



Dig Afognak is a cultural immersion experience curated for participants to connect to the land, learn Afognak people's history, and cultural values. These 5-day camps are located at our remote site on Afognak Island.

This year's theme is *Nunamek* which means "from the land or of the land", focusing on our cultural respect and relation to the land, learning to live from it and to protect our resources for future generations.

Youth Camps

Youth Camp 1	June 26th - 30th	Registration Deadline June 6th, 2025
Youth Camp 2	July 18th - 22nd	Registration Deadline June 6th, 2025

Youth participants will take part in harvesting, preparing, and preserving Ancestral foods, with support from Elders and mentors, in addition to beach cleanups, outdoor activities and games. Both camps will engage in Sugpiaq/Alutiiq language and arts, nature walks, and learning from Elders while creating healthy friendships. Youth ages 9 through 14 are invited. \$250 for NVA Tribal Members and Descendants/\$350 for non-members. Youth Camps are open to all, with preference given to Alaska Natives and Tribal Members.

Family Camps

Koniag Shareholder Camp	July 10th - July 14th	Registration Deadline June 13th, 2025
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Eligibility requirements: Koniag Shareholders and registered Koniag Descendants.

ANC Shareholder Camp	July 25th - July 29th	Registration Deadline June 20th, 2025
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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.

Participants are invited to take part in cultural arts, learn Alutiiq language, participate in harvesting foods and materials from the land, and more! Families have the opportunity to connect to our culture and the land, while building community at this camp. Family Camps are sponsored by the corporations they are named for and are open to their respective Shareholders at no cost. 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.

Afognak Peoples Picnic	Sunday, July 27th @2:30pm	Registration Deadline: July 11th, 2025
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The Afognak Peoples Picnic will be held at the Afognak Village *weather permitting*. Please contact NVA to RSVP and register no later than July 11th. Attendees needing boat transport will be charged a \$50 transportation fee due at registration to secure your transportation. *Please fill out the Afognak Peoples Picnic packet. (Separate Form)*

Sobriety Camp	August 1st-5th	Registration Deadline: June 28th, 2025
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Participants are invited to celebrate sobriety and recovery at Dig Afognak's Sobriety Camp. Participants will build community and support for those in the early stages of recovery from substance abuse while immersed in Sugpiaq/Alutiiq culture. Sobriety Camp will uplift our cultural values through a variety of cultural activities including art, steam baths, subsistence activities, traditional healing, and life skills training. Sobriety Camp is open to adults with at least 5 days of sobriety, with preference given to Alaska Natives and Tribal Members. \$250 for NVA Tribal Members and Descendants/\$350 for non-members.

Registration fees are due upon submission of your application. Tribal Members will be prioritized.

If you have any questions, please contact the Native Village of Afognak at 907-621-4444 or toll free at 1-888-885-3931

Email tribe@afognak.org.

Registration forms can also be mailed to 115 Mill Bay Rd. Kodiak, AK 99615.





Information for you - Please keep this page

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.

Remember to dress warm for the skiff ride!

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.
- 2 large towels and 2 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 traveling 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.
- 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 during the day, and music in the dorms, only. Excessive use of 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. Campers will not have cell service or internet access at camp.





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

<u> </u> Youth Camp 1	June 26 th – June 30 th	Registration Deadline	June 6 th
<u> </u> Youth Camp 2	July 18 th – July 22 nd	Registration Deadline	June 6 th
<u> </u> Koniag Shareholder Camp	July 10 th – July 14 th	Registration Deadline	June 13 th
<u> </u> ANC Shareholder Camp	July 25 th – July 29 th	Registration Deadline	June 20 th
<u> </u> Sobriety Camp	August 1 st – August 5 th	Registration Deadline	June 28 th

Name of Participant _____ Date of Birth _____ Gender _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Contact Phone Number/s _____ Contact E-Mail _____

Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Relation _____

NVA Tribal Member _____ Shareholder ID# _____

List Tribes and Native Corporations you or your immediate family are Members and/or Descendants of:

Participant Sweatshirt Size (Adult Sizes Only): _____

Payment Options (Required)*

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

- ☐ Participant is paying the fee.
- ☐ Participant is receiving a scholarship to attend.
If yes, please list the scholarship and organization: _____

- ☐ Participant is an Elder (65+).
- ☐ Participant is part of a KIHA program

Please mark which Kodiak Island Housing Authority (KIHA) NAHASDA assisted programs your family is a part of. This information will be verified by KIHA, additional questions may apply to verify eligibility.

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

Registration fees

2025 Dig Afognak Camp registration fees (per camp) - \$250 per NVA Tribal Members, \$350 per non-member. **Elders (65+) and KIHA beneficiaries are exempt from all camp fees.** Registration fees are due upon submission of your application. We can accept credit card payment at the office or over the phone. Make checks payable to Native Village of Afognak. **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: _____

(Sobriety Camp Participants) List your sobriety date: _____

Food allergies/preferences:

Please list any medications you are bringing to camp:

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
- The only means of transportation to camp is by charter boat (45 minutes) through Anton Larsen Bay, weather permitting
- Bathroom facilities are limited to nuus'hniit (rustic outhouses)
- The only option for washing is a banya, which has high temperatures
- The distance between cabins, activities, and the mess hall is roughly a quarter of a mile on gravel paths
- Participants will be required to board and exit a boat

_____ (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.

Bullying will not be tolerated. Campers involved in bullying of other children or unsafe behavior may be sent home from camp early. Please note that transportation from camp to town, outside of our scheduled charters, is at the cost of the camper/parents.

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

Participant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date





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 at 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 the 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 out 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.

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

Date





Dig Afognak Assumption of Risk and Release of Liability

1. Acknowledgement of Risk. Attendants of Dig Afognak engage in all kinds 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 Afognak 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, Elders, presenters, volunteers, 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)





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, recurring, 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 participants' requirements.

2. Please check the appropriate box:

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I **do not** have any medical conditions that might create an unsafe risk to me.

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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 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_____





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.

Illness and Injury Procedures

If a camper experiences a more serious illness such as an onset of fever, serious cough, severe pain, etc., they may be tested for Covid-19 and isolated from other campers. If the camper tests positive for Covid, they may be sent home to reduce the spread and allow for healing. Medicines may be offered and administered to campers by the Camp Manager.

If anyone at camp 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 person is in the care of Kodiak's first responders or the hospital.

If the Camp Manager determines a camper needs urgent medical attention, the parents or guardians of the camper will be contacted. In the case of a critical emergency, the United States Coast Guard will be dispatched by staff. The camper's emergency contact will be called to communicate the treatment/extraction plan.

Transportation from camp to town, outside of our scheduled charters, is at the cost of the camper/parents.

