



# SNOQUALMIE TRIBE UPDATES & EVENTS

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## Administration Updates

**Per Tribal Council Resolution:** These date changes will be effective with the first benefit distribution in January 2024.

- Elders (age 55+) will continue to receive their benefit on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month. Adult Members with an enrollment number of #01-#1200 will continue to receive their benefit on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Adult Members with an enrollment number of #1201 and higher will receive their benefit on 26<sup>th</sup>.**
- Reminder if the distribution date lands on a Saturday or Sunday, the benefit will go out the Friday before. If the distribution date lands on a recognized holiday closure, the benefit will go out the day before the holiday.

**The Tribal Finance Department has until January 31 to issue 1099s for benefits.** 1099s may be issued to Tribal Members who have met the cumulative tax threshold for taxable benefits or who failed to attend a Seahawks game for which tickets were issued or who were notified of program misuse in 2023 by letter. 1099s will be issued via the mail, please wait until the first week of February to call the office if you have questions.

The Snoqualmie Tribe Child Development Center has summer child care spaces open in Preschool and Kprep, currently for children ages 3-5. Tuition is free for enrolled Tribal Members of the Snoqualmie Tribe who meet CCDF grant requirements. Please email [childcare@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:childcare@snoqualmietribe.us) if you are interested.

The Culture Department will be offering Fathers of Traditions classes beginning in February 2024. Registration is open on the Culture Website via e-form. Please email the department with any questions at [culture@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:culture@snoqualmietribe.us)

Tribal Members and their families are invited to the Tribal Center on Tuesday, February 6 from 10am-3pm to share, learn something new, or help out with community projects. To RSVP, please contact the department by email at [culture@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:culture@snoqualmietribe.us)

## 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)

## General Resources Notice

The staff of the General Resources Department will be out of the office for training from Tuesday, January 30 to Wednesday, January 31, 2024.

The General Resources Department will not be reachable by phone or email during this time. This will not affect distribution of benefits.

If you have any questions prior to these dates, please contact the department by email at [generalresources@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:generalresources@snoqualmietribe.us)

## Tribal Elder Housing and Stability Program

Housing and Stability Program has funding for our elders needing Reasonable ADA-approved home modifications, such as wheelchair ramps, safety bars, and ADA appliances.

If qualified, they would receive an allocation of up to \$6,500 to be applied to ADA-approved home modifications. This is available to both homeowners and renters with landlord approval.

For questions or for a list of Reasonable ADA Modifications eligible for this benefit please contact the Housing Department by phone or by email at [housing@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:housing@snoqualmietribe.us)

## Tribal Emergency Food Assistance Voucher Program

The Tribal Council of the Snoqualmie Indian Tribe hereby establishes a new Tribal Emergency Food Assistance Voucher Program under the guidance of the Washington State Department of Agriculture Emergency Food Assistance Program to provide emergency short-term food assistance to qualified Snoqualmie Tribal households as outlined in the eligibility requirements below.

To be eligible for a voucher, a household must have: At least one adult enrolled Snoqualmie Indian Tribal Member; or An enrolled minor child, provided the minor does not live in a Tribal household already receiving a voucher. The eligible applicant must spend at least 51% of the month in the household to apply for a voucher. To be eligible for a voucher, the household must have experienced one or more of the below qualifying life changes within the last 90 days from date of application:

1. Change in legal marital status that affects financial stability (i.e., marriage, divorce, death, legal separation).
2. Change in number of dependents (i.e., birth, adoption, death, or addition of a vulnerable adult).
3. Change in employment status due to job loss.
4. Loss of, or significant change to, current financial status that threatens food stability.
5. Facing eviction or homelessness which is causing food insecurity (e.g., sharing housing due to economic hardship, living in hotels, living in transitional shelters, migrant children, etc.)
6. Victim of domestic violence or families/children that fall under protective services and are in need of food assistance.
7. Considered low income and on the Tribe's STOWW program for utility assistance must have been approved on the STOWW program prior to applying for voucher, must have applied for STOWW within 30 days of applying for this program to ensure verification of low income.

Funding is on a first come first serve basis, once exhausted the program will be halted. Extremely limited funding is available for out-of-state applicants; applicants residing in the state of Washington are given priority for grant funds. Applications can be found on the Tribal Website or you can email the staff contact below and request one.

**Contact: Aubrie Brooks, 425-677-0031, [generalresources@snoqualmietribe.us](mailto:generalresources@snoqualmietribe.us)**

## ENR Blog "2023 Volunteer Gratitude Summary"

The Tribe's Environmental & Natural Resources Department has posted a summary of the volunteer events in 2023 on the ENR Blog. The ENR Blog can be found on the ENR Website by scanning this QR code or following the website link below.

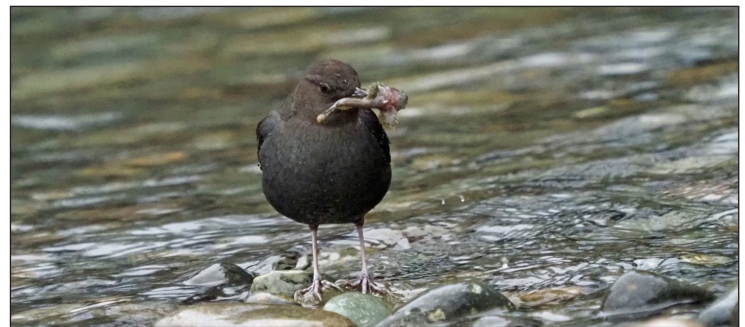
The ENR Department would like to extend their gratitude to everyone involved in habitat restoration events. Volunteer contributions are integral to the restoration of places significant to the Tribe.



## Snoqualmie Falls Bird Survey December Report

By Andy McCormick, *Eastside Audubon Society*

On December 14, seven members of the Joint Eastside Audubon and Snoqualmie Tribe survey team completed the bird survey at Snoqualmie Falls. A total of 18 species of birds were observed including flocks of Cackling Geese totaling 525 individuals. This large count contributed to the highest count of birds for the year. A total of 672 birds were seen on the survey. Also adding to the large count were 70 Northern Pintails in flight. We were happy to find American Dippers in the usual places at Tokul Creek and the Snoqualmie River below the falls. They are one of the few birds that made the count in all 12 months of the year. A Great Blue Heron was also fishing in Tokul Creek. A Red-tailed Hawk made a close appearance and Pacific Wrens and Varied Thrushes continued their winter presence. Glaucous-winged Gulls have arrived for the winter and can be seen over the river. The team celebrated the completion of the year-long survey with lunch in the Salish Lodge. Thank you to all the team members who made this survey a success. A full report will be completed once all the data is compiled and analyzed.



American Dipper with a sculpin in its mouth,  
Photo by Andy McCormick