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**PORT GAMBLE S'KLALLAM TRIBE**

**COMMUNITY MEMO - DECEMBER 1, 2025**

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## **CURRENT NEWS & EVENTS**

### **Frequently Contacted Numbers**

Billing Office: 360-297-6235

Career & Education: 360-297-6317

Community Outreach: 360-297-9678

Child and Family Services: 360-297-9689

Elders: 360-297-9630

Enrollment: 360-297-6217

Early Childhood: 360-297-6300

Front Desk: 360-297-2646

Health Services: 360-297-2840

Housing: 360-297-6350 Ext 5827

Natural Resources: 360-297-6284

### **S'Klallam Worship Center**

Upcoming: See Flyers and  
S'Klallam Worship Center  
Official Facebook page for  
additional information

11/28 & 29 Youth Recharge –  
SWC Hosting Inter-Tribal  
Church

12/7 SWC Christmas Program  
6pm (Doors open at 5:45pm)

Sunday Service 10:00am

“Refiners Fire” Prayer Sundays  
6:30pm

“Rooted” Tuesdays @ 6:30pm  
“Guy Time” @6:30pm Tuesday  
(First Tuesday of month)

“Girl Time” will be announced

“Youth” Sundays @ 6:30pm

## **Join the Port Gamble S'Klallam Health Advisory Committee!**

Are you passionate about the health and well-being of our community?

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Health Advisory Committee (HAC) is looking for 7 dedicated tribal members to join us in making a meaningful impact on health services!

**What We Do:** The HAC advises the Health Services Leadership and Tribal Council on health policies and programs, ensuring they align with the needs and values of our community. We focus on improving medical, dental, behavioral health, and community health services while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

**Why Join Us?**

**Make a Difference:** Help shape health policies that directly affect your community.

**Collaborative Environment:** Work alongside fellow tribal members who are committed to enhancing the health and wellness of our people.

**Serve Your Community:** Be a liaison between the community and health staff, advocating for the needs of our members.

**Membership Requirements:** Be a tribal member with an interest in health services.

Commit to attending quarterly meetings and participating in discussions.

Bring your unique perspective to the table!

**Get Involved:** If you're ready to contribute your voice and make a positive change, we invite you to apply for membership.

Together, we can drive initiatives that promote healthy lives and stronger communities. For more information and to express your interest, please contact the

Health Services Executive Administrative Assistant. Join us in building a healthier future for the Port Gamble S'Klallam community!

Please submit your letter of interest form to Savannah Strickland at the PGST Tribal Center or to

savannahs@pgst.nsn.us by Wednesday, December 10th, 2025, at 4:30pm.

# Career & Education

## Parent Volunteers

Are you interested in being a volunteer Bus Rider for our NKSD students?

We have been having many issues on our bus routes lately, and many parents were willing to volunteer to ride the bus to help with safety and watching our students.

Here at the Career and Education building we can help you fill out a volunteer packet form and we will return it to the district for you! If you have any questions, feel free to give any one of us a call. 360-297-6317.

## Open Scholarships:

<https://kurtgrinnellscholarship.org/scholarship-application-2/>.

## Kurt Grinnell scholarship

<https://collegefund.org/students/scholarships/>

## American Indian College Fund

<https://cobellscholar.org/our-scholarships/>

Cobell Scholarship  
[https://issuu.com/collegefund/docs/native\\_pathways\\_guidebook\\_2025?fr=xKAE9\\_zMzMw](https://issuu.com/collegefund/docs/native_pathways_guidebook_2025?fr=xKAE9_zMzMw).

Native Pathways College  
Fund  
College guide book link  
attached

CDL License  
Interested in obtaining your CDL License? Please call Sha'Ree Vebber for more information! PGST Members are fully funded for this class!

PGST Career and Education Contact  
Numbers:

Toni Jones- 360-297-6323  
Sha'Ree Vebber-360-297-6316  
Rachel & Eddie Flores- 360-297-6318  
Sasheen DeCoteau &  
Bethany Swift -  
360-297-6343  
Tito Cox- 360-297-6317  
Lauren Moon-360-297-6322  
Lexy Jones & Rafe Tom - 360-297-6321  
Serene Williams – 360-297-6319

# Children and Family Services

## Family Assistance Program Happening

### TANF

Is always operating.

We now have two case managers to help assist tribal members who may qualify for the program, if you have questions please contact Sandra Horton. [shorton@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:shorton@pgst.nsn.us) or via phone or text at (564)245-0492

LIHEAP is currently CLOSED, there will be an announcement when the next round is open. Any questions please contact Sandra Horton at [shorton@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:shorton@pgst.nsn.us) or at 360.297.9650 office-564.245.0492 Cell phone.

As a reminder that the CFS Office is Closed for Lunch daily from 11:45am to 1:15pm No staff will be there to offer assistance/benefits during that time.

The food bank is open from 8-11:45 and 1:15-4:00pm Monday through Friday, please come into the Children and Family Services Building and speak with Miranda at the front desk.

As a gentle reminder each family may use the food bank once a week and we ask you to wait in the lobby or in your car while a CFS Staff member assists.

Please let the staff know if there are any allergies, we will do our best to provide alternatives but due to funding may not have any on hand.

Please be sure to be accurate with household members, this is how we determine how much we can give. If you bring a list of most needed items, we will do our best to fulfill the items needed. We do have diapers and hygiene items as well as food items.

## Elder's Program Meal Service

Elder's meals are available for pick-up only between 11:30am -12:30pm.

We enjoy all the participants coming for the delicious meals prepared by staff but if you do not regularly participate in the lunch program, you need to call the kitchen at 360-297-9627 so we can plan accordingly.

## Court

### Survivor and Victim

#### Services

If you feel unsafe and need help for yourself or someone you care about, as an advocate, we provide confidential help, safety planning, resources/referrals, education, and empowerment contact Teresa Swope at 360-297-6304 or via email at [tswope@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:tswope@pgst.nsn.us)

Child support program notice/summons for PGST Court

Fred Woodruff III. YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribal Child Support Program has filed motions for review and enforcement hearings in the following matters: In re the Support of J.D. POR-CS-2002-0146; In re the Support of H.W. POR-CS-2002-0147; and In re the Support of F.W. POR-CS-2004-0042. The hearings shall be held on December 16, 2025, at 10 a.m. at the PGST Community Court located at 31912 Little Boston Rd NE, Kingston, WA 98346. IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR OR RESPOND, THE COURT MAY PROCEED WITHOUT YOU AND GRANT THE REQUESTED RELIEF IN YOUR ABSENCE. To request a copy of the motions, contact the PGST Community Court Clerk at 360-297-2646.

## Culture

The Culture Department proudly celebrates the rich heritage of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe!

For the latest on our cultural events, check out our Tribal website at <https://pgst.nsn.us/current-news-events/> or follow us on Facebook at Port Gamble S'Klallams.

You can also sign up for community text alerts!

We love hearing from you!  
Rowan Bunich, Cultural Program Assistant:

360-297-9656, [rbunich@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:rbunich@pgst.nsn.us)

Alicia Fulton, Cultural Programs Manager:  
360-297-9657, [aliciaf@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:aliciaf@pgst.nsn.us)

# Enrollment

## Enrollment & Tribal Records

The Enrollment & Tribal Records department is committed to helping with the enrollment of members, family trees, ordering birth certificates, etc. as well as, maintaining tribal records and archives.

The Enrollment department can order birth certificates for those needing them to go through the enrollment process and administer DNA. You can also get a reimbursement for Washington State enhanced ID's.

Please reach out to Jordan DeCoteau if you have any questions or would like more information. You can reach her by email at [enrollment@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:enrollment@pgst.nsn.us) or phone at 260-297-6217.

# Health Services

## **CHR's:**

Call 360-297-9633 to speak with a member of our team, we offer health transports and assistance with the pick up/delivery of prescription delivery

## **Dental and Medical Clinic:**

Call 360-2970-2840 to schedule an appointment or speak to a receptionist.

Mental health support line: 988

Call or text 988 for 24/7 mental health emergency support. Press 4 for Native & Strong Lifeline

## **Public Health:**

After hours Triage Nurse line 360-297-9613

Saturday Urgent Care Clinic hours are 9am to 5pm, closed for lunch 12pm to 1pm.

If you are experiencing a medical emergency call 911

## **Closure Dates:**

Thursday, November 20th

# Housing

Homeowner's Assistance Fund Program (Utility Assistance) is out of funding and permanently closed.

-Home Repairs is pending funding in 2026, if the program is funded, Housing will post notice when applications will be accepted.

-Downpayment Assistance is pending final applications and may have funds available if buyers are able to close before the end of the year. Inquire with housing staff on status of funding availability for 2025.

# Public Safety

As always we ask you to utilize the Kitsap 911 system for any law enforcement needs, we try to limit the amount of time officers are in the office. The 911 system is the quickest and most efficient way to contact your officers. The Kitsap 911 system handles both non-emergency and emergency calls.

Notice to Community Harboring an Excluded Person is a Crime-Any person who harbors a person who is excluded or allows that person in his home, can be charged with a Class C offense. Call 911 to report excluded individuals on the reservation.

# Tribal Council

When: Monday, December 8, 2025

Where: Tribal Council Chambers

Time: 9:15am

Topic: Regular Meeting

Scan Me to be sent to the Tribal Council info. page on the PGST Website



# Library

Check it Out at the Little Boston Library

We are open Monday-Thursday 10 am to 6 pm

Fridays 10 am to 5 pm and

Saturdays 10 am to 2 pm.

Call 360-860-5080 to place a hold, make a curbside appointment, or speak to staff person.

The library will be closed December 24th and 25th.

Join Us @ the Library!

December 2 @ 1:00 pm - Little Boston 1st

Tuesdays Book Group

December 3 @ 10:00 am - Little Boston 1st

Wednesdays Book Group

December 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ 1:00 pm –  
Crafternoon

December 4, 11, 18 @ 10:30 am - Family  
Storytime

December 4, 11, 18 @ 2:00 pm - Puzzle  
Club

December 10, 17 @ 3:30 pm - Read to a  
Dog

December 12 @ 5 pm - An Evening of  
Poetry with Cedar Sigo & Laura Da'

December 15 @ 3:00 p.m. - Maker Monday  
- Festive Jewelry

Reading Recommendations

To the Moon and Back by Eliana Ramage

(Cherokee Nation): This debut novel follows a young woman's relentless quest to become the first Cherokee astronaut, forever altering the fates of the people she loves most. (Fiction · Book · 2025)

On Indigenuity: Learning the Lessons of Mother Earth by Daniel R. Wildcat (Muscogee Nation): Leading Indigenous thinker Daniel Wildcat explores the concept of Indigenuity and Indigenous thought. He synthesizes science, the environment, biology, and our culture, infusing his writing with both care and passion. With future generations firmly in mind, he argues that restoration of Native knowledge is essential for saving humankind and the planet. (Nonfiction · Book · 2023)

Magazines

Northwest Travel and Life published bimonthly.

We are a usable and sensible guide that inspires people with useful, fresh, and compelling ideas for discovering our region.

Recent articles include:

· Visiting the Biospheres of the Northwest

· Road-trip Discoveries Along the I-5 Corridor

Vogue is published 10 times per year.

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

Recent articles include:

· Remembering: Giorgio Armani

· Fearless: Nicole Kidman



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# OPEN POSITIONS

## 12/01/25

ELDERS COOK OC  
CLOSING 12/02/25

HERONSWOOD  
MAINT/GROUNDS/  
CUSTODIAL  
CLOSING 12/02/25

EARLY CHILDHOOD  
COOK  
CLOSING 12/03/25

ACADEMIC COACH  
12/05/25

PUBLIC SAFETY  
OFFICER I & II

TRIBAL CUSTODIAN  
OC

EC CLASSROOM  
ASSISTANT OC

TO APPLY SCAN THE QR CODE OR SEE OUR WEBSITE AT  
[HTTPS://WWW.PGST.NSN.US/EMPLOYMENT.](https://www.pgst.nsn.us/employment)



CONTACT BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8:00AM-4:30PM. MAIL CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE  
TRIBAL CENTER IN THE HUMAN RESOURCES BOX.

JENNIFER WRIGHT-TOM, ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT II: (360) 297-6258  
[CONTACT WITH GENERAL HR QUESTIONS AND SHE WILL DIRECT YOUR CALL]

AUDREENA TOM, RECRUITER: (360) 297-6218  
[CONTACT WITH QUESTIONS ABOUT JOB POSTINGS]

# **NOW HIRING!**

## **CURRENT JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

Friday, November 21st, 2025



**F&B Bar:**  
Cocktail Server: \$17+tips

**Gaming Floor:**  
Security Officer: \$22  
Table Games Dealer: DOE

**Finance:**  
Drop/Count Team Member: \$20-\$21

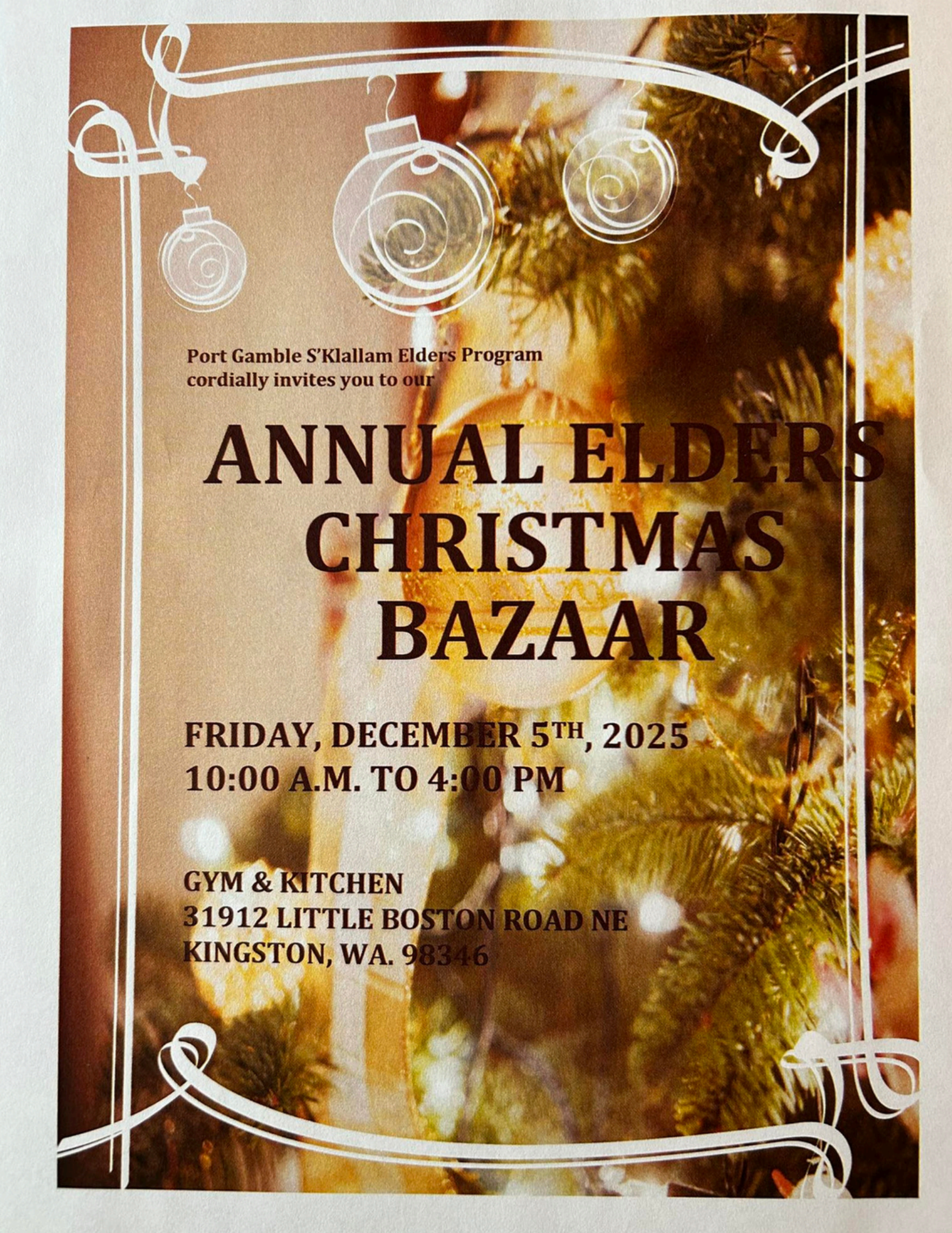
**NKI:**  
CEO: DOE  
Maintenance Tech: \$22-\$25

**GEM:**  
Cashier (On Call): \$17.50



For more details or to apply, scan the QR code above or visit [www.noo-kayet.com](http://www.noo-kayet.com)  
[www.thepointcasinoandhotel.com](http://www.thepointcasinoandhotel.com) or email [mnichols@noo-kayet.com](mailto:mnichols@noo-kayet.com)

**\*\*PGST Youth 16-18 years of age\*\***



Port Gamble S'Klallam Elders Program  
cordially invites you to our

# ANNUAL ELDERS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 PM

GYM & KITCHEN  
31912 LITTLE BOSTON ROAD NE  
KINGSTON, WA. 98346



# PGST Community Christmas Party

DECEMBER

WEDNESDAY

10

AT 6PM

PGST Gymnasium

This event is intended for PGST Tribal Members and Community Members who live within the PGST reservation boundaries.

# PGST ELDER'S CHRISTMAS *party*

**DECEMBER 18, 2025**

**1PM - 4PM**

**KIANA LODGE**

**14976 Sandy Hook Rd NE,  
Poulsbo, WA 98370**

**PGST Elders are invited to bring one guest to this  
special event.**

**Prize Drawings — exclusively for Elders**

**\$50 Gift Cards — for attending PGST Elders**

**Dress Code: Semi-formal**



# Campus Tour

Explore Clover Park Technical College

Join us for a guided campus tour and discover what CPTC has to offer.



December 10,  
2025, 1:00 p.m.,  
Clover Park  
Technical College

Register now at:  
<https://events.cptc.edu/event/cptc.events.1090234>

Transportation provided  
Email to sign up  
[sasheen@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:sasheen@pgst.nsn.us) or [bswift@pgst.nsn.us](mailto:bswift@pgst.nsn.us)

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# Don't forget!



**Youth Corps Launch  
Party!**

**December 1**

**3:30 p.m.**

**Youth Center**

Design the Youth  
Corps LOGO and  
make your own swag!

*pizza. snacks. games.*

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# Yahúmaçt Workshop

‘TAKE CARE OF YOURSELF’

## Caring with Culture

5:30PM | DECEMBER 11, 2025 | HOUSE OF KNOWLEDGE



S’Klallam Singers & Royalty

DINNER @  
5:30PM

CULTURAL  
STATIONS,  
TEACHINGS  
AND FUN.

RAFFLE  
PRIZES

Sharing cultural teachings is how we keep our culture alive.

Wool Headbands - Cedar Ornaments -  
Language Art - Beading

# Library Happenings in December

## Adults

### **An Evening of Poetry with Cedar Sigo & Laura Da'**

Cedar Sigo (Suquamish) and Laura Da' (Shawnee) share insights and poetry readings from their respective works, "Siren of Atlantis" and "Severality".

**Friday, December 12, 5-6:30 PM - Port Gamble S'klallam Longhouse**

### **Little Boston Book Group**

Book Groups' Greatest Hits (Vol. 8) Share two book or DVD titles with the group.

**Tuesday, December 2, 1:00 p.m. & Wednesday, December 3, 10:00 a.m.**

### **CrafterNoon**

Meet and socialize with other community crafters. Bring along a project to work on and make new friends.

**Wednesday, December 3, 10, 17, 31, 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

### **Puzzle Club**

Find your inner "piece" while solving jigsaw puzzles with other puzzle enthusiasts. No experience required.

**Thursday, December 4, 11, 18, 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

### **Maker Monday**

Make and decorate festive jewelry.

**Monday, December 15, 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.**

## Kids

### **Read to a Dog**

Choose a story and read to a dog. Grades K-5.

**Wednesday, December 10 & 17, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.**

## Little Learners

### **Family Storytime & Play**

Stories, songs, rhymes, and full-body movement designed to build early literacy skills and encourage social and emotional development (Note our new time)

**Thursday, December 4, 11, 18, 10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**



KITSAP REGIONAL



# Library

Discover more at [KRL.org](http://KRL.org)

## Seeking PGST elder Ad Hoc Committee Members: MMIWR Tribal Community Response Planning

The Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe is seeking dedicated tribal members to **join our Ad Hoc Committee** in developing the **Tribal Community Response Plan (TCRP) for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Relatives (MMIWR)**. This collaborative effort will create a culturally grounded, community-led response to protect our relatives, support families, and seek justice.

### Why Join?

By participating you will:

- Help shape a coordinated response to MMIWR cases.
- Support families through developing protocols for prevention, reporting, and community mobilization.
- Work alongside tribal leadership, service providers, and grassroots organizers.
- Receive training in crisis response, victim advocacy, and community safety.

### Who Can Join?

We welcome **tribal members of all backgrounds** who are:

- ✓ **A PGST enrolled elder 55 and older**
- ✓ **Committed to justice and safety for our community.**
- ✓ **Willing to contribute time and effort** to developing the response plan.
- ✓ **Team players** who can collaborate with diverse partners.
- ✓ **Willing and able to participate in meetings, training and outreach activities.**

If you are interested in joining this effort, or for questions or more information, please contact **Valarie Jones-Ogle** [vjones@pgstnsn.us](mailto:vjones@pgstnsn.us)

Please fill out a B-C letter of interest form and return to front desk or Valarie Jones-Ogle at the Re-Entry office (big blue house off Hansville Highway).

Deadline by end of day December 10<sup>th</sup> 2025

Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe Board/Committee Letter of Interest Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Enrolled Tribal Member: \_\_\_\_\_

If not enrolled, please give a brief description of your community ties:

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number or email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Committee of Board of Interest: \_\_\_\_\_

If seeking re-appointment, please provide the number of years you have served:

\_\_\_\_\_

Do you currently serve on any other PGST Boards or Committees? Please list them:

Briefly describe your interest, what you hope to contribute, what you hope to gain from serving on board or committee of interest. If seeking re-appointment, please describe what you have gained or contributed: