



The Alaska Native Heritage Center

education

Since our opening in May of 1999 the Alaska Native Heritage Center has evolved into world class educational and cultural center focused upon developing future Alaska Native leaders by strengthening our programs for young people. The Center has become a place where young people come to learn and share their culture and broader community gains critical connection to Alaska's rich cultural history. Our programs include: school visits and outreach to schools, an After School High School Program, Celebrating Culture Saturdays, Master Artist Mentoring Program, Alaska Native Art Classes, Cultural Awareness Workshops, a vibrant exhibition program, and our Summer Internship Program.

experience

The Alaska Native Heritage Center is a premier cultural center sharing the rich heritage of Alaska's 11 major cultural groups. You can experience Alaska Native culture first-hand through engaging storytelling, authentic Native song and dance, artist demonstrations, Native Games demonstrations and more. Workshops & classes, museum exhibitions, celebrations, special events, and films. While visiting you can explore six authentic life-sized Native dwellings situated in a wooded area around beautiful Lake Tiulana and are introduced to the traditional life ways of the Athabascan, Inupiaq/St Lawrence Island Yupik, Yup'ik/Cup'ik, Aleut, Alutiiq, and the Eyak, Tlingit, Haida and Tsimshian peoples.

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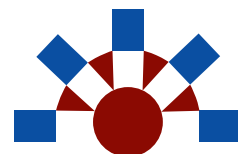
Alaska is a vast part of the United States; home to people from practically every culture of the world. The Alaska Native Heritage Center was started as a cultural center for all Alaska Native people by the Alaska Federation of Natives. Located in the states largest city, Anchorage, it is in the place where the most Alaska Native people live today.

The Alaska Native Heritage Center serves important educational roles. It provides opportunity for urban Native students to become or remain connected to thier families' traditions. It also provides real information to over 100,000 yearly vistors from all over the world about the people who have called this place home for thousands of years. It creates opportunities for Native students to interpret what they learn from Elders and Tradition Bearers to those who don't have this chance for direct learning.

These experiences encourage students to value their culture, build self-confidence, and develop mutual respect for other people. If you would like to learn more about the Alaska Native Heritage Center and how you can make a difference, please visit www.alaskanative.net.

Sharing, perpetuating and preserving the unique Alaska Native cultures, languages, traditions and values through celebration and education.

Heritage Center Mission Statement



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visitor information

Admission

General Admission

Adults - \$24.95
Seniors/Military - \$21.15
Children - \$16.95 (Ages 7-16)
Free for children six and younger
Family - \$71.50 (2 adults, 2 children)
Each additional adult family member is \$16.95
Each additional child is \$14.95
\$20.00 per person for groups of 20 or more

Alaska Resident Admission Rates

\$9.95 Adult
\$9.95 Senior (62+) and Military
\$6.95 Child (ages 7 to 16)
Free for children six and younger

Alaska Culture Pass \$26.95

Anchorage Museum of History and Art and the Alaska Native Heritage Center are offering a special joint-admission ticket for both facilities for only \$26.00. There is a complimentary shuttle between the two facilities. Courtesy shuttle service is available.

Hours of Operation

Summer – mid- May to mid-Sept.
Open Daily, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Winter mid-Sept. to mid-May
Open Select Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Transportation to the Heritage Center

Shuttle Service

The Heritage Center provides complimentary shuttle transportation from downtown five locations to the Center. The shuttle runs daily from mid-May to mid-September. For groups of 10 or more, please call in advance so we can accommodate you.

Driving Directions

Exit at Muldoon Road North, off of the Glenn Highway. Take the first right, then the following right. The Heritage Center driveway is approximately one-mile long.

This facility meets the Americans With Disabilities Act. A limited number of wheelchairs are available for guests to use.

Dining at the Heritage Center

Raven's Call Café – an open air grill specializing in game burgers, freshly caught fish, grilled meats, soups and chowders. Open daily during the summer.

The Drum Circle -- coffee, sodas, ice cream, snack foods, sandwiches and salads.

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Visitor Comments

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“Kodiak Dancers are excellent, both in ability and moral teachings – so important for students to hear about Native lifestyles.”

“This is Alaska in our backyard. You did a great job!”

“I love visiting with the individuals and hearing the stories.”

“Great experience. More than I expected. Dancers and commentary very moving. Every aspect of staff providing info was exceptional.”

“You should have Native centers all over the world. We loved it here. Don’t change a thing.”

“We especially loved that it was in “original” voice.”

“People very excellent at practiced presentations. Wonderful example of the culture. I enjoyed everything. Really good films.”

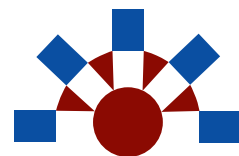
“Wonderful experience; beautiful facility. The Dancers were marvelous. Very well done.”

“Extremely informative and an excellent way of learning about the culture and way of life.”

“Great to see so many young people involved in their culture.”

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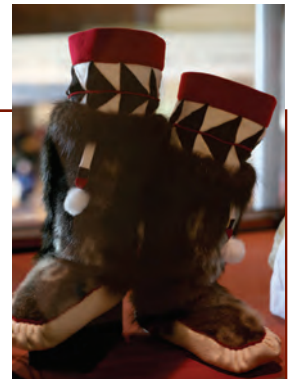
Heritage Gifts and Gallery

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Heritage Gifts at the Center
8800 Heritage Center Drive

Mid-May to mid-September
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily

October 1 through May 1
Saturday's
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
and by appointment 330-8008



Heritage Gifts has an extraordinary selection of authentic Native arts and crafts, an array of Alaska-themed gifts and a one-of-a kind collection of Native books on language, history and culture. Proceeds provide support for the Alaska Native Heritage Center mission.

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The Five Major Indigenous Cultural Groups of Alaska

