

PGST Food Bank Receives \$10,000 Grant from First Nations Development Institute



The Food Bank operated by the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe served over 400 households on the reservation and throughout North Kitsap in just the last six months of 2023. Grant money will, in part, go to replenish supplies of fresh fruits and vegetables.

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe's (PGST) Family Assistance Program has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from the First Nations Development Institute to help stock the Tribe's Food Bank. The Family Assistance Program is a part of the Tribe's Children & Family Services.

PGST has been running its own Food Bank for close to 30 years. The awarded grant money will help the Food Bank provide more fresh produce and low sodium options to better address health needs and potential dietary restrictions. A small portion of the funds will be used to purchase items that will help extend the shelf life of fresh fruits and vegetables.

"Community members who rely on our Food Bank often face multiple barriers to food access, including insufficient SNAP funding, excessive housing costs, and lack of transportation. The need is only increasing. Over the last several years, we have seen a marked increase in the number of people utilizing our Food Bank to bridge the financial gap that's a result of high inflation and rising food costs," said Sandra Horton, PGST's Family Assistance Program Manager.

In 2022, 1,396 people from 394 households in Kitsap County utilized PGST's Food Bank, which is located on the Reservation. In just the latter six months of 2023 from July through mid-December—the Food Bank served 1,407 people from 411 households. On average, each person receives approximately 10 lbs. of food per visit. There is no limit to the amount a person can receive per day. PGST has 1,392 enrolled Tribal members and its Food Bank is open to anyone in Kitsap County, which has a population of over 275,000.



PGST Vision Statement

Our vision is to achieve the full potential of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal sovereign nation to be self-sufficient, proud, strong, healthy, educated and respected.

PGST Mission Statement

The mission of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe is to exercise sovereignty and ensure self-determination and self-sufficiency through visionary leadership. We will ensure the health, welfare and economic success of a vibrant community through education, economic development, preservation and protection of the rich culture, traditions, language, homelands, and natural resources of our Tribe.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Important General Council Dates for 2024!

Spring General Council Saturday, March 30 Meeting begins at 9 am

Fall General Council is scheduled for Saturday, October 5, 2024.

In addition, there are Special General Council meetings scheduled throughout 2024 with a focus on the work of PGST departments and entities. These meetings begin at 5:30 pm and are Zoom only.

Tuesday, January 30: Natural Resources

Tuesday, February 27: Planning, Housing, & Development

Tuesday, March 26: Noo-Kayet Investments Wednesday, May 29: Point No Point Treaty Council

Tuesday, August 27: Health Services

Tuesday, September 24: Legal

Tuesday, April 30: Finance

The full PGST Government calendar, including Tribal Council schedule and holiday closures, as well as Zoom info can be found at www.pgst.nsn.us/calendar.





Kids and cops participating in 2023 Shop with a Cop

On Saturday, December 2, at the Poulsbo Walmart, law enforcement officers throughout Kitsap County, including from PGST's Public Safety team, and members of the local military gathered for 2023's Shop with a Cop.

Port Gamble S'Klallam Child and Family Services provided a list of children to participate. The children received a police escort to the event with the convoy lead by Santa!

Kitsap Shop with a Cop is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that provides local kids the opportunity to purchase gifts for family and friends. They have operated the program for 19 years.

Through donations and fundraising, the year's program provided approximately 150 children throughout Kitsap Council \$200 each for holiday shopping. PGST Public Safety has participated in the program for several years.

Kyle Carpenter Sworn in as Council Person IV



Kyle Carpenter was sworn in as Council Person IV on Tuesday, December 19.

He was elected via a Special Election on Friday, December 15 to fill the seat vacated by Amber Caldera when she was elected as Chair in October 2023.

At left: Kyle Carpenter is sworn in by Tribal Attorney Gina Steiner

37th Annual Stan Purser Memorial Powwow

February 23 & 24, 2024

Location: Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, 31912 Little Boston Rd NE, Kingston WA Questions: Please call Leslie Purser at 360.621.5369 or Penny Purser at 360.271.7422



Coastal Jam

Friday, February 23rd Dinner @ 5 PM Coastal Singing & Dancing to follow

Powwow

Saturday, February 24th Dinner @ 2 PM Grand Entry @ 4 PM Intertribal Singing & Dancing Musical Chairs Candy Toss

Vendors with native jewelry, apparel & more!

All dancers, singers, spectators invited & welcome to attend!

Vendor space available for Friday & Saturday: \$50 10x10 space. Please contact Roxanne Hockett at 360.990.3233 or roxannehockett@gmail.com to reserve a spot!

> Stay at The Point Casino & Hotel Call 360.340.9700 to reserve

This is a drug and alcohol-free event. The Powwow Committee or the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe are not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged property. We reserve the right to exclude anyone exhibiting behavior we deem inappropriate for this event.

FEEDBACK NEEDED: Take the Heronswood Community Survey

Over the past year, the team at Heronswood and the Port Gamble S'Klallam Foundation have been working on plans for the future of the Garden. In the short term, they have expanded events at the Garden to pull in new people and communities. The 2024 schedule is available below.

One major idea being explored is a new events center that would be able to host weddings and other revenue-generating gatherings. In addition, an events center at Heronswood would provide indoor space for classes, cultural events, social events, community activities, and would be able to support a wide range of indoor programs year-round.

They are working with local firm Rice Fergus Miller on a feasibility study and the early results showing viability are very positive! As a part of this process, they want to hear from as many voices as possible—especially the PGST community—to learn thoughts on a possible events center, including what features would be most valued.

The survey is open until January 31, 2024 and shouldn't take more than five minutes to complete.

Take the Heronswood Community Survey now:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/P2B-9VY7



Located at 7530 NE 288th St., Kingston, WA

FOOD BANK

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In addition to fresh produce, the PGST Food Bank offers a variety of meats, canned/shelf stable foods, and household/personal goods.

The PGST Food Bank is stocked from myriad sources, including through the Tribe's own fisheries and community garden. An almost-weekly meat delivery makes about 800 lbs. monthly available for shoppers. There is an emphasis on fresh foods, particularly those that are traditional to native diets, including salmon, potatoes, onions, and more. Because of demand and the limited shelf life of fruits and vegetables, the Food Bank has had difficulty keeping fresh options in stock.

"We have to make frequent purchases to ensure our families are getting the fresh food they need," said Horton. "The grant from First Nations will not only help us keep fruits and vegetables stocked, but also help us acquire better tools to minimize spoilage. We thank First Nations for their generous support on behalf of all of the households we serve!" The PGST Food Bank is one of only two organizations in north Kitsap County that provides 5-day-a-week service with additional availability on weekends by request. It is funded through various federal and state grants as well as PGST hard dollars.

The First Nations Development Institute strengthens American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. They invest in and create innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and their communities.

More information about the First Nations Development Institute can be found at www.firstnations.org.

Port Gamble S'Klallam Food Bank FAQ

OPEN Monday - Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm Services available on weekends on request

PGST Families living on the reservation are welcome to use the Food Bank. Also eligible: Tribal members living off reservation or any household, including non-tribal, in North Kitsap County.

Donations of canned or shelf stable food or household items are welcome! To arrange a donation, contact Sandra Horton or Sonya Crocker-Redbird at 360-297-9650.



Around The Rez

Opportunities and announcements for the S'Klallam Community

BNS Payment Applications Accepted Thru 1/29

The \$2,000 Basic Needs Support Payment is still available. Applications will be accepted through Monday, January 29, 2024 at 4:30 pm.

To qualify, an enrolled PGST member must be 18 years of age or older at the time of application submission. Applications must be completed in full or will not be processed.

Completed applications can be emailed to vouchers @pgst.nsn.us or dropped off to the black box by the side door of the Community Services building.

Applications turned into staff, at the Front Desk, sent via social media, or returned in any other way than the options specified cannot be process for payment.

Applications are available from the Front Desk or can be downloaded at www.pgst.nsn.us/bns-payments-2023/.

Please direct any questions to vouchers@pgst.nsn.us.

Advisory Committees: Open Positions

Tribal Council is seeking interested Tribal members to serve on the following Advisory Committees:

- Elders Advisory Committee (3 open positions)
- Fish Committee (2 open positions)
- Hunting Committee (1 open position)

Tribal Council values the input given by these advisory groups and increased the stipends for service last year. Interested parties should fiill out a Letter of Interest application and email to CouncilSupport@pgst.nsn.us by January 31, 2024.

Letter of Interest applications are available at www.pgst.nsn.us/advisory-committees-open-positions/

Sign Up for PGST Text Alerts

PGST recently transitioned to a new texting service. If you had previously

been receiving text/email messages from PGST, you do not need to do anything; your information has been transferred to the new service.

If you would like to begin receiving the latest alerts and updates, including on closures, events, and more, signing up is easy! Simply fill out this form: https://www.smart911.com/smart911/ref/reg.action?pa=pgst

During registration, you will be able to subscribe to specific lists, including those for Natural Resources, Youth Services, Culture, and more!



Please fill out our google form

PGST 2024 Graduates

Are you a 2024 PGST Graduate?

Career and Education is planning the 2024 Graduate Honoring and we need your feedback. Please take a moment to fill out our short google form using the QR code.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

...to everyone celebrating in JANUARY!

January 1

Vera Carpenter Jesse Ives Cassandra Tom

January 2

Sarah Black Darius Cole Kainan Redbird Shane Simmons

January 3

Kari Decoteau Carol Glenn Joseph Najera Faith Tom

January 4

Koda Moran Abby Purser Tyton Purser

January 5

Michael Abrahamson-Dietrick Roderick Decoteau Angela George Elliot Mendenhall

January 6

Anthony Adams III Dominic Aguayo Tina Ramirez-Oya

January 8 Trevor Broten

January 9

Grace Bennett Alex Charles Robert Knox Ryan Murray

January 10

Betty Decoteau Tracyn Fulton Johnathan Hirschman Isaiah Jackson Vanessa Ponce-Ramirez Bone Redbird Edward Scheibner Frederick Stark

January 11

Sarah Fulton Claire Ives Michael Reynolds

January 12

Jeremiah Abrahamson-Dietrick Jason Hayes Joseph Ives, Jr. Shastin Morrison Mariya Oliver Tyler Sullivan Shawnee Tassitsie

January 13

Karen Abrahamson-Dietrick Daisy Ann Castro Kaiya Laroche-Wellman

January 14

Kyle Carpenter Kimberly Freewolf Melissa Jones Mandi Moon Angela Sanders Donald Whisler

January 15

Carl Murphy Keith Murphy Daisy Nelson Luis Ponce-Ramirez, Jr. Isabelle Tom

January 16

Calvert Anderson, Sr. Connor Anderson Payton Frank Star Lee Hagen Catherine Richman

January 17

Tayana Decoteau Ronald Rogers III Jacob Sullivan

January 18

Mistaya Benefield Devlin Combes Kimberely Johnson Roman Redbird

January 19

Forest McMillan Matias Miguel

January 20

Keith Anderson Darlaya Ellenwood Dennis Fulton Justice Hankin Christopher Sullivan

January 21

Aaron Abrahamson John Folz Tanner Ives Tyler Ives Shawna Morrison Aiyanna Narte-Cheyney

January 22

Rowan Bunich Rose Egnew Alan Freeman, Jr. Patrick Ives Dennis Jackson William Windsor

January 24

Kwichukt Decoteau Louise Harvey Gus Makris Desiree Sullivan Keri Todd

January 25

Megan Beckwith Henry Gresham, Jr. Gregory Leonard Sharon Noah Rozanne Purser Dakota Stewart

January 26

Belle Halsey Jacoby Lavoie Jason Sanders Natashe Streun

January 27

Jason Bruce Skyler Chalcraft-Fulton Jennifer Garrett Anthony Hadnot Bentley Lee

January 28

Selena Fulton Catherine Ives

January 29

Daniel Castro Kristina Jones Layla Purser

January 30

Elliott-James Edwards Fred Jacobsen Amy Zent

January 31 Dennis Bendixsen



CHECK IT OUT AT YOUR LITTLE BOSTON LIBRARY

COMMUNITY NEWS— We are now open 10 am to 6 pm Monday-Thursday, Fridays 10 am to 5 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 2pm. Call 360-860-5080 to place a hold, make a curbside appointment, or speak to staff person. Visit us online at www.krl.org.

Join Us @ Little Boston

- January 3 @ 10:30 a.m. -- Virtual and In-Person Little Boston Book Group
- January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ 1:00 p.m. --Crafternoon
- January 4, 11, 18, 25 @ 11:30 a.m. -- Family Storytime
- January 5 @ 11:00 a.m. -- Little Explorers
- January 10, 17 @ 3:30 p.m. -- Read to a Dog
- January 15-19 @ 10:00 a.m. -- Take & Make: Winter Lantern Craft

Reading Recommendations

The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U. S. History by Ned Blackhawk (Western Shoshone): Most U.S. histories focus on Europeans and their descendants. This long practice of ignoring Indigenous history is changing, however, as a new generation of scholars insist that American history address the struggle, survival, and resurgence of American Indian nations. Ned Blackhawk interweaves five centuries of Native and non-Native histories. from Spanish colonial exploration to the rise of Native American self-determination in the late 20th century. This National Book Award-winning work yields a truer account of the our country and reveals anew the varied meanings of America. (Nonfiction • Book • 2023)

Weaving Sundown in a Scarlet Light: Fifty Poems for Fifty Years by Joy Harjo (Muscogee): In this celebratory volume, three-term U. S. Poet Laureate Joy Harjo selects her best poems from across fifty years, beginning with her early discoveries of her own voice and ending with moving reflections on our contemporary moment. Generous notes on each poem offer insight into Harjo's inimitable poetics as she takes inspiration from sunrise, horse songs, and jazz, reckons with home and loss, and listens to the natural messengers of the earth. (Nonfiction • Book • 2022)

Magazines

New York Review of Books

published semi-monthly

The New York Review of Books is a newspaper with articles on literature, culture, economics, science, and current affairs. It is inspired by the idea that the discussion of important books is an indispensable literary activity.

Vogue

publishes 10 times per year

The latest fashion news, beauty coverage, celebrity style, fashion week updates, and culture reviews.

Special Collections for Kids! MP3 ReadAlongs

Listen to and read a book at the same time with an MP3 ReadAlong, where the reader is attached to the book. Picture books and chapter books now available.

See you at the Library!

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TIDE TABLES FOR PORT GAMBLE, WASHINGTON JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET	1 ST TIDE	2 ND TIDE	3 RD TIDE	4 TH TIDE
Mon, 1/15	7:51 am	4:46 pm	1:02 am, -1.4 ft, low tide	8:06 am, 11.8 ft, high tide	2:13 pm, 4.9 ft, low tide	7:17 pm, 8.7 ft, high tide
Tue, 1/16	7:50 am	4:47 pm	1:48 am, 0.2 ft, low tide	8:42 am, 11.7 ft, high tide	3:10 pm, 3.7 ft, low tide	8:33 pm, 8.0 ft, high tide
Wed, 1/17	7:49 am	4:49 pm	2:36 am, 2.1 ft, low tide	9:18 am, 11.6 ft, high tide	4:09 pm, 2.5 ft, low tide	10:04 pm, 7.6 ft, high tide
Thu, 1/18	7:48 am	4:50 pm	3:28 am, 4.2 ft, low tide	9:57 am, 11.3 ft, high tide	5:10 pm, 1.4 ft, low tide	11:58 pm, 7.8 ft, high tide
Fri, 1/19	7:48 am	4:51 pm	4:35 am, 6.1 ft, low tide	10:39 am, 10.9 ft, high tide	6:08 pm, 0.4 ft, low tide	n/a
Sat, 1/20	7:47 am	4:53 pm	1:55 am, 8.6 ft, high tide	6:05 am, 7.5 ft, low tide	11:26 am, 10.4 ft, high tide	7:04 pm, -0.3 ft, low tide
Sun, 1/21	7:46 am	4:54 pm	3:15 am, 9.7 ft, high tide	7:47 am, 8.1 ft, low tide	12:18 pm, 10.0 ft, high tide	7:55 pm, -0.9 ft, low tide
Mon, 1/22	7:45 am	4:56 pm	4:09 am, 10.5 ft, high tide	9:07 am, 8.1 ft, low tide	1:13 pm, 9.6 ft, high tide	8:42 pm, -1.2 ft, low tide
Tue, 1/23	7:44 am	4:57 pm	4:52 am, 10.9 ft, high tide	10:05 am, 7.8 ft, low tide	2:06 pm, 9.4 ft, high tide	9:25 pm, -1.3 ft, low tide
Wed, 1/24	7:43 am	4:59 pm	5:27 am, 11.1 ft, high tide	10:49 am, 7.4 ft, low tide	2:56 pm, 9.3 ft, high tide	10:05 pm, -1.2 ft, low tide
Thu, 1/25	7:42 am	5:00 pm	5:57 am, 11.0 ft, high tide	11:26 am, 7.1 ft, low tide	3:42 pm, 9.2 ft, high tide	10:43 pm, -1.1 ft, low tide
Fri, 1/26	7:41 am	5:02 pm	6:22 am, 10.9 ft, high tide	11:58 am, 6.7 ft, low tide	4:25 pm, 9.0 ft, high tide	11:18 pm, -0.8 ft, low tide
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Sun, 1/28	7:39 am	5:05 pm	7:03 am, 10.8 ft, high tide	1:02 pm, 5.6 ft, low tide	5:53 pm, 8.5 ft, high tide	n/a
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Fri, 2/2	7:32 am	5:13 pm	2:44 am, 5.7 ft, low tide	9:11 am, 10.1 ft, high tide	4:27 pm, 2.0 ft, low tide	11:22 pm, 7.5 ft, high tide
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Thu, 2/15	7:13 am	5:33 pm	2:15 am, 4.0 ft, low tide	8:25 am, 11.2 ft, high tide	3:23 pm, 0.8 ft, low tide	10:05 pm, 8.4 ft, high tide