ...be prepared to provide a medication list including instructions to the Camp Manager upon arrival.

You may also wish to bring the following:

- Binoculars
- Camera
- A special skill / craft to share with others.
- Swimsuit
- A musical instrument
- Sandals / slip-ons for travels to outhouse and banya
- Personal life jacket if you have a favorite (we have plenty)

Do Not Bring:

- Pets, computers or other electronic devices, firearms, knives, explosives, fireworks, etc.
- We do allow phones and music, but use is restricted for in the bunks only. No aerosol cans allowed.
- Food/Candy – You will not go hungry at camp! Hiding candy or food in bunks might encourage squirrels or even bears to visit!

Camp Registration Form

2023 Dig Afognak Camp registration fees (per camp) - \$250 per NVA tribal members, \$300 per non-member.

No cost to Koniag and Afognak Native Corporation Shareholders and Descendants.

Elders and verified KIHA recipients are exempt from all camp fees.

Please check the box for the camps you plan to attend:

<input type="checkbox"/> Koniag Camp	June 2-7 th	Registration deadline	May 26 th
<input type="checkbox"/> Harvesting/Survival Skills Camp 1	June 14-19 th	Registration deadline	June 7 th
<input type="checkbox"/> Language/Music Camp	July 7-12 th	Registration deadline	June 30 th
<input type="checkbox"/> Shareholder Camp	July 19-July 23 rd	Registration deadline	July 12 th

Name of Participant _____ Date of Birth _____ Male/Female _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone Number/s _____ E-Mail: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Relation _____

Koniag Shareholder ID Number _____

List Tribes and Native Corporations you or your immediate family are members and/or descendants of:

There may be financial assistance available to you if your family is or has participated in any of Kodiak Island Housing Authority (KIHA) NAHASDA Assisted Programs. They are the Mutual Help Homeownership Program; the Weatherization Program; the Rental Assistance Programs; the Home Start Program; the Down Payment Assistance Program; and have rented or currently reside in an apartment building owned by KIHA. (This information will be verified by KIHA, additional questions may apply in order to verify eligibility.)

Does your family currently or have in the past participated in a Kodiak Island Housing Authority (KIHA) program?

☐ YES

☐ NO

If yes, which program: _____

If you have any allergies or taking any medications please list them: _____

Physical Abilities: (please initial)

_____ I am physically fit to withstand the rigors of an Alaskan wilderness experience where the possibility of inclement weather, travel, manual labor, and camp conditions may pose personal challenge.

Please submit application and payment to: Dig Afognak Camp c/o Native Village of Afognak 115 Mill Bay, Kodiak, Alaska 99615 907-486-6357 • Fax 907-486-6529 or email: denise@afognak.org





Dig Afognak Youth and Parent Agreement

It is a privilege to attend the Dig Afognak camps and all campers should come with the intention of having fun, learning new things and getting along with everyone.

Once in a while, there may be a camper who makes camp unpleasant for others because of their harsh words or actions. If any problems arise, this agreement informs the camper upfront of the potential consequences and holds them accountable for the poor choices they made at camp.

1. I will be polite and respectful to everyone at camp (fellow campers, staff, visitors, presenters, and volunteers). I will participate in all the activities unless physically unable to do so and the camp manager has agreed with my inability to participate.
2. If someone at camp is bothering or hurting me in any way, I will inform the camp manager immediately so I can concentrate on having fun and learning.
3. I will try to solve the smaller problems myself by following these choices:
 - *Tell them to stop*
 - *Walk away*
 - *Share and take turns*
 - *Ignore it*
 - *Talk it out*
 - *Apologize*
 - *Walk away, wait and cool off*

I have read this agreement and discussed it with my parent/guardian and camper.

I understand that the camper's parent or guardian may be financially responsible for a boat charter back to Anton's if these rules and other camp safety rules are not followed.

My signature is a pledge to follow and support the rules of Dig Afognak at all times.

_____ Date _____
Camper Signature

_____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian Signature



Traveling Dig Afognak Participant Agreement Quyanaa (thank you) for signing up and wanting to participate in our Dig Afognak camps. Dig Afognak will offer you a unique experience that is hard to get at any other camp site. We have been in operation for over 20 years and our continued success is due to eager participants who love to learn. It is our goal to make your travel to and from Kodiak easier and your stay at Dig Afognak a worthwhile experience.

In order to accomplish this we have set forth a few agreements that need to be made in order for youth coming to Kodiak to have a smooth transition and make sure all of their needs are met.

1. Traveling to and from Kodiak:

- i. Parents/guardians are responsible for all travel (airfare or ferry) to and from Kodiak. NVA staff needs copies of travel itineraries at least one week prior to camp starting in order to plan for and confirm participation of your child in Dig Afognak.
- ii. Transportation to and from the airport or ferry office: NVA has a limited staff that not only coordinates the logistics of camp but also fulfill normal day to day duties. We can't guarantee availability of transporting your child to NVA offices or back to the airport/ferry office. We ask that if you have someone in town that can transport your child, you confirm that first, if you have no one else, please confirm with our staff at least one week prior to camp starting.
- iii. Getting weathered in Kodiak: Kodiak's weather is unpredictable throughout the year. Our staff is not equipped to chaperone youth if they get weathered in Kodiak. Please confirm with NVA staff at least one week prior to camp starting as to what your weathered in plan is for your child. We are unable to confirm you child's participation without this plan in place. In addition, we need all contact information for any adults responsible for your child while in Kodiak.
- iv. Food money: please send your child with a little bit of cash to purchase meals or pack snacks ahead of time. Often time's youth arrive a couple of hours prior to heading to camp and are hungry. If NVA has to purchase meals for your child, you will be responsible for reimbursing NVA once camp is complete.

2. After camp is complete:

- i. Lost and found items are collected by camp staff, transported to Kodiak and washed by NVA staff. We hold items for 30 days and all items not claimed after that date will be donated to a local charity.
- ii. If your child forgets any items at camp please contact our office immediately. If we are able to locate the lost items we will do our best to get them to you. Any cost incurred by transporting these items will be paid prior to transportation.

I, the undersigned, agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement.

My signature is a pledge to follow and support the rules of Dig Afognak at all times.

Camper Signature

Parent/Guardian Signature

Dig Afognak Camp health and safety guidelines;

Prevention

COVID-19 most commonly spreads between people who are in close contact through respiratory droplets or small particles produced when an infected person coughs, talks, or breathes. Growing evidence shows that droplets can remain suspended in the air and travel distances beyond six feet, according to the CDC. Indoor environments with poor ventilation increase the risk of transmission.

To prevent infection and to slow transmission of COVID-19, do the following:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water or clean them with alcohol-based hand rub. (Hand sanitizer and soap are available at every handwashing station).
- Cover your mouth and nose with a mask when in public settings or around others.
- Maintain at least six feet distance between you and people coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- Practice physical distancing by avoiding unnecessary travel and staying away from large groups of people.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We take the COVID-19 pandemic very seriously; we will follow the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dig Afognak will provide masks for all participants when requested.

RELEASE AND WAIVER FORM

Acknowledgement of Risks

Agreement for Release of Liability and Indemnification

In consideration of being allowed to participate in NVA's Dig Afognak program and related activities, the undersigned agrees as follows:

1. I recognize that there is a significant element of risk in any outdoor adventure, sport, or activity such as the one in which I am enrolling. Those risks may include, but are not limited to: sickness; personal injury; loss or damage to personal property; permanent trauma; or death. Due to camp's wilderness and remote location, adequate medical or emergency care may not be readily available.
2. I understand that aspects of the Dig Afognak Challenge Course, including the zipline, may be physically and emotionally demanding. I affirm that my child is in good health and that my child is not under a physician's care for any undisclosed condition that bears upon my child's ability to participate in these activities. I recognize the inherent risk of injury or disability in these activities. I understand that I must assume the risk of injury that could result from any of these activities.
3. I certify that I am fully capable, mentally and physically, of participating in this activity. I assume full responsibility for my family and myself, including any minor children. On behalf of myself and my minor children, I hereby waive and release, and agree not to sue, the Native Village of Afognak and Afognak Native Corporation, their agents, contractors, officers, directors and employees from any and all claims, losses or damages of any kind by reason of injury or damage to person or property, including death, sustained at any time (now or in the future) in connection with participation in Dig Afognak or any related activities, whether or not resulting from or caused to any degree by negligence, the condition of the land, errors or omissions by other participants, or from other or unknown causes, except to the extent such injury or damage is solely resulting from or caused by the active gross negligence or willful misconduct of the person released. I agree to indemnify and defend the Native Village of Afognak or Afognak Native Corporation and all other released persons against all expenses, including attorney fees and court costs, that they may incur as a consequence of any claim that I have waived or that they may suffer as a result of a claim by someone else because of my conduct.
4. I am also aware that there are no medical facilities, physicians, or medical personnel available within the immediate vicinity of the planned activities. If any family member, including minor children, or I require medical care or are evacuated from an activity for any reason whatsoever, I consent to emergency medical treatment as may be necessary. I also agree to pay for and be responsible for all costs and fees connected with the medical care or evacuation.
5. I have read, understand, and accept the terms of this waiver and release. I am aware that this is a legal, binding document giving up substantial legal rights, and I sign it voluntarily. I understand I can decline to sign this waiver and release, and not participate in the Dig Afognak and related activities. If I am signing on behalf of a minor child, I represent that I have authority to do so and I will indemnify and defend the Native Village of Afognak or Afognak Native Corporation and all other released persons against any claims asserted by or on behalf of the minor to the same extent such claims are released by this Release and Waiver.

Authorization to Use Image and Recordings

I consent to the use and publication by Native Village of Afognak for promotional, informational, and educational purposes of any photographs, videos, and audio recordings taken of me or my child during the Dig Afognak program. I understand that I will receive no compensation for use of these images and recordings.

☐ I have read, understand and accept the terms and conditions stated herein and acknowledge that this agreement shall be binding upon me, my heirs, personal representatives, estate and for all members of my family including any minor children accompanying me.

☐ I have read, discussed with my child, and signed the Dig Afognak Youth-Parent Agreement Form

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

(Parent or Guardian Signature if under 18 years of age)

Emergency Contact/Medical Information

Emergency Contact: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Family Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

List known allergies to plants, foods, insects, or medications: _____

Describe if currently under a doctor's care of taking prescribed medications: _____

Other information about your health status: _____

Special dietary needs: _____

****Due to the high participation requests – notice of cancellation must be received prior to the registration deadline in order to receive a registration refund.**