

SCHOOL PROGRAMS

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Explore the past and present of Alaska's eleven indigenous cultures.
Designed for Preschool-12 students and teachers.

— STANDARD SCHOOL PROGRAM —

Wednesday - Fridays

October 14, 2009 - April 16, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (2.5 hours)

Sack lunches are allowed. Teachers/chaperones are expected to help clean up.

Choose one of the 30-minute programs described below:

⊙ PROGRAM 1: Native Dance and Drumming

Students learn the importance of dance and are introduced to the meaning of the motions and words of the songs. They learn about drumming and participate in a dance using traditional Native regalia and props.

⊙ PROGRAM 2: Native Games and Yo-yos

Students participate in games that traditionally prepared youth for the rigors of life in the North. They learn the history and importance of these games, the body part that each game was meant to condition, and how the games relate to both traditional and contemporary culture. Students learn how yo-yos are made, their traditional purpose, and how to use them.

⊙ PROGRAM 3: Native Stories and String Stories

Students listen to ancient oral traditions and string stories. Story tellers use props and artifacts to bring a story to life. Students learn and practice telling string stories under the tutelage of Yup'ik and Inupiaq teachers.

⊙ PROGRAM 4: Whales and Whaling

Students learn about the bowhead whale hunt which is still practiced by the Inupiat and St. Lawrence Island Yupiit. Weather permitting, students examine the gray whale exhibit and participate in a tug-a-whale activity. This program is appropriate for students in grades 3-12.



Each standard visit to the Center, October through April, consists of the following components in addition to the program choice:

⊙ INTRODUCTION TO ALASKA NATIVE CULTURES

(10 minutes)

⊙ FILM

(20 minutes)

One of ten films, depending on student interest and age:

Alaska's Three Bears	(K-3)
Asveq, the Walrus Hunt	(4 -12)
The Eskimo and the Whale	(4 -12)
Games of the North	(3 -12)
Koo. Tee. Aa Kóos. Géi Da Kéit:	
The Box of Wisdom Totem Pole	(1 -12)
Living Dena'ina: Ye Uh Qa Ts'daltsiyi	(3-12)
(We Live Upon the Outdoors)	
Living from the Land and Sea	(3 -12)
Qayaqs and Canoes	(3 -12)
Raven Tales	(K-4)
Stories Given, Stories Shared	(1-12)

⊙ VILLAGE SITE TOUR

(30-45 minutes)

Students take a quarter-mile walk with an ANHC staff member around the five recreated village sites that illustrate the traditional structures in a typical village before or shortly after contact with non-Native culture. Dress warmly for this outdoor tour!

⊙ ART PROJECT

(30 minutes)

Students will participate in age/grade level appropriate cultural art activities. Choose one of the following art projects:

Regalia Adornments	(Grades K-12)
Mukluks	(Grades K-3)
Single-Strand Necklace	(Grades K-1)
2-Strand Choker	(Grades 6-12)
3-Strand Choker	(Grades 7-12)



SPECIAL SCHOOL PROGRAMS

ECHO PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Grades 2-12

January 21, 22, 25, 2010

Performance Times: 10:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m.

Shows are approximately 1 hour in length, and include a question and answer segment.

No lunches are permitted at the Center during the ECHO Festival of Performing Arts.

FREE transportation is available.

Students watch a performance by professional actors and singers from Alaska, Massachusetts, Mississippi, and Hawai'i, representing Alaska Native, Native Hawaiian, Native American, and Cape Verdean cultures. The production weaves together the ancestral stories, dance, and music of the four regions. This visit does not include the film, art project or a village site tour.



CUSTOMIZED SCHOOL PROGRAM

Grades K-12

Wednesday - Fridays

October 14, 2009 - April 16, 2010

10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (2.5 hours)

This program allows for:

- Your choice of film and program.
- A specialized tour that fits your class's current interest, such as architecture, environment, oral tradition, hunting and gathering, clothing and/or traditional watercraft.
- Your choice of one of Alaska's Native cultures along with related film, stories, dance, and art.



SUMMER SEASON VISIT

Grades Pre K-12

Monday - Friday

Mid-May - Mid-September

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Summer season visits are unguided field trips to the Center for up to a full day. Students may take part in scheduled tours along with other guests, or for an additional fee have a special guided tour. We suggest that teachers design a "learner's guide" for students to follow during their field trip. Food is available for purchase at the Center. Sack lunches are also welcome.