

ANNUAL PICNIC ON SATURDAY JULY 27, 2013 at 11 a.m. to closing.

CROWN MEMORIAL STATE BEACH, CITY VIEW SITE ON THE WATER IN ALAMEDA

The picnic this year will be held at a NEW BUT FAMILIAR LOCATION in Alameda at the Crown Memorial State Beach, City View Picnic Site. We have been there several times so you may remember the location. The showpiece of the park is its 2.5-mile beach, with sand dunes bordering a bicycle trail. The beach is a great achievement of landscaping and engineering. The sandy beach is shallow for a long way out and is very nice for children to wade or swim in. The view of the city and the Bay Bridge is wonderful. We are the last site at the end of the parking lot with easy to access to unload your picnic things and then park. There is a small parking fee when you enter the park. Trees surrounding the picnic site make it feel very cozy to make camp for us Indians.

Our Tlingit and Haida Council will supply the hamburgers, hot dogs, buns, condiments, charcoal, paper plates, utensils, napkins and bottled water. I will be bringing some Sitka herring egg salad for you to enjoy, courtesy of Lakota Harden's relatives. You bring your choice of a side dish, salad, dessert, non-alcoholic drinks, appetizers or chips. Once again, our Master Chef, VP Loy Arandela, will be at the BBQ and will begin serving food after NOON or perhaps on Indian Time. He needs some volunteers to take over the cooking later in the day and to help clean up. If you plan to arrive later, please bring more charcoal to restart the fire.

I NEED VOLUNTEERS TO:

1. BRING ICE, COOLERS, SET UP TENT & CANOPIES, TABLES AT 10 a.m. with Laurie McVicar Kozisek.
2. BRING A PIÑATA AND CANDY OR PRIZES FOR THE CHILDREN.
3. DOES ANYONE HAVE 5 PLASTIC TABLE CLOTHS WE CAN USE? OR A SMALL TARP TO USE AS WINDBREAK?
4. WE NEED DONATIONS OF PRIZES FOR OUR COLLEGE FUNDRAISER RAFFLE.

Please call me at 415 302 3057 or email me at haidawoman1@gmail.com

DIRECTIONS & WEBSITE: http://www.ebparks.org/parks/crown_beach or search Crown Memorial State Beach

From San Francisco, take the Bay Bridge to I-580 east and I-980 Nimitz Fwy. (Downtown Oakland). Exit I-980 at 11th/12th Streets, go through several traffic lights and make a left onto 5th Street. This will take you to Broadway and the Oakland/Alameda Tube. Once through the Tube, you'll be on Webster Street. Webster will dead end at Central Avenue. Turn left onto Central and right onto Eighth Street and right the end of Otis Drive to reach the Crown Beach entrance.

Bring a swimming suit, towel, camp chairs if you have them, bicycle if you want to ride. There is a bath house nearby but we will have a tent set up for the children to change in, get warm or take a nap. We will have a couple of canopies set up with a wind break if the weather is not as warm as we would like.

The Zoo location was getting too expensive for us to just be sitting in the middle of an overflow parking lot so we decided to change. Carlos Robinson and I researched other locations and Crown Beach proved to be the most affordable and centrally located for all of our Tlingit & Haida members. If you have any ideas for next year for an Eastbay location, easily accessible with parking, BBQ and tables please get information and then let me know.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 26, Annual Picnic, Crown Memorial State Beach, Alameda, CA.

September 7th & 8th, See their website for information: www.thwachapter.org.

Sept. 21 or 28 SF Tlingit & Haida Open Meeting to be announced.

November mid month – Open Meeting to discuss local Tribal elections. To be announced.

December, first week end. In the planning stages.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: by Kathryn Paddock

There are many reasons to become a part of our Tlingit & Haida San Francisco Village and to register your children with the Tribe. Many of us have found relatives at our gatherings. Our picnic, Stanford Pow Wow, Culture Celebration and Christmas Party are great fun. I am Haida and Tlingit so I am related to almost everyone. I had 39 first cousins and when you combine that with clan relatives or descendants from my two grandmothers', I really am related to you. We are the family you didn't know you had and we can give a glimpse of your heritage and Alaskan connection.

If you register your children with the Tribe, they become eligible for our Tlingit & Haida local and Tribal College Scholarship Funds. If you are a card carrying Tribal Member, you qualify for many thousands of Scholarships nationwide for native people. Some Universities like Stanford, Harvard, Dartmouth & Columbia can give your child a full scholarship if they are exceptional students.

Your card may possibly get you Indian Health or Public Healthcare in your local area. Some casinos have great facilities and if they are supplemented by Federal Indian Healthcare Funds, they must give you healthcare service. With Obama Care coming into effect, you will not have to buy health care insurance if you are registered with our Tribe and use Indian Healthcare facilities.

In order to join Tlingit & Haida, go to their website at www.ccthita.org and click on Enrollment to download the proper forms to fill out. If you want a membership card and you are already a member, download the Tribal ID affidavit form and follow the instructions. If you do not know if you are registered, call Central Council in Juneau at 1 800 344 1432 and ask for Grace Hawkins or Valerie Hillman and leave a message and they will check and call you back. In the message, leave your full name with spelling if it is unusual, birth date and if you are a woman, leave maiden name and married name.

If you are a Sealaska Corp. or 13th Regional Corp. member, it does not necessarily mean that you are registered with Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska in Juneau. The Tribe is very different from the Corporations for profit.

We have a local Membership Chairperson, Roberta Martorella who can be reached at phone 707 584 4093, 3468 Stoney Point Road, Santa Rosa, CA 95407. Roberta has all of the forms she can mail to you. She cannot tell you if you are a Tribal Member, however.