



Dig Afognak is a cultural immersion experience curated for participants to connect to the land, the Alutiiq Culture, teach the Afognak people's history, and cultural values. Participants engage in cultural activities including Alutiiq language, dance, harvesting, sewing, nature walks, and learning from Elders while creating healthy friendships.

Survival Skills Camp

June 19th – June 24th

Registration deadline June 7th, 2024

During Survival Skills Camp, participants will practice essential wilderness survival techniques through outdoor activities and games. Participants may learn about setting up hunting camp, administering emergency first aid, ocean safety, learn about edible sea creatures, seaweeds and plants, and how to build shelters and fires. All Dig Afognak camps offer Alutiiq Language and cultural arts. Youth ages 10 through 14 are invited. \$250 for NVA Tribal Members and Descendants/\$350 for non-members.

Harvest Camp

June 27th – July 2nd

Registration deadline is June 14th, 2024

Youth participants will take part in harvesting, preparing, and preserving Ancestral foods, with support from Elders and adult mentors. Harvesting and recycling activities are intended to teach youth respect for the land, and to protect and preserve our resources for the next generations. Participants will practice harvesting and processing fish, game and plants, while learning Alutiiq Language and cultural arts. Youth ages 9 through 14 are invited. \$250 for NVA Tribal Members and Descendants/\$350 for non-members.

Koniag Shareholder Camp

July 11th - July 16th

Registration Deadline is June 28th, 2024

Participants are invited to take part in cultural arts, connect to the land, and build community at this camp. This year we are hosting Nikki Corbett of Sew Yup'ik to teach qespeq making. Koniag is sponsoring this camp for Koniag Shareholders and registered Descendants of all ages. Shareholders or Descendants under the age of 16 cannot attend without an adult guardian or chaperone present at camp; the responsible adult still needs to meet basic eligibility requirements. This camp is offered at no cost to Koniag Shareholders, spouses, and registered Descendants.

Dance & Games Camp

July 18th – July 23rd

Registration deadline is July 8th, 2024

Youth participants will engage with Elders and culture bearers to learn Alutiiq dance and play traditional games, while learning Alutiiq Language and cultural arts. Participants share the songs they learned to dance, in an evening of performances on the last night of camp. Youth ages 9 through 14 are invited. \$250 for NVA Tribal Members and Descendants/\$350 for non-members.

ANC Shareholder Camp

July 31st – August 5th

Registration deadline is July 19th, 2024

Participants are invited to take part in cultural activities such as skin sewing, Alutiiq language, visits with long lost friends/family, and reminisce while touring the old village of Afognak, weather permitting. Shareholders will have an opportunity to do subsistence fishing. Eligibility requirements: Afognak Native Corporation Shareholders plus one guest (guest is defined as an immediate family member); Lineal Descendants of shareholders are allowed to attend as space is available. Shareholders or Descendants under the age of 16 cannot attend without an adult guardian or chaperone present at camp; the responsible adult still needs to meet basic eligibility requirements. This camp is offered at no cost to Afognak Native Corporation Shareholders, spouses, and registered Descendants.

The Afognak Peoples Picnic will be held on Saturday August 3rd, at the Afognak Village. Please contact NVA to sign up for boat transportation no later than July 29th. There will be a \$50 transportation fee due during registration to secure your transportation. No cost to Koniag or Afognak Native Corporation Shareholder camp participants or Elders (65+).

Registration fees are due upon submission of your application. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Tribal Members and descendants will be prioritized. You will receive an acceptance or waitlist letter to the email provided on the application.

If you have any questions, please contact the Native Village of Afognak at 486-6357 or email tribe@afognak.org. Registration forms can also be mailed to 115 Mill Bay Rd. Kodiak, AK 99615.





Camp Registration Form

2024 Dig Afognak Camp registration fees (per camp) - \$250 per NVA tribal members, \$350 per non-member.
Make checks payable to Native Village of Afognak. We can accept credit card payment over the phone if necessary.
Elders (65+), and KIHA beneficiaries are exempt from all camp fees.

Please prioritize the camps you wish to attend (If selecting multiple camps, write 1,2,3 for first choice, etc.)

____ Survival Skills Camp	June 19 th – June 24 th	Registration deadline	June 7 th
____ Harvest Camp	June 27 th – July 2 nd	Registration deadline	June 14 th
____ Koniag Shareholder Camp	July 11 th – July 16 th	Registration deadline	June 28 th
____ Dance & Games Camp	July 18 th – July 23 rd	Registration deadline	July 8 th
____ ANC Shareholder Camp	July 31 st – August 5 th	Registration deadline	July 19 th

Name of Participant _____ Date of Birth _____ Male/Female _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone Number/s _____ Contact E-Mail: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Relation _____

Koniag Shareholder ID# _____ ANC Shareholder ID# _____

List Tribes and Native Corporations you or your immediate family are members and/or descendants of:

Adult Sweatshirt size for participant: _____

Payment Options (Required)*

Please check all that apply (this information will be verified):

Participant is paying the fee.
If yes, please list the payment method (cash, check, card):

Participant is receiving a scholarship to attend.
If yes, please list the scholarship and organization:

Participant is an Elder (65+).

There may be financial assistance available to you if your family is or has participated in any of Kodiak Island Housing Authority (KIHA) NAHASDA Assisted Programs. This information will be verified by KIHA, additional questions may apply to verify eligibility.

Does your family currently or have in the past participated in a Kodiak Island Housing Authority (KIHA) program? _____

If yes, which program:

- Mutual Help Homeownership
- Weatherization
- Rental Assistance
- Home Start
- Down Payment Assistance
- Participant currently resides in a KIHA owned apartment building.

Registration fees are due upon submission of your application. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Tribal Members will be prioritized. You will receive an acceptance or waitlist letter to the email provided on the application within 5 business days of submission and payment.

If you have any questions, please contact the Native Village of Afognak at 486-6357 or email tribe@afognak.org.

Notice of cancellation must be received at least 5 business days prior to the camp to receive a registration refund.

FOR NVA USE ONLY - Date Received: _____ Received By: _____ Payment received: _____ All forms signed?: _____





Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relation: _____ Contact Number: _____

Family Doctor: _____ Contact Number: _____

Food Allergies/Preferences:

If you are taking any medications that you are bringing to camp, please list them:

Physical Abilities:

Are there any physical limitations or accommodation needs that Dig Afognak staff should be aware of?

Dig Afognak facilities and Environmental Conditions Acknowledgment

Dig Afognak is remotely located on Afognak Island, with boat access only. Our limited facilities include the following:

- No running water
- No electricity
- Unpredictable weather conditions
- Only means of transportation is to Anton Larsen Bay by charter boat (45 minutes to and from camp through Anton Larsen Bay weather permitting and a 40 minute drive to town by van)
- Bathroom facilities are limited to rustic outdoor outhouses
- The only option for hygiene self-care is a banya, which has high temperatures.
- The distance between cabins and activities and the mess hall is roughly a quarter of a mile on semi-rough terrain.
- Participants will need to walk or climb off of the skiff and walk up the beach on arrival and load on to the boat on departure.

_____(please initial) I am physically fit to withstand the rigors of an Alaskan wilderness experience where the possibility of inclement weather, travel, manual labor, and camp conditions may pose personal challenge.





It is a privilege to attend the Dig Afognak camps and all campers should come with the intention of having fun, learning new things, and getting along with everyone!

Occasionally, there may be a camper who makes camp unpleasant for others because of their harsh words or actions. If any problems arise, this agreement informs the camper upfront of the potential consequences and holds them accountable for the poor choices they made at camp.

1. I will be polite and respectful to everyone at camp (fellow campers, staff, visitors, presenters, and volunteers). I will participate in all the activities unless physically unable to do so and the camp manager has agreed with my inability to participate.
2. If someone at camp is bothering or hurting me in any way, I will inform the camp manager immediately so I can concentrate on having fun and learning.
3. I will try to solve the smaller problems myself by following these choices:
 - *Tell them to stop*
 - *Walk away*
 - *Share and take turns*
 - *Ignore it*
 - *Talk it out*
 - *Apologize*
 - *Walk away, wait and cool off*

I have read this agreement and discussed it with my parent/guardian and participant.

My signature is a pledge to always follow and support the rules of Dig Afognak.

_____ Date _____
Participant's Signature

_____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian Signature





This page is only required for those traveling from outside of Kodiak for Dig Afognak

Quyanaa (thank you) for signing up and wanting to participate in our Dig Afognak camps. Dig Afognak will offer you a unique experience. We have been in operation for over 20 years and our continued success is due to eager participants who love to learn, community volunteers, Elders and culture bearers. It is our goal to make your travel to and from Kodiak easier and your stay at Dig Afognak a worthwhile experience.

To accomplish this, we have set forth a few agreements that need to be made for youth coming to Kodiak to have a smooth transition and make sure all their needs are met.

1. Traveling to and from Kodiak:

i. Parents/guardians are responsible for all travel (airfare or ferry) to and from Kodiak. NVA staff needs copies of travel itineraries at least one week prior to camp starting to plan for and confirm participation of your child in Dig Afognak.

ii. Transportation to and from the airport or ferry office: NVA has a limited staff that not only coordinates the logistics of camp but also fulfills normal day-to-day duties. We can't guarantee availability of transporting your child to NVA offices or back to the airport/ferry office. We ask that if you have someone in town that can transport your child, you confirm that first, if you have no one else, please confirm with our staff at least one week prior to camp starting.

iii. Getting weathered in Kodiak: Kodiak's weather is unpredictable throughout the year. Our staff is not equipped to chaperone youth if they get weathered in Kodiak. Please confirm with NVA staff at least one week prior to camp starting as to what your weathered in plan is for your child. We are unable to confirm your child's participation without this plan in place. In addition, we need all contact information for any adults responsible for your child while in Kodiak.

iv. Food money: please send your child a little bit of cash to purchase meals or pack snacks ahead of time. Often time's youth arrive a couple of hours prior to heading to camp and are hungry. If NVA must purchase meals for your child, you will be responsible for reimbursing NVA once camp is complete.

2. After camp is complete:

i. Lost and found items are collected by camp staff, transported to Kodiak, and washed by NVA staff. We hold items for 30 days and all items not claimed after that date will be donated to a local charity.

ii. If your child forgets any items at camp, please contact our office immediately. If we can locate the lost items, we will do our best to get them to you. Any cost incurred by transporting these items will be paid prior to transportation.

I, the undersigned, agree to the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement.

My signature is a pledge to always follow and support the rules of Dig Afognak.

Date _____

Participant's Signature (Parent or Guardian Signature if under 18 years of age)





Dig Afognak Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability

1. Acknowledgement of Risk. Attendants of Dig Alaska engage in all manner of outdoor wilderness activities that include hiking through wilderness and rocky tidal beaches, running, swimming, riding vehicles on the beach and along unpaved wilderness trails, boating, harvesting and preparing wild fish and game for consumption, discharging firearms, using sharp tools and knives, sheltering outdoors in tents and rustic cabins, using banyas. Dig Afognak is in a remote location that is only accessible via boat or float plane, and its facilities and equipment are not consistently maintained year-round. I recognize that there is a significant element of risk involved in attending Dig Afognak and engaging in outdoor wilderness activities, including but not limited to inclement weather, slips, trips, falls, sprains, scratches, bruises, broken bones, cuts, contusions, splinters, burns, smoke inhalation, compression injuries, animal attacks, insect bites, heat stroke, exhaustion, dehydration, getting lost, infection, bleeding, shock, capsizing, drowning, hypothermia, allergic reactions, loss of or damage to personal property, gunshot wounds, delayed medical attention, and, possibly, death.

2. Assumption of Risk. I understand that outdoor wilderness activities can be hazardous. I understand that my and my minor child/children's participation in outdoor wilderness activities at Dig Afognak will expose us to a variety of dangers that are an inherent part of Dig Afognak activities and cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique nature of the experience we are seeking through attendance at Dig Afognak. I understand that because of Dig Afognak's remote location, adequate medical or emergency care is not readily available if I or one of my minor children sustains any injury or requires medical attention of any kind. I understand and acknowledge that I and my minor child/children are participating in outdoor wilderness activities at Dig Alaska voluntarily and with the knowledge of the potential risks involved, up to and including grievous bodily injury and death. I hereby accept any and all risks of injury or death to myself and my minor child/children arising out of or in any way connected with our engagement in activities at Dig Afognak and our use of Dig Afognak's facilities and equipment.

3. Release and Indemnification. On behalf of myself and my minor children, I hereby voluntarily release, forever discharge, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Native Village of Afognak and Afognak Native Corporation and all of their agents, contractors, officers, directors, employees, and assigns from any and all claims, demands, causes of action, losses or damages of any kind which are in any way connected with my or my minor child/children's attendance at Dig Afognak, participation in any activities at Dig Afognak, and use of Dig Afognak's facilities and equipment. This includes any such claims which allege negligent acts or omissions of Dig Afognak's agents, contractors, officers, directors, employees, and assigns. This also includes any such claims, demands, or causes of action which allege negligent acts or omissions of other Dig Afognak participants, including campers, campers' parents, and counselors. I understand that this release does not prospectively waive any claim I or my minor child/children may have against Dig Afognak for reckless or intentional misconduct.

4. Responsibility for Medical Costs and Fees. I understand that Dig Afognak is in a remote location with no immediate access to medical facilities, medical treatment, or medical personnel. If I or my minor child/children require medical care or are evacuated from Dig Afognak for any reason whatsoever, I consent to our receiving emergency medical treatment as Dig Afognak deems may be necessary, and I agree to pay for and be responsible for all costs and fees connected with such evacuation and medical care.

5. Authorization to Use Image and Recordings. I consent to the use, publication, and display, by or on behalf of the Native Village of Afognak and Afognak Native Corporation, of any photographs, video or digital image and any reproduction thereof, and any audio recordings taken of me or my minor child/children during the Dig Afognak program, for any promotional, informational, and educational purposes. I understand that I will receive no compensation for the use of these images and recordings.

6. Voluntary Signature. I have read, understand, and accept the terms of this waiver and release. I am aware that this is a legal, binding document giving up legal rights, and I sign it voluntarily. I understand I can decline to sign this waiver and release, and not participate in Dig Afognak and its related outdoor wilderness activities. I have read, understand, and accept the terms and conditions stated in this waiver and release and acknowledge that it shall be binding upon me, my minor child/children, my heirs, my personal representatives, and my estate.

Participant's Signature _____ Date _____

(Parent or Guardian Signature if under 18 years of age)





Zipline & Challenge Course Participant Requirements

The Native Village of Afognak (NVA) has installed a zip line and low-ropes challenge course at its Dig Afognak camp. Synergo, LLC, out of Portland, OR is a professional challenge course design, construction and training company and has professionally installed, inspected, and certified our equipment as well as trained our staff to operate it. Dig Afognak's challenge course is designed to teach our participants leadership and team-building skills. It is also designed to be a fun activity, however, there are risks involved and we at NVA take the safety and security of our camp participants as our primary goal. We want you or your child to have the best possible experience with us and for that we ask that you read the following requirements carefully.

Participation Requirements

The Dig Afognak challenge course is designed for participants in reasonably good health. Due to the given circumstances of the zipline, we reserve the right to refuse participation to anyone. The zipline occurs in an isolated environment, and immediate medical attention may not be available. We cannot be responsible for any valuables dropped, damaged, left or lost. You must agree to and sign the Voluntary Participation Agreement Form prior to participation.

Please review the following regulations:

- You must weigh not more than 280 pounds. Recommended minimum weight is 60 pounds.
- Youth must be aged 8 or older.
- Youth under age 18 must have a parent or legal guardian sign the Voluntary Agreement Form.

Attire and preparation:

- Please wear clothing that allows no harsh rubbing caused by the seat and chest harness.
- You must wear sturdy, closed toe shoes.
- Clothing that will keep your body covered. Shirts and pants are strongly encouraged.
- Tie back and secure long hair.
- Remove all valuables including rings, necklaces, bracelets, and personal electronics, as well as all loose or dangly jewelry and body piercings.
- Cameras are welcome on the tour; however, you are solely responsible for its condition, retrieval, and transportation.

If you have any of the following medical conditions, we STRONGLY recommend you consult your physician prior to participation, and discuss any concerns with your guide:

- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Heart disease or any cardiac condition that may require immediate attention.
- Hemophilia
- Epilepsy or seizure disorders that prohibit operation of a motor vehicle.
- Insulin dependent
- Severe recent, reoccurring, or existing injuries
- Severe allergic reactions
- Take any blood thinning medications.

Do not participate in a tour if you are:

- Under the influence of alcohol, illegal drugs, or legal drugs that impair you in any way.
- Pregnant or think you may be pregnant.





Voluntary Participation Agreement

Please read this document carefully. All participants prior to going on Dig Afognak's challenge course must sign it. If the participant is a minor, at least one parent or guardian must also sign as evidence of their agreement to these terms and conditions on their own behalf and on behalf of the minor.

1. I, the undersigned participant, acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate in Dig Afognak's challenge course, which is a physically demanding and hazardous activity. I have read and understand the participant requirements.
2. **Please check appropriate box:**
 I **do not** have any medical conditions that might create an unsafe risk to me.
 I **do** have one of the medical conditions listed above but have consulted my physician and received authorization to participate in the zip line activities.
3. **Acknowledgment of Risks** - I understand that the Dig Afognak challenge courses may expose participants to certain risks. The activities require moderate physical exertion and elevated heights. Hazards and risks of the activities and use of the premises and equipment, include but are not limited to falls, collisions; abrupt and possibly harmful contact with structures, objects and persons; anxieties and fears associated with heights; close contact with other people; coordination and misjudgments on the part of participants; the failure of structures or equipment; separation from guides; and the unpredictable forces of nature; slipping and falling on loose, uneven or steep terrain; vehicular accidents in off-road driving; falling branches, boulders or other fallen objects; encounters with wild animals.
4. **Assumption of Risks** - I understand that Dig Afognak and the challenge course can be a hazardous activity. I am voluntarily participating in this activity with knowledge of the potential risks involved. I hereby accept any and all risks of injury or death to myself or any minor/child for which I am responsible, arising out of or in any way connected with the use of Dig Afognak challenge course and facilities.
5. **Release and Indemnity** - As consideration for being permitted to participate in the Dig Afognak challenge course, I hereby agree that I, my assignees, heirs, and/or as the parent/guardian of a minor participant, will release and hold harmless and not bring any claim or legal suits against NVA, its directors, members, managers, officers, agents, employees and volunteers its affiliated organization or the supplier of any of the equipment use in the activity (Released Parties), for any and all claims of injury, disability, death or other loss or damage to persons or property suffered by me and/or my minor child arising in whole or in part from participation in this activity, both foreseeable and unforeseeable.

In addition, I agree TO INDEMNIFY (that is, defend and satisfy by payment or reimbursement, including cost and attorney's fees) Released Parties from any claim of loss, injury or death, brought on by myself or my child against co-participant. These agreements of release and indemnity include loss or damage caused or claimed in whole or in part by the negligence of a released Party, but not intentional wrongs or the gross negligence of a Released Party.
6. **Severability** - If any provisions of this agreement is held to be void or otherwise unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall never less be fully enforceable, unimpaired by such holding.
7. **Additional Provisions** - I, an adult participant or parent/guardian of a minor participant, authorize NVA to provide or obtain for me medical attention as it considers necessary and appropriate, and I agree to pay all costs associated with such care and transportation.





The laws of the State of Alaska will govern any dispute between a Released Party and participant or parent/guardian, and any mediation or suit shall take place only in the State of Alaska.

I have had sufficient opportunities to carefully read this voluntary participation agreement form and participant requirements and fully understand its contents. I am giving up important legal rights and a contract between the Native Village of Afognak and myself and/or its affiliated organizations and sign it of my own free will. I hereby declare that I am at least eighteen (18) years of age, or that I am the parent or legal guardian of the participant that I am signing on behalf of.

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____

Is this your first time on our zipline? _____ Year _____

Parent or Legal Guardian *(if participant is under 18)*

Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____





Illness and Injury Procedures

If a Camper is presenting with a more serious illness such as an onset of fever, serious cough, severe pain, etc., they will be tested for Covid-19 and isolated from other campers. Medicines will be offered and administered to campers by camp manager. If the camper tests positive for Covid, they may be sent home to reduce the spread and allow for healing, following the procedure.

If a Camp participant is injured, Camp staff will administer first aid and/or CPR to injured persons. When serious injuries occur, Camp staff will stabilize and administer care until the injured Camper or staff person is in the care of Kodiak's first responders or the hospital. NVA will notify the hospital and parents of the incident and arrange transport.

Releasing camper to parent or medical care

If the Camp Manager determines that the camper needs urgent medical attention, the parents or guardians of the camper will be called by the Camp Manager or office staff. Upon a critical emergency the USCG will be dispatched by staff. The camper's emergency contact will be called to communicate the treatment/extraction plan. Transportation from camp back to town is at the cost of the camper/parents.

COVID-19 Prevention & Mitigation

Hand washing stations are set up in two locations at Dig Afognak. Participants are encouraged to use the handwashing stations or hand sanitizer (readily available in most buildings) often, especially after using the nuus'hniik and before eating.

Dig Afognak will provide masks and/or tests for all participants when requested and/or necessary.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We will follow the latest guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.





***Please clearly mark your bags and personal belongings – Waterproof bags are suggested.
Native Village of Afognak is not responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen items.***

Please Bring:

- Sanitary supplies
- Sleeping bag (we provide beds with mattresses)
- Pillow
- Changes of clothing for at least 6 days, please include clothes that would allow you to dress for the variety of weather that occurs on Kodiak (wind, rain, chilly, or warm). This may include T-shirts, jeans, shorts, sweaters, sweatshirts, sweatpants.
- Light raingear
- Rubber boots, tennis shoes, or hiking shoes.
- Extra socks
- Water bottle
- Insect repellent – aerosol cans are **NOT** permitted.
- Sunscreen – aerosol cans are **NOT** permitted.
- TWO large towels and TWO wash cloths
- Warm jacket
- Small day pack
- Warm sleepwear
- Flashlight
- Banya / Personal items – soap, shampoo, deodorant, shower supplies, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, hairbrush

You may also wish to bring the following:

- Binoculars
- Camera
- A special skill / craft to share with others.
- Swimsuit
- A musical instrument
- Sandals / slip-ons for travels to outhouse and banya
- Personal life jacket if you have a favorite (we have plenty)

Do Not Bring:

- No aerosol cans allowed.
- Firearms, knives, explosives, fireworks, pets, computers, or other electronic devices, etc.
- We do allow phones and music, but use is restricted to the bunks only.
- Food/Candy – You will not go hungry at camp! Hiding candy or food in bunks might encourage squirrels or even bears to visit.

A note about cell phones and electronics- Youth may bring cell phones, but they are to be used for picture taking only, throughout the day. Excessive use or distraction with phones may lead to staff holding on to the phone until the end of camp. Dig Afognak has limited electricity, and charging cell phones is a low priority at camp. Youth will not have service or internet access at camp.

