Squaxin Youth Age 16-21 Summer Employment Program

If you are a Squaxin Island tribal member between the ages of 16 and 21 and would like an opportunity to work this summer, please visit the link below for an application. You can also stop by the Tribal Center to pick one up.

The Summer Youth Employment Program will begin on Monday, June 27, 2022 and will run through Friday, August 5, 2022. If you need assistance completing an application packet, please contact Jessica Cruz to schedule an appointment. She may be reached at jlcruz@squaxin.us or (360) 432-3865.

Your application must be submitted by Friday, June 3rd, 2022 by 4:00. All positions will be closed after this deadline. Preference will apply to all employment positions based on the hiring ordinance.

Stepping Stones: Youth Pre-Employment Training Program

For Squaxin Youth AGE 13-15

Youth will participate in projects that promote the development of accountability, work ethics, and pride in the community. This model will encourage tribal youth in learning transferable skills they can apply to later employment at Squaxin Island Tribe or elsewhere.

If you are a Squaxin tribal youth who is going to be 13 – 15 years old by July 1, 2022 and are interested in participating in this program, please email Jaimie Cruz at jcruz@squaxin.us. You can also leave a message for Jaimie at (360) 432-3842 Youth not enrolled will be placed on a waiting list. We need your name, address, phone number, date of birth, Squaxin Island Tribe enrollment number, and tee shirt size.

The sign-up deadline for Stepping Stones is Wednesday, June 1, 2022 by 4:00. Employment applications are not required for Stepping Stones, just call us.

Parents: To provide an opportunity for training in the employment application process, please encourage your youth to call or stop by on their own, rather than calling on their behalf. Squaxin preference will be followed in both the Summer Youth Employment and Stepping Stones Programs in accordance with the Tribe’s policies.

Stepping Stones dates are June 24th to August 8th 2022, Youth will clock on at 9:00 a.m. and be released at 3:30 p.m.

Cultural Teachers needed for Stepping Stones

Please submit a proposal to: jcruez@squaxin.us

- Weaving
- Sewing
- Exercise Instructor
- Language
- Beadwork
- Cooking
- Cultural Crafts
- Storytelling
- Life Skills
- Life Guard

Dates:
June 27th - August 9th
The Elections Committee
The committee's primary responsibility is to conduct a fair and legal election process. The Elections Committee members are appointed by Tribal Council. Annually, committee members elect the officers.

The General Body meetings are organized and facilitated by tribal administration at the request of the sitting Tribal Council Chairman who has the authority to ask the administrator to conduct the meeting.

The Election Committee assists with planning the meeting, but their focus is on a smooth election.

In order to make the election process as efficient as possible and to reduce any potential conflicts of interest, the Elections Committee hires an outside consultant each year to print and record ballot counts.

Candidate representatives, Election Committee members, and tribal law enforcement supervise the ballot counting.

Current Election Committee
Juana Nelson (Chair)  
Liz Kuntz (Vice Chair)  
Cassidy Gott (Secretary)  
Tamaha Ford (Staff)  
Mitzie Whitener  
Terri Capoeman  
Elizabeth Kuntz  
Monica Nerney  
Penni Restivo  
Candace Penn

See You All May 7th

Meeting Requirement:
The constitution currently requires a minimum of 30% of our tribal members at an annual meeting in the spring to hold the elections with nominations from the floor.

Over the years, it has been consistently difficult to meet this quorum requirement. Consequently an Electoral Code was passed by General Council (eligible Squaxin Island voters) that allows the quorum to be lowered to 60% of the 30% requirement if a quorum is not met in a timely manner.

Total Eligible Voters
Eligible Voters: 824  
Quorum: 247  
60% Rule 148

Open Positions
Vice Chair  Currently held by Charlene Krise
Position No. 3  Currently held by Vince Henry Sr.
Elections | Community

Election Process

Meeting Begins

Quorum Call(s)

Election Proceedings Begin
Chairman or designee (non candidate) runs meeting.

Nominations Taken
Nominations are taken from the floor in order from highest to lowest for available positions.

Nominee Responses
Nominees each have 3 minutes to respond with an address to the General Body, accepting or declining the nomination.

Number of Accepted Nominations?

2 or More

Nominees Become Candidates

More Open Positions?

Yes

Ballots Prepared – Votes Talled

No

Did a Candidate Receive Majority Vote?

Yes

Candidate(s) Are Elected

No

Any Open Council Positions as a Result?

Yes

The Runoff

The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will be the nominees for a second vote. The nominee with the greatest number of votes representing a simple majority of the votes cast will be elected.

If a tie exists for 2nd place then a tie breaker consisting of only the tied candidates will be placed on the next ballot.

Nomination or less: run through nominations 1 extra time.

If still unsuccessful in acquiring 2 or more nominees then the single nominee becomes a Candidate

New tax opportunity for hunting and gathering supplies

The Washington State Department of Revenue recently updated its guidance to provide a state sales tax exemption for the off-reservation purchase of treaty fishing, hunting, and gathering supplies. Previously, only the exemption for off-reservation fishing purchases was acknowledged by the state. A revised exemption form and additional information is available through the link below:

dor.wa.gov/taxes-rates/retail-sales-tax/tribal-fishing-hunting-and-gathering

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Running for Vice Chair

Tribal membership. We are the stewards of the land that gives us so much, and I believe we must continue to fight and protect it.

My vision is an economically sound tribe with transparent processes that are open to discussion and input from its members. Our economy enables us to provide for our people. Therefore, I believe we must ensure tribal programs continue to grow and improve. The Tribe has huge opportunities for further economic development, and together we can identify what direction we want to pursue.

My natural ability to lead and my passion to keep our community connected is why I am the best choice to bring perspective to our Tribal Council. I believe we need a strong foundation to continue to persevere and be resilient as we have for thousands of years. I am willing to learn and be taught about the many different aspects that our council members face daily that can include, but are not limited to, economics, legislative issues, enrollment, tribal member concerns, transparency, and assistance with higher education.

Part of the issues that our community continuously is challenged with coming out of the Covid-19 pandemic are unknown. I believe that mental health support and knowledge will be key in taking care of our community for years to come.

Squaxin is a strong nation with many gifted members. For as long as I can remember, my family has had responsibility instilled in themselves to take care of our community. Whenever someone needs help with songs, prayer, ceremony, I am there to assist and offer support. When a loved one passes on to the other side, I am available to assist in the many different ceremonies and rituals we conduct to take care of our loved ones. I believe in passing traditional knowledge to others to ensure our traditions are carried on for our future generations. I take pride in my role as a cultural leader and I am willing to help families in their time of need. Our cultural teachings and traditions are what makes us Squaxin Island. Anywhere from fishing to revitalizing our language, I believe that all these different pieces are vital to the survival of our tribe.

I would like to take this opportunity to represent my community by serving on our Tribal Council.

Qualifications

- Employed at the Squaxin Island Tribe’s Tu Ha’ Buts Learning Center since 2013
- Teen Advocate at the Tu Ha’ But’s Learning Center since 2018
- Truancy Prevention Specialist since 2021
- Enrollment Committee member since 2017
- Shellfish Committee member.
- 2018 NAFOA GEN-I Career Success Fellowship (I was in the inaugural class of 2017, but due to the passing of my brother in 2017, I was became part of the 2018 class)
- Attended National Congress of the American Indian with Squaxin Island Tribal Council at the age of 15

Volunteer Experience

- Youth Council participant since 2007
- Youth Council Advisor since 2012
- Kamilche Canoe Club member since 2016
- Coordinated voter registration for eligible voters at the local, state, federal, and tribal elections
- Active member within the Squaxin Island Canoe Family
- Squaxin Island Election Committee Member
- Volunteer since 18 years old
- Opening and closing statements for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency - Tribal Youth Programs training
- F.I.R.E. Summit at SPSCC / Opening remarks 2018
- Native American Day at the Legislative Session 2018
- 2018 BFJ Pacific Salmon Summit volunteer with NWIFC

My name is Jaimie Cruz, and I am formally requesting your support for Vice-Chair of the Squaxin Island Tribe. Questions, concerns, and comments are encouraged. Please feel free to connect with me at 360-742-6527 or jaimiecruz1@gmail.com

“Every election is determined by the people who show up.”
- Larry J. Sabato
Running for Vice Chair

Misti Saenz-Garcia

AN INDIGENOUS WOMAN WHO FINDS HEALING IN HELPING BY EVER-EVOLVING & PLANTING COURAGE, PERSEVERANCE, HOPE & SPIRITUALITY.

VICE-CHAIR WOMAN

HEALING & WELLNESS
I promise to advance seeking funding to invest in our healing and to overcome the health problems many of our people face.

EDUCATION
We are learning and growing together and need to assure our future generations advance while preserving our history & origin stories.

HOPE
I have spent nearly 5 decades in our homelands & invested in our resiliency. I’ve faced adversity, loss, grief, violence, addictions, and much more. TOGETHER WE CAN PREVAIL.

INVESTMENT
I am dedicated to improving our economic stability and growth.

I RESPECT OUR ANCESTORS AND WISH TO BE A PART OF THE TEAM TO BRING OUR MEMBERSHIP FORWARD. I HAVE SHOWN MY COMMITMENT TO OUR PEOPLE FOR MANY DECADES THROUGH MY ACTIONS.

REVITALIZATION OF CULTURAL TRADITIONAL PRACTICES
Inclusivity and community buy-in are a way to obtain and maintain strong ongoing practices. Together we are SQUAXIN STRONG.

ATTENTION ALL STUDENTS
Graduating in 2022

Do you know someone who is graduating high school, has received their GED, completed their AA, BA, MA Degree, or has received a certificate for a vocational/technical program?

To be recognized, please email your information to Mandy Valley by;

5:00 p.m. Thursday June 16, 2021

Please go to the following link and fill out the questionnaire. https://squaxin.formstack.com/forms/2022_graduates

The Squaxin Island Tribal Council, Education Commission and the Tu Ha’ Buts Learning Center would like to recognize and celebrate graduates at the 24th Annual Sgwi’ Gwi Celebration.

25th Annual Sgwi-gwi Celebration
Thursday June 16, 2022
Time 5:00pm, Squaxin Ball Field

Contact: Mandy Valley
10 SE Squaxin Lane
Shelton, WA 98584
Phone: (360) 432-3882
Fax: (360) 426-7897
email: mvalley@squaxin.us
Running for Vice Chair

Charlene Krise

Thank you for the honor of serving and representing you as Vice Chair of Squaxin Island Tribe for the past three years. During this time, we navigated the turbulent waters created by one of the toughest storms ever to strike the entire nation and world, the Covid-19 pandemic. You and your family were in my thoughts and prayers when Council initiated policy responses to minimize infection rates and loss of revenues when businesses were closed due to the pandemic. We, as a tribe, are forever changed coming out of this pandemic.

You, voices, valued thoughts, and involvement are necessary to make any further changes you may want while keeping equal opportunity for everyone in all we do. This includes transparency of tribal government and trust in doing what is right.

Respectfully, I announce my candidacy for the Tribal Council Vice Chair position. My strengths for this position include over 25 years of delegated legislative authority in making decisions for the health, safety, and welfare of Squaxin people. This has been accomplished by understanding our unique cultural identity and with compassion and dedication to the Squaxin families and members. I have witnessed five generations within my community, young and old. I’ve watched as we struggled to make financial ends meet and how we helped each other through tough times. I know the struggles of good and bad fishing and seasons, the joy and pain of shellfish harvesting, and the pride in watching families prepare their elk/deer for the winter months. I have felt the joy of cultural family gatherings and the joyful music of the laughter of our children in the play park. These are the things that are immeasurably valuable. We have been achieving success in many aspects, however we can provide more change for the values we hold dear.

The core values of commitment, integrity, transparency, inclusion, and respect are only a few of the important traits necessary for a tribal leader. Understanding ancestral relationships and alliances is one of our main strengths as Squaxin moves forward in the future. We need to keep cultural ties strong with our neighboring tribes and continue to show respect while making sure protocol is followed; they need to respect our boundaries.

Squaxin Island Tribe reserved rights are important to maintain the health, safety, and welfare of our people as we face climate change and related ecological problems. For several thousands of years Squaxin has relied on the marine water resources of clams, oysters, and salmon for sustenance. Now we are face-to-face with ocean acidification and rising seas due to climate change. Allow me to represent you as one of the seven who can address cultural and ecological vulnerabilities and speak out about our concerns in the local, state, and federal judicial forums. The reserved rights of our people need constant respect our boundaries.

It was common for Squaxin ancestors to live beyond 100 years of age. They understood the gifts of sustenance and showed gratitude through ceremonies. We, as their descendants, continue to value salmon from the marine waters, the elk, dear, and bear from the watersheds, and the different types of land best suited for pharmaceutical or edible plants and roots. Allow me to provide a unique historical perspective when meeting and planning with surrounding city councils or state or federal entities.

Change for the betterment of Squaxin’s future includes better technology for the youth and young adults, both are ever changing at a fast pace. I will continue to be an activist on behalf of children and young adults and their families. I am passionate about education. The future of young adults, ages 16 to 24, are often left out of planning. We need their input on what their needs are. Some type of navigation should be available in the form of fun teaching events. We can empower our next generations by giving them extra care and thought in our planning for the future.

Enrollment is a critical issue facing Squaxin’s future membership and possibly impacting their tribal economy, policies, and Constitution. Enrollment touches the heart of Squaxin and needs serious consideration on what the Squaxin members want for their future. We all have loved ones who will be impacted sooner or later. Enrollment needs a special vote of the people after all the facts and education have been provided; the Squaxin General Council is the authority deciding the future of enrollment.

Squaxin has several important entities and corporations; tribal Elders collectively have vast knowledge and wisdom to share; LCCR is one of our strong financial engines; Elevation has provided funds for the parks and education; Skookum Creek Tobacco distributes nationwide; and Salish Seafoods keeps us noticeable as a successful seafood distributor. Our Squaxin ancestors were tightly interwoven in intertribal trading networks extending throughout the northwest. The ambition to interact in business is in our DNA. There is opportunity to diversify and latch onto what the general public is willing to spend their funds on. Allow me to provide perspectives and decisions as one of your elected officials.

I am asking for your consideration to elected as Squaxin’s Vice Chair. If so chosen, your best interest will be one of my guiding lights in striving for a better life for our people. I know this position is serving the Squaxin people in all aspects.

You may call me anytime at (360) 280-0301.

Respectfully,
Charlene Krise
Hi, my name is Alan Cooper. I am the son of Arnold and Charlene Cooper, and am running for the position of Council Member #3.

I have lived here my entire life, and have experienced a lot of change throughout the years. I have worked in almost every department within the Tribe and have done a variety of jobs. From these I have learned good ethics and morals that would make me a good fit for this position.

Being a member of the community my entire life has also opened my eyes to the things and change needed for our people.

Running for council is new to me and, after attending the Forum last week, I have more of an outlook on what I will be discussing further at General Body. Having these discussions is how we will move forward and progress in a positive way.

A change I would like to see within our Council and community is involving everyone when it comes to making decisions on the topics that affect all of us, especially when it comes to our youth and Elders.

I also believe we can expand on the programs we already have so that everyone has access to what is available and is informed of the services we provide within the Tribe.

Transparency and honesty are important to me. I believe I possess these qualities and would make a positive impact if I was to be voted to Council.

I look forward to seeing everyone in person on May 7th. I am available via message or, if you see me around, to have discussions or answer any questions you may have. Good luck to everyone running and here's to making a change for our people!

Thank YOU for protecting our community by getting vaccinated!
- Squaxin Island Tribal Secretary Patrick Braese
Elections

Running for Council Member #3

Morningstar Green
Hello Squaxin Family,
I am Morningstar Green, the daughter of Donna Penn and Patrick Green. I am the granddaughter of the late Myrtle Pickernell-Sigo (Penn, Richards) and the late William “Big Bill” Penn (of Quilleute). I am the great granddaughter of the late Hazel Bagley and Sam Pickernell but also Florence Bagley-Sigo and Ed Sigo. I was raised on the reservation by my mother, along with my four older sisters. I spent a lot of my upbringing taking long road trips with my Aunt Vicki, representing Squaxin at potlatches along the coast. I spent a lot of time with the Elders, learning the teachings of our Squaxin people. I've taken the time to sit with them and help them brainstorm ideas on how to make it through tough situations at school or at home. I've got to make art with them. I've got to teach them how to bead and weave.

I've also learned a lot from our youth. I've learned patience. I've learned compassion. I've learned how to just breathe for a minute and just listen. I've learned how to even incorporate the teachings from our youth to be a better parent.

What I intend to bring to the table, as your council member, is a knowledge of the struggles our people on the hill face. We struggle feeling heard. I plan to be inviting for all to talk with me and know your concerns are valid and important. I will be diligent with my standing partners that community events with council are crucial. I plan to learn more about our businesses and work together to see how we can improve. There is always room for improvement and not just being comfortable with the status quo. I plan to learn more about our Natural Resources, as an active hunter, clam digger and geoduck diver, I know the frustrations that many of us share. How can we, as a Tribe, make sure we are leaving enough for our future generations? What can we do, as a Tribe, to challenge the state to protect our resources and our people while we are out gathering or harvesting? I plan to study our budgets, opportunities for grants, and other funding sources that can be beneficial for our youth programs. We’re constantly told it’s a funding issue. Why aren’t we looking for the funding? Why aren’t we trying to grow our business to help support our Tribe? Why aren’t we doing just a little more?

Squaxin is often looked at as pioneers in a lot of areas from our surrounding tribes. What can we also learn from our other tribes to help us grow?

Squaxin people, I plan to work hard to create a better future for the next generations to come. I plan to challenge our businesses to help support us. I plan to be transparent with you. I plan to bridge that gap we often feel we have between the people and council. I plan to find ways to help our people who aren’t fortunate enough to live on or near the reservation to feel as important and heard as well.

I ask that you give me this chance to support our people with a seat at the table as Council Member #3.
Running for Council Member #3

The Tribe definitely has a lot of needs and we are constantly addressing those needs, such as preserving our language and culture, planning for a longhouse, Elders care facility, and new gym/rec center, and supporting our youth through the Learning Center and schooling. Other priorities are the clinic, treatment programs, Family Services programs, and more jobs. Enrollment will always be an issue until we, as a tribe, come up with a solution as a whole. We need to keep exercising our treaty rights of hunting, fishing, shellfishing, and gathering.

As always, there is much more, but this is it for now. I just want everyone to know that you can trust me to make the best decisions possible for the best of our tribe as a whole so we can continue to grow and prosper. So please support me so I can continue to support all of you.

I am available if someone wants to chat.

Vince Henry

I just want to start out by thanking everyone who has supported me all these years. It means a lot. Now I ask for your continued support as I run for re-election. Thank you!

Hi everyone, I am Vincent Henry, Sr. and I am running for re-election for my seat on Tribal Council as your 3rd Council member. I take this role very seriously, and I very rarely miss a meeting.

I know now, through all my years on Council, there is a policy for everything and a process. Sometimes its hard not to let emotions drive our decisions because they are so close to home. I look at issues from all angles to see how the issue can be handled, not how it can't. For example, getting our tribal flag on the state capitol flagpole and showcasing our Squaxin footprint in a variety of ways throughout Olympia.

Both transparency and confidentiality are very important to me. I try to keep our members informed, but there are certain times when issues are very personal and private to some of our members. I honor and protect their privacy. When there are issues that effect everyone, I am open to discussion at any time.

Thank you all!

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Human Resources

New Employees

Billie Marie
Youth Mentor
Hi! I have been hired as a Youth Mentor. I’ve graduated high school, and I have a car. I love to work. I’m excited to bond with the youth.

Isaac Ackerman
Workforce Development Case Manager
Hello, my name is Isaac Ackerman. I have been hired as a Workforce Development Case Manager at Family Services. I was the previous WFD Intake Specialist, and I am excited about advancing within our team and taking on more responsibility.

I am the son of John Ackerman and Katherine Ackerman. My siblings are John Ackerman, Tashina Ackerman, and Samantha Ackerman. I have also been blessed with eight nephews and nieces (plus one on the way).

Most of my work experience has been with our Tribe and its various enterprises. I am very grateful for the opportunities I have been given to work in different positions and learn new skills. Each job has been fulfilling in its own way and has given me a better sense of what I am called to do in life. Family Services, especially, has reinforced my desire to help others and support our community.

I look forward to serving in this new position and continuing to grow with such an awesome team.

Brent McCullough
Tribal Gaming Regulatory Agent
Hi! I have been hired as a Police Officer with Public Safety and Justice.

I grew up in Grays Harbor County where I owned an auto repair business. After closing the business, I pursued a career in law enforcement. I worked for the McCleary Police Department before starting here.

I currently live in Montesano with my daughter.

I look forward to serving your community and earning the trust of your members.

I am excited to meet you all. If you see me, please feel free to introduce yourself.

Ken Gillespie
Tribal Gaming Regulatory Agent
Hi! I have been hired as a Tribal Gaming Regulatory Agent.

I have four children and eleven grandchildren. I have been with my wife for 26 years.

I have eight years in security for Little Creek Casino Resort and my wife, Stacey, is going on fifteen years in promotions.

I am excited to have this opportunity to learn and am very happy to work with all the Agents.

I have gotten to know most of them in my eight years in security.

I look forward to this great learning opportunity.

Traci Lopeman
WFD Intake Specialist
Hi! I have been hired as the WFD Intake Specialist

Janice Lopeman is my mother and Bill Lopeman is my late father. I have one son, Justin, and I am helping raise my nephew, Jordan.

I have worked for the clinic for nine years as the Patient Navigator for Women’s Wellness. I will miss all of the women in the program and hope they continue doing their check ups.

I am looking forward to working with the Family Services team; they are great. I am excited to be working with a different service population.

I am looking forward to continue servicing the Squaxin Island Tribe and my people.
Salish Roots

Aleta Poste - Salish Roots Farm would like to express a deep gratitude to Native Sun Grown’s team: Nick, Alex, and Melissa for their time assisting our crew through the construction of the new 48’x24’ greenhouse. Along with their support, we would like to thank Nils and Alan from Meadow Moss Farms, located in Shelton, WA. Special gratitude to Edward Thomas and Council Member Patrick Braese for their diligence and commitment to seeing the project through. Swing down to check out the progress, and look out for this summer’s abundant harvests and the fall events.

Earlier in the season we hosted a work party. Salish Seafoods generously provided clams, and the museum staff assisted in cooking for guests. We are deeply grateful to the Tribe who continues to support the growing program in food sovereignty efforts.

As always, volunteers are always welcomed. tribalgarden@squaxin.us.

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**Camas Harvest**

Join us for a Camas Harvest at Glacial Heritage Preserve!

(Generally closed to public).

May 18th

10:00-3:00

Meeting at the Garden Building (541 State Route 108) an hour before the dig to caravan.

The Garden has partnered with the MLRC to offer 10 digging sticks for Tribal Member use during the harvests. Please bring a sack lunch, water, gloves, and a harvest bag. Some snack will be provided.

Questions?

RSVP: Aleta 360-432-3982, or tribalgarden@squaxin.us
Youth Create Public Service Announcement
Photos and information by Kaleb Krisi - The Tu Ha’ Buts Learning Center collaborated with Sky Bear Media in Olympia to create a public service announcement about micro-aggression in the school system. Twelve youth worked over spring break to learn hands on how to produce a public service announcement, from lighting, set design, and script, to filming and audio. It was an amazing week and we can’t wait to share the final product with everybody!

Our Virtual Academy celebrated Spirit Week in style!!

Join us for Taco Tuesdays!!
Child Development Center
Kaitlin Krug - On April 18th, we welcomed back Granny Vicki to the Child Development Center to expand our knowledge of Squaxin culture & our Lushootseed vocabulary. She taught the students how to say, “Butterfly,” and count numbers one through five. The children also practiced drumming and sang the “Butterfly” song. Granny Vicki will be coming on a weekly basis as we continue to practice, incorporate, and expand our Lushootseed language skills and cultural competency.

Are you looking for a Quality Preschool Program?

What is ECEAP?
The Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program is a free preschool program for eligible children and their families. ECEAP focuses on the well being of the whole child by providing nutrition, health, education and family support services. The goal of ECEAP is to help all children enter kindergarten ready to succeed.

Who is Eligible?
Children 3 or 4 years old by August 31 based on the following:
- Annual income meets requirements; or
- Qualifies for special education services; or
- Developmental or Environmental risk factors
- Tribal member of a federally recognized tribe
- Descendant of a tribal member of a recognized tribe.

ECEAP Provides
- Early childhood education in part day, full day or extended day classrooms.
- Social emotional development.
- Nutritious meals and snacks.
- Health screenings and health screenings and connections to medical, dental and mental health services.
- Family support services.
- Parent education and leadership opportunities.

ECEAP gives priority to a child who:
- If family meets annual income requirements.
- If child qualifies for special education services.
- If family developmental or Environmental risk factors.
- Tribal member of a federally recognized tribe
- Child is a descendant of a tribal member of a federally recognized tribe.
- Child will be in kindergarten the following year.
- Child is in foster care or involved with the child welfare system.
- If the family is homeless.

ECEAP PROVIDES
- Preschool
- Healthy meals and snacks
- Health screenings
- Family support

Free Quality preschool for Native American Children
Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)
Native American Children May Be Eligible
Who are 3 or 4 years old by August 31 or turning 3 during the school year and leaving Early Head Start.
- A family up to 100% state median income
- Qualify for school district special education services
- Enrolled Tribal member of a recognized tribe
- Involvement in tribal or state child welfare services
- Other factors

Squaxin Island Child Development Center
3851 SE Old Olympic Hwy, Shelton, WA 98584
(360) 426-1390
### Tu Ha’ Buts Youth Center Calendar

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- **Pool is currently CLOSED due to Maintenance.**

**After-School Rec Program:**
- Early Snack is offered: 3pm-3:45 pm
- Late Snack is offered: 4pm-4:45 pm

**Homework Helpers in the TLC**
- Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3pm-7pm
- Kindergarten and up!!

All activities are drug, alcohol, e-cigarette and tobacco free.

*Activities and Calendar are subject to change at any time.*
Recap of all our fun April activities

We have a new addition to the Parks and Recreation Team; welcome Billie Marie! She is excited to be working with all the youth and is doing such a great job already.

April’s plant focus’s were big leaf maple and salmon berries. We were open during spring break April 4th - 8th from 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. We had a few trips to the T’Peeksin and Skalapin parks and played some intense games of musical chairs with Sara and Billie; you girls made it such a blast! Thank you.

We had our first off-site field trip to the movies on Friday, April 8th, and the youth all did so amazing, as always. We watched Sonic the Hedge Hog 2 and we had a lot of fun, especially getting their yummy treats at the concession stand!

We had a Teen Glow in the Dark Hunt at Dusk on April 6th at T’Peeksin park. This was so amazing and cool to see how many teens showed up! There were eggs everywhere . . . up high, under the slides, and stuck to every area. This made it more challenging, but the teens got it done. Congratulations to the winners of the golden eggs and prizes. All those flashing lights lit up that park and made it so magical! Thank You Brittney and Jerilynn.

Easter was here and we had a super fun Easter celebration. We were all so excited to see all your smiling faces in that crazy weather! We had the 0-3 age group in front of the gym in the grass, and they were so adorable to see. We had ages 4-5 and 6-8 at the gym and playground, and ages 9-12 at the T’Peeksin park with Kenna and Sara. Congratulations to all those who found golden eggs and winners of door prizes. A special Thank you to the youth and teens who jumped in and helped, especially Ciara and Taeahni for filling all those eggs!

Our first dance class was with Maria Littlesun. We had a big turnout for the first dance class. The girls were excited to learn some dance moves. Maria came up with a dance to the Encanto movie song We Don’t Talk about Bruno. This month dance class will be on Thursdays and it will be the last few classes.

Happy spring! May will be filled with so many fun exciting activities! There are so many growing plants and sunny days. On Monday, May 2nd, we will make Rice Krispy treats.

This month’s plant focus will be Douglas fir. On Tuesday, May 3rd, we will take a nature walk and gather Douglas fir tips. We will make medicine bags and do an awesome STEM Activity, the Save Fred experiment. We will make some yummy Douglas fir tip gummies and play our monthly plant BINGO with Jerilynn!

We will be having our Super Summer Sign Ups on May 5th, along with a Mother’s Day celebration to honor our amazing mothers. Happy Mother’s Day to all of you!

Stay updated on upcoming events and activities on our Facebook page, Squaxin Island Parks and Recreation Dept., or join our Remind app! Text @ SquaxinRec to 81010.

Kasia Seymour, Youth Activities Lead
(360) 432-3801 or kseymour@squaxin.us

Kenna Acosta, Youth Recreation Coordinator
(360) 349-6414 or kacosta@squaxin.us
Covid-19 has affected us all in the last couple of years. As we transition back into normalcy, Squaxin Island Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Program office hours have resumed, but changed from 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday.

Here are just some of the disabilities that qualify for VR services:
- Alcohol/drug addiction
- Allergies
- Anxiety disorders
- Arthritis
- Carpel tunnel syndrome
- Diabetes
- Fibromyalgia
- Eating disorders
- Hearing impairments
- Learning disabilities
- Personality disorders
- Post-traumatic stress syndrome (PTSD)
- Traumatic brain disorder (TBI)
- Visual impairment

IT’S NOT ABOUT DISABILITIES. IT’S ABOUT POSSIBILITIES.

Vocational Rehabilitation
Will Marchant, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor and a Nez Perce, Colville Confederated Tribal Employee

The following is information about the program and a quick interview with Will.

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VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION MISSION
“To assist Native American people with disabilities in making informed choices that encourage the achievement of gainful employment while promoting personal empowerment, independence and integration into family, community and workplace with respect to individual cultural and traditional values.”

Interview with Will

Q: Why do you do this work with tribal people and assist when they are tackling challenges to getting into the careers they want?

A: “I love giving back. I love seeing people succeed and formulating a plan together. Seeing people’s uplifting spirit coming alive and knowing their potential is great. Also, the teamwork in the department helps with plans; we work together for more resources.”

Q: What would you want the community to know about Family Services?

A: “That we’re here for them. That we’re here to help and they can always count on Family Services, and all departments, to work together to find solutions.”

Thanks for your time and work, Will.

For more information, contact:
Will Marchant (360) 432-3949 or wmarchant@squaxin.us
Squaxin Island Tribe Family Services building
Attention Squaxin Island Tribal Homeowners

Have you been financially impacted by Covid-19 (on or off reservation)?
The Squaxin Island Tribe, Office of Housing, has applied for the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) through the Department of Treasury and is waiting for approval on funding. We are accepting applications from Squaxin Island tribal homeowners (who live on- or off-reservation) who meet the following criteria:

1. You own the home, and it is your primary residence.

2. You have experienced financial hardship due to Covid-19 (after January 21, 2020) from one of the following:
   • Mortgage delinquencies
   • Foreclosure
   • Unpaid property tax
   • Past due utilities
   • Critical home repairs that would cause displacement

3. Your income falls at or below the following guidelines:
   1 person ($55,930)  2 persons ($63,920)
   3 persons ($71,910)  4 persons ($79,900)
   5 persons ($86,292)  6 persons ($92,684)
   7 persons ($99,076)  8 persons ($105,468)

If you answer yes to all three questions, you may qualify for assistance though the HAF Program.

You may request a copy of the application from the contact list below.

If you have any questions or need assistance with the application, please contact:

Lisa Peters: lpeters@squaxin.us (360) 432-3871
OR
Liz Kuntz: lkuntz@squaxin.us (360) 432-3937

FREE Wills for Squaxin Tribal Members and Their Spouses

The Tribe is offering the services of Mark Allen, an attorney who has worked for the Squaxin Community for 10 plus years. Mark Allen is ready to assist Squaxin Tribal members and their spouses plan for themselves and loved ones by drafting wills and other end-of-life documents.

- Wills
  - Powers of Attorney
  - Advance Directives
  - Health Care Directives
  - Estate Planning

If you are interested in these services, please contact Lindsey Harrell, Legal assistant at the Squaxin Island Legal Department, at (360) 432-1771 ext. 6 or Lharrell@squaxin.us.

If you schedule an appointment and you decide you cannot make it, please respectfully cancel PRIOR to the day of the appointment.
Health Clinic

Foot Exam Afternoon in March with Dr. Kochhar
Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator - Thank you, Dr. Kochhar, DPM (Podiatrist), for conducting foot exams for people with diabetes. We appreciate your expertise and guidance to stay healthy with diabetes!

Elders Traci Lopeman, John Krise, Millie Wagner (pictured with Dr. Kochhar) and others met with Dr. Kochhar. They know how important it is to take care of their feet.

Dr. Kochhar recommends:
• Work up to 30 minutes of physical activity a day along with healthy eating to keep blood sugars in line and protect the blood vessels in your feet.
• Check feet daily for any cuts, cracking, dry skin, red or black spots, sores, or blisters. See your provider right away for any of these problems or changes in your skin.

If you have diabetes, please schedule your annual foot exam with one of our clinic providers. You can also contact me, Patty Suskin, at (360) 432-3929 or email psuskin@squaxin.us and let me know you would like to see Dr. Kochhar at her next visit.

May is Healthy Vision Month!
Steps to Prevent or Delay Eye Diseases
Submitted by Patty Suskin, Diabetes Coordinator
You can protect your vision and lower your chance for vision loss with these steps:

1. Get a dilated eye exam at least once a year so your eye doctor can spot any problems early when they’re most treatable.
2. Keep your blood sugar levels in your target range as much as possible. Over time, high blood sugar not only damages blood vessels in your eyes, it can also affect the shape of your lenses and make your vision blurry.
3. Keep your blood pressure and cholesterol levels in target range to lower your risk for eye diseases and vision loss. Also good for your health in general!
4. Quit smoking. Quitting lowers your risk for diabetes-related eye diseases and improves your health in many other ways too.
5. Get active. Physical activity protects your eyes and helps manage diabetes.


Squaxin Island WIC
(Women, Infants, and Children)

Squaxin Island WIC
(Women, Infants, and Children)
provides healthy foods & nutrition information for you and your child up to age 5. Please have available:
Your child’s height & weight, Provider One Card or paystub and identification for you & your child

Contact at SPIPA for an appointment:
Patty at 360.462.3224, wicnutrition@spipa.org or Debbie Gardipee-Reyes 360.462.3227 gardipee@spipa.org
Main SPIPA number: 360.426.3900

Next WIC:
Tues., May 10, 2022
We are continuing remote phone appointments through July 2022 due to the COVID-19 virus
We will call you on your appt day

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Washington State WIC Nutrition Program doesn’t discriminate.

Food Changes include:
• Different brands/types of cereals, different cereal puffs allowed
• Refried beans have been added - Let us know before we issue benefits if you’d prefer the canned beans instead of the peanut butter or dried beans
• Cheese Added: String cheese, cheese sticks, shredded cheese plus more cheese variety
• Eggs Added: brown, cage free, organic added: small, medium, large, extra large, jumbo
• Breastfeeding moms can now get fish in pouches!
• Milk Added: goat milk (but not always available in stores), more soy brands
• Yogurt: Greek or non-Greek acceptable, whole milk yogurt for child 1 year old
• More whole grain options


Shopping tips:
• Decide what WIC foods you plan to buy before heading to the store
• Stores are not required to carry all cereals in all sizes, have options
• Check your WIC app tile “WIC Allowable foods” for more detail or “Google” WIC Shopping Guide WA
• WIC vegetable & fruit bump extended through Sept 2022 remember to use it! (Children $24/month, family $48-54/month)

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**Covid-19 Statistics**

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**Fully Vaccinated**  
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**Vaccines Provided**  
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**Mental Health Awareness**

May is often associated with spring and new beginnings, but it's also a great time to bloom! You may think that I am talking of flowers and trees, and although it is a fact, I am talking mentally! Counseling is a great start to finding self-confidence and potential solutions to a variety of issues. Below are some details that may help you get a good understanding for what counseling really is and how you can access services with us at Behavioral Health!

**What is counseling?**

Counseling is a general term for exploring emotional problems with a trained professional. This can be used in a range of approaches, but often is put in the form of weekly sessions over a short amount of time. Each type of counseling has their own specialties, but have one thing in common! Strict CONFIDENTIALITY!

- **Mental Health** – This service gives clients the opportunity for a qualified professional to help treat mental health conditions by providing a space for the client to explore their feelings while teaching them skills and coping strategies and overall development.
- **Chemical Dependency** – This is a service that allows a substance use disorder professional to help you better understand, overcome and cope with addiction while empathizing with you in a nonjudgmental fashion. These counselors can help get you into detox and inpatient facilities to start your road to recovery, alongside providing court mandated treatment.
- **Psychology** – Psychologists can help a client learn more about their behaviors through evaluations or tests. Psychologists specialize in diagnosing a client, then providing treatment options such as a referral for mental health counseling and/or to a psychiatrist for medication to help the client meet their mental health goals. Our Psychologist is also able to provide testing for ADHD and IEPs for all ages.
- **Psychiatry** – Psychiatrists are medical doctors in mental health! They specialize in diagnosing and treating people with mental illness by prescribing psychotropic medications.

Our counselors always say that everyone can benefit from counseling and I believe that to be true! So, if you are interested, what do you need to do to access our services? Give us a call at 360-426-1582 and let us know what services you are interested in. If you’re not already registered at the Clinic, we will first transfer you there to get registered!

If you or anyone you know is in crisis outside of our business hours (8:30am-5:00pm, M-F) call the Thurston/Mason County Crisis line at 360-586-2800 – for youth call 360-586-2777.

If you or someone you know needs to be assessed for a MH crisis - call the Crisis Response Team at (360) 754-1338 to assist you directly where you are located.
Health Clinic

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Tribal Youth Delegates 2022-2023

Applications for Tribal Youth Delegates

NPAIHB are now accepting applications through May 31, 2022
New Applicants: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BRZGPBD
Continuing Applicants: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HZ9SBM

What is a Tribal Youth Delegate? (TYD)
The Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board’s (NPAIHB) Youth Delegates are a group of Native youth who represent the tribes in Idaho, Oregon and Washington. They collaborate to share their voice on health programs and policies, and learn more about health and wellness careers.

What do TYD do?
Youth Delegates will work throughout the year to develop leadership skills and learn more about health and wellness professions. During the meetings, Youth Delegates will discuss health programs and policies that impact youth in their tribal communities, write and pass resolutions, share their unique voice and perspective, and provide feedback to NPAIHB Delegates.

For More information please visit: https://www.npaihb.org/youth-delegate/
For questions please email: Scraig@npaihb.org

How Long is my Term?
Youth Delegates serve a 1-year term from July 2022 – June 2023
**Community**

**Elders Menu**  
*... Fruit and salad at every meal*

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**THURSDAY 5:**  
Steak, Mashed Potatoes w/Gravy Brussel Sprouts

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**SQUAXIN ISLAND TRIBE**

**Non-Life Threatening Emergencies**

- **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Hotline**  
  *Information only - no voicemail*  
  (360) 432-3947

- **Community EOC Hotline**  
  *(Questions and voice mail message)*  
  (360) 443-8411

- **Emergency Management Coordinator**  
  (360) 443-8410

- **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**  
  (360) 426-5308

- **Squaxin Police Department**  
  Office Hours Monday - Friday 8:00-4:00  
  (360) 432-3831

- **PUD No. 3 Outage Hotline**  
  (360) 426-8255

- **Mason County Police Dispatch Non-Emergency**  
  (360) 426-4441

- **Mason County Fire Non-Emergency**  
  (360) 426-3348

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**PRESRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK BOX LOCATIONS**

- **SHELTON PHARMACY**
- **SAFeway**

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### Committees Commissions & Boards

Please visit: https://squaxinisland.org/tribal-member-info/committees-commissions-and-boards

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**Addiction is real. So is Recovery.**

**You matter and we care.**

Let us help you back to recovery. Make the call today, and find out what resources are available.

- Opioid treatment
- Outpatient services
- Treatment services, referrals & more

**Business Hours**
- Monday - Friday
- 8:30 am - 5:00 pm
- **360-426-1582**

**Squaxin Island Tribe Behavioral Health Outpatient Services**

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Community

What’s Happening

General Body Meeting
May 7th

Court:
Family Court:      May 5th
Criminal/civil Court:     May 17th
Vulnerable adult Court:     May 19th
(All in person subject to Covid-19 changes)

USDA FOODS
May 11th

WIC
May 10th

Congratulations
Trent Brown and Tully Kruger
Trent got his first bull the last day of hunting season in 2021.

Tully Kruger got the biggest elk in this past hunting season (to Home Meat Service). The weight was 353 pounds.
The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) Reauthorization Act of 2022

- Maintains Tribal jurisdiction over crimes of dating violence, domestic violence, and violations of Tribal civil protection orders first put in place by the 2013 VAWA reauthorization;
- Restores Tribal jurisdiction over crimes of child violence, sexual violence, sex trafficking, stalking, obstruction of justice, and assault of Tribal justice personnel committed by non-Indians offenders;
- Provides Tribes with improved access to critical VAWA implementation resources and ensures the Tribe’s right to exercise jurisdiction.

What is Early Head Start?

Early Head Start is a Federal program that promotes the school readiness of children from birth to age three for low-income families by enhancing their cognitive, social, and emotional development.

Who is Eligible

Children birth to 3 years old
- Annual income meets requirements; or
- Qualifies for special education services; or
- Developmental or Environmental risk factors.

Benefits of EHS

- Early childhood education in part day, full day or extended day classrooms.
- Social emotional development.
- Nutritious meals and snacks.
- Health screenings and connections to medical, dental and mental health services.
- Family support services.
- Parent education and leadership opportunities.

EHS gives priority to a child who

- If family meets annual income requirements.
- If child qualifies for special education services.
- If family developmental or Environmental risk factors.
- Child is in foster care or involved with the child welfare system.
- If the family is homeless.

USDA Foods Program

May Dates

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NOTE: Please check the monthly schedule for the USDA Commodity Food Program. Food distribution staff have other dates that they are responsible for on the days they are not issuing commodities.

If you’re unable to make the date, please call and schedule an appointment with appropriate staff.

For USDA Food, call SPIPA at 360-426-3990

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

SICDC

Early Head Start

Now Accepting Applications for the 2022-2023 School Year!

PREGNANT TEENS & PARENTS OF INFANTS & TODDLERS (UP TO AGE 3) WITH DISABILITIES, IN FOSTER CARE, OR HOMELESS ARE ESPECIALLY ENCOURAGED TO APPLY. TRIBAL PREFERENCE IS GIVEN

- *Birth Certificate
- *Proof of pregnancy (if applicable)
- *Proof of residency
- *Proof of income
- *Current immunization record
- *Medical insurance card
- *Disability documentation (if applicable)

To Apply

Call 360-426-1390
Email kkrug@squaxin.us

OR

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