



# SNOQUALMIE TRIBE UPDATES & EVENTS

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## New Fiscal Year Updates FY24

### NEW Applications as of October 1, 2023

As of October 1, minor child(ren) must be enrolled in order to be eligible for services. The below programs have had language changes from "service eligible minor child" to "enrolled Snoqualmie minor child". The following programs have new applications:

- Early Education
- K-12 Education
- General Welfare Child Care Assistance
- General Welfare Assistance for Minors not in a Tribal Household

The Traditional and Cultural Recreation (TCR) Benefit will also have a new application with this language change. For TCR, please note the following procedure changes:

- If your minor child ages into adult status in FY24, then the minor child will be included under the parent's family TCR benefit in FY24 as of October 1. When the minor child ages into adult status, they will not be eligible to have their own stand alone TCR benefit until the next fiscal year (FY25).
- If you are a caregiver or a non-Tribal parent with multiple enrolled minor Snoqualmie children in your care/custody, then the children's benefits CANNOT be combined into a family benefit. Each child in your care will have standalone benefit not to exceed the \$1500. Please ensure that the child's TCR benefit is being used for items and experience for the Snoqualmie child(ren) in your care.

The Emergency Assistance (EA) Benefit will have a new application. As of FY24, the pandemic-era rollover process has ended. EA will have a set cap of \$1500 per adult enrolled Tribal Member.

The Veterans Day shipments will be going out to all Tribal Veterans that the Veteran Program has on file. If you are newly enrolled and a Veteran, then please email [veterans@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:veterans@snoqualmietribe.us) to be added to the distribution list. We thank you for your service.

## Snoqualmie Tribal Council Meetings

Enrolled Adult Snoqualmie Tribal Members are welcome to attend Snoqualmie Tribal Council Meetings.

Meetings usually occur every Thursday, via Zoom, and start approximately at 10:30 AM.

If you would like to attend, please e-mail [secretary@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:secretary@snoqualmietribe.us)

### Save the Date!

#### Special General Council Meeting Tribal Treasurer's Report

Sunday, November 5, 10-4pm

Snoqualmie Casino Ballroom

Check-in at 9 AM.

### General Benefits Policy Reminders

- For vehicle payments, repairs, tabs, registration, etc., the program can only have one vehicle on file per Tribal Member per fiscal year and that vehicle should be the Tribal Member's primary vehicle.
- Utility Bills: At the start of the fiscal year on Sunday, October 1, the General Resources department can only pay current month charges and cannot back pay past due charges from previous months.
- Tribal Members who have not turned in receipts for a \$500 advance issued in FY23 will have 30 days to turn in receipts and cannot access their FY24 funds until they have reconciled their receipts.
- Receipts for reimbursement for TCR, EA, and Home Improvement must include the name of a Tribal Member listed on a receipt, invoice, or quote. The department per policy cannot accept receipts that solely have a spouse or partner name.
- Amazon is the biggest receipt issue we see. If you are using your spouse or partner's account, then you can still have the shipping address list the Tribal Member's name to be in compliance with the program and/or benefit.

## New General Welfare Transportation Benefit

For FY24, the Tribal Council has approved the standalone Transportation Benefit. The Transportation Benefit provides a flat rate dependent on a mile range. The benefit does NOT come out of the TCR benefit. The benefit can be accessed once per member per meeting. The approved meetings for FY24 are the November 5th Membership Meeting and the 2024 Annual May Meeting. An e-form will be launched for each meeting, e-form must be received 5 days prior to the meeting no funds will be issued retroactively.

## Upcoming Culture Classes

The Culture Department will be releasing more information about upcoming Culture Classes in the coming months. Updates on new classes will be added to the Gatherings Calendar on the Culture Website at [culture.snoqualmieltribe.us](http://culture.snoqualmieltribe.us)

## Suite Ticket Information on Tribal Website

**REMINDER: Failure to attend a Seahawks Game without notification to the department, prior to the game, will result in a 1099 being issued for the cost of all tickets issued to the Tribal Member. The value of one suite ticket this year is \$958.**

Fall and Winter tickets distributions for the Climate Pledge Arena, Sounders, Kraken, and Seahawks have all been completed through the end of the calendar year. If spots open in any games, then the General Resources department will pull off of the waitlist. The list of Tribal Members selected can be found on the Tribal Website or the Tribe's Official Facebook Page.

## Snoqualmie Tribal Christmas Party

Please remember to RSVP for the Christmas Party. If you have lost your invite or did not receive one (the post office has returned a handful of invites due to mailing issues), then please scan the QR code to be taken to the 2023 Christmas Party RSVP e-form.



A shuttle bus will be operating on a set schedule from the Snoqualmie Casino for the Christmas Party. The shuttle will leave the Casino Valet at 2:40 PM on December 16. The shuttle will return for pick up at the end of the event in front of the venue at 6:40 PM to then return to the Casino. Elders will be given priority on the shuttle bus.

## New Health & Wellness Employee

The Health & Wellness Department has recently welcomed Alejandra "Allie" Valadez to the team as the new Compliance Specialist. Allie will support the department's compliance and credentialing needs.

## Health & Wellness Elders Program

The Health & Wellness Elder Luncheon Schedule for fiscal year 2024 is listed below. Monthly announcements will be mailed to Tribal Elders with more detailed information. All Luncheons will be scheduled on Wednesdays unless announced otherwise.

October 18, 2023	April 3, 2024
November 8, 2023	May 1, 2024
December 6, 2023	June 5, 2024
January 10, 2024	July 10, 2024
February 7, 2024	August 7, 2024
March 6, 2024	September 11, 2024

As the number of Tribal Elders attending the monthly luncheons fluctuates, we kindly ask you submit your RSVP to Anetta Townsend for each luncheon. This will ensure that enough meals are ordered for each luncheon. Thank you!

**Anetta Townsend, Elders Coordinator**  
[anetta.townsend@snoqualmieltribe.us](mailto:anetta.townsend@snoqualmieltribe.us)  
 Cell: (425) 786-4845

## October 30 Prairie Planting at Three Forks Natural Area

The Environmental & Natural Resources (ENR) Department would like to invite Tribal Members and their families to a prairie planting event on October 30.

The ENR Department will be prepping and planting at the site near the Three Forks Natural Area for the whole day. Volunteers are invited to participate and visit from 11 AM - 1 PM. No RSVP Needed.

Dress for the weather as the event will happen with rain or shine. Snacks, gloves and tools provided, meeting here in the Three Forks Natural Area.

**Address: 43000 SE 92nd St, North Bend, WA 98045**

**Directions:** Follow the address above. Enter the driveway and continue onto county road, where you will see ENR cars parked and a tent setup. ENR staff will be in the field to the north of the road and parking. For questions, please contact Michael Bailey at 425-417-7646 or [michael.bailey@snoqualmieltribe.us](mailto:michael.bailey@snoqualmieltribe.us)

## Canoe Journey 2023 Final Protocol Photos Download

The Culture Department would like to offer the official photos of the Snoqualmie Tribe Final Protocol at the Canoe Journey 2023 Paddle to Muckleshoot: Honoring our Warriors Past and Present. These photos are available to download by Snoqualmie Tribal Members and their families. To download all the photos, please scan the QR code below and select the "Download" button. If you would like to download the photos one at a time, please select an image and select the "Download" button.



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## Roots of Wisdom: Native Knowledge. Shared Science.

### FREE ADMISSION for Snoqualmie Tribal Members

On view at the Museum of History & Industry, 860 Terry Ave N, Seattle, October 7, 2023 to March 3, 2024

Visitors to the Museum of History & Industry (MOHAI) will enjoy exploring the rich tapestry of Indigenous knowledge and its intersection with scientific advancements in the exhibit Roots of Wisdom: Native Knowledge. Shared Science. Roots of Wisdom features stories from four Indigenous communities, giving visitors real-life examples of how traditional knowledge and science work together to create solutions to ecological and health challenges. Sponsored in part by the Snoqualmie Tribe, MOHAI is offering all Snoqualmie Tribal Members free admission to the exhibit. Just tell the staff at the Welcome Desk that you are from the Snoqualmie Tribe. More details at [mohai.org/exhibits/roots-of-wisdom-native-wisdom-shared-science/](https://mohai.org/exhibits/roots-of-wisdom-native-wisdom-shared-science/)

In addition to the exhibit, other free public programs include an "Opening Day Craft with the Hibilb Cultural Center", Saturday, October 7, 11:am, to make Cedar Paddle Necklaces; a film screening of the "Promised Land" on October 12 at 7:pm; and an exploration of the practice of "Buffalo Harvesting and Cultural Wellness" as shared by Yakama Nation elder Glen Pinkman on Saturday, October 21, at 1:pm. Check the [mohai.org](https://mohai.org) website often to see more public programs over the run of the exhibit.

## Snoqualmie Falls Bird Survey September Report

By Andy McCormick, *Eastside Audubon Society*

Seven members of the Joint Eastside Audubon and Snoqualmie Tribe survey team completed the bird count at Snoqualmie Falls on September 14. We saw a total of 20 species of birds and a total of 102 birds overall. We added three new birds to bring our total species for the year to 51. The three new species are Pied-billed Grebe, Belted Kingfisher, and American Redstart. Kingfishers are expected along rivers and it was good to add this species to the survey total. The grebe was a bit unusual, as was the redstart, and both are likely in migration. We are still seeing many robins in the area. We saw two Red-breasted Sapsuckers foraging in the same tree. One appeared to be a juvenile, which may indicate that the sapsuckers bred in the survey area this year. The flock of Common Mergansers was a good sign that wintering ducks are beginning to arrive, and Golden-crowned Kinglets, not seen nor heard since March, are moving to lower altitude in preparation for winter. Three more months remain to complete the survey.



Dark Eyed Junco, Photo by Andy McCormick

## Hiring at Snoqualmie Casino

Crescent Market is hiring a full-time Supervisor position; Eighth Generation is hiring a full-time Project Manager; Salish Lodge is adding to their team; and Snoqualmie Casino has over half a dozen hot jobs available! Go to <https://snoqualmietribe.us/careers/> to see the full list of opportunities or contact Takako Wright, Tribal Development Manager at 425.888.7942 or [twright@snocasino.com](mailto:twright@snocasino.com) for more information.

## Snoqualmie Tribe Sponsorship Program

Congratulations to the following recipients of the Snoqualmie Tribe Sponsorship Program: Gabriel de los Angeles, Isadore White, Takako Wright, and Jeff Repin.