



Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Environmental Department

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Program Update

By: Karis Porcincula

Spring is here! The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Environmental Department has been working hard to get their project done.



Environmental staff still collect electronic waste. If you have any you would like to drop off, drop it by the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal office.

Clams are being dug each month and sent out for testing. The latest results came back at 111 micrograms, which is above the FDA approved limit of 80 micrograms.

The Earth Day Fair is coming up in April on the 28th.

We hope to see you all there.

The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe is working

with Total Reclaim to host a Freon Removal Training here in Sand Point. Call the Environmental Department for more information.

The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Environmental Department held their annual Earth Day Fair Poster Contest for the 11th Annual Earth Day Fair, which ended on March 19th. We would like to thank every-

one who submitted art work. The winner will be announced at the Earth Day Fair.

The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe is holding an Earth Day Fair Raffle. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Karis Porcincula or Jasmine Maligaya or stop by the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe office.

The Earth Day Fair Poster contest was held in February & March, ending March 19th. We would like to thank all the artists for their masterpieces for the poster contest.

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Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning Update

By: Karis Porcincula

The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Environmental Department collects clam samples each month to send out for testing. The latest results from the Sand Point Spit Beach for March at 111 micrograms, which is above the FDA approved limit of 80 micrograms.

We will collect clams

again in mid April for testing.

The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe neither encourages nor discourages the consumption of the local shellfish, but provides this information for the community members to make an educated decision regarding the consumption of the

local shellfish.



**MONTHS CLAMS
HAVEN'T BEEN
EDIBLE:
45 MONTHS**



Employment Opportunity

By: Qagan Tayagungin Tribe

The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe is currently seeking applications for the Tribal Intern Position. This position is a full-time/40 hours per week position. The Tribal Intern works under the direction and supervision of the Executive Director and responsible for helping the Tribe to meet the goals, commitments, outputs and deliverables of various tribal programs. This person is also responsible for assisting the Executive Director and Finance Director in timely completion of contract, grant and general Tribal tasks.

Responsibilities include: providing

general administrative support fro the Tribal Council, President, and Executive Director and Tribal office staff performing general office duties. Assisting with the Food Distribution Program, Culture Camp, and other activities hosted by the Tribe. Also, assisting Finance Director with daily tasks associated with Agate Pulltabs operation, organizing and maintaining files, answering phones, faxes, and copying scanning, ordering supplies and materials, doing mail runs, hauling freight and interacting with the public as needed. Other duties are as assigned.

Qualifications for this position are: (a soon to be) 2018 high school graduate or current college student; excellent people skills and written and verbal communication skills; either a Shareholder or Descendant of the Aleut Corporation; ability to work independently and as a team member; and knowledge of computers and other office machines.

Applications are available at the QTT Office, Room 3 of the City Building. Office hours are 8am to 5pm, Monday through Friday or downloadable from our website at <http://www.qttribe.org>. Position is open until May 11, 2018.

NALEMP Update

By: Karis Porcincula

During the end of January and the beginning of February, you may have noticed a group of people working in the spit back trails cutting down alders. During this time, Geotek Alaska came in and was getting ready to do geophysical surveying of the military debris in the back trails.

Every 10-20 feet, a four foot path was cleared for surveying. This process took 3-4 weeks. Three locals were hired to help with the removal of alders and path clearing.

Geotek Alaska did two types of surveying to determine exactly how many bunkers and how much military

debris is in our back trails. The map they came out with determined there is quite a bit of military debris in our backtrails. We are working on another phase this year to determine what is there and what should be done with it.

Plastic Pollution

By: Jasmine Maligaya

Have you ever thought about your drinking water having plastic in it?

Microplastics, which are extremely small pieces of plastic, are present in almost all water systems in the world such as streams, rivers, lakes, and oceans.

About 83% of sample tap water is tested around the world and has found to have been contaminated with plas-

tic fibers.

The microplastics emanate from clothes, cosmetics, car tires, paint chips, and other sources. Plastic fibers are so tiny, they are able to pass through filtering systems, which are used to purify the water. The water is purified from streams & rivers which lead into our homes and water bottles.

Microplastic is small enough to be

transported by the wind and can land in many places.

Think before you drink.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.earthday.org/?eType=EmailBlastContent&eId=ff561c92-2379-4696-956c-9aa6d5ab5440>





Earth Day Fair

By: Karis Porcincula

The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Environmental Department is holding the 11th Annual Earth Day Fair at the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Community Center on Saturday, April 28th from 11:00am -3:00pm

The Green Walk will start at 11:00am. Meet at the QTT Community Center at 10:45am to grab gloves, garbage bags, and get your name put in for a drawing. The Green Walk will start at the community center, up the trail by the clinic, down the board-

walk to the post office, auto shop and old Carl's store, back on the road to the community center. We ask that you please leave your full bags on the side of the road so the Environmental staff can pick them up and get an accurate count.

The Earth Day Fair will begin at 12:00pm with games, relay races, in-



formation, and food vendors. There will also be a planting booth and a craft table.

The winner of the Earth Day Fair poster contest will also be announced at the end of the Earth Day Fair along with the Earth Day Fair raffle.

Come help us celebrate Earth Day. We hope to see you there!

Earth Day Fair Raffle

By: Karis Porcincula

The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Environmental Department is doing an Earth Day Fair raffle where all proceeds go to future Earth Day Fair prizes.

Raffle items are: a Nintendo Switch with Mario Kart 8 Deluxe, a Big Chief Electric Smoker with 4 extra bags of chips, a portable fire pit, and a Tupperware bowl set. There will be more items as they be-

come available.

Tickets are: 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20.00. To buy tickets, please contact Karis Porcincula or Jasmine Maligaya, or stop by the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe main office. Raffle will be held at the 11th Annual Earth Day Fair.

Do not need to be present to win.



Freon Removal Training

By: Karis Porcincula

The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Environmental Department is partnering up with Total Reclaim to hold a Freon Removal Training here in Sand Point.

The training will take place on April 24th and 25th at the City Chambers.

The Freon Removal Training is free for those who would like to participate. If you would like

to participate, call the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Environmental Department at (907)383-6968 and sign up with either Karis Porcincula or Jasmine Maligaya.

Also if you have any type of appliance containing Freon (i.e. refrigerators, freezers, water cooler dispenser, etc.) and you are looking to get rid of it,

let us know as we will need old appliances for the hands on training.

If you are looking to drop an old appliance containing Freon somewhere, we are collecting them at the QTT Terminal. Call before dropping off. Thank you.





Spring Time

By: Jasmine Maligaya

Spring has sprung and winter should be done. Unfortunately for us, winter hasn't left just yet.

The first day of spring was on March 20th this year, which is called the vernal equinox. There is supposed to be 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of dark. Even though we are having more daylight during the days, does not mean winter is out of the picture.



When it is spring in the northern hemisphere, it will be autumn in the southern hemisphere. There is still crisp cold chills in the air and everyone should dress according to the weather.

Wear a raincoat and rain boots if it's rainy and overcast or a heavy jacket if it's windy. Gloves, hats, and scarfs are also great articles of clothing to keep you warm while the weather is still warming up.

Even though there have been sighting of flowers, bumble bees, and other insects; the weather has decided it isn't done with the snow. For the past couple weeks, we have been having wet snow showers along with rain and higher winds.

By mid-April, we should be experiencing spring time here in Sand Point. Until then, stay warm and enjoy the extra daylight.

Environmental Youth Group Update

By: Jasmine Maligaya

Since Boys and Girls Club has opened again, the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe's Environmental Assistant has held Environmental Youth Group every Friday at 3PM.

During this time, EYG has been focusing on doing Earth Day Poster Contest for the Earth Day Fair. Many kids were involved with the poster contest. EYG has been great with participating in all activities and coming up with ideas for this Spring.

The Environmental Assistant plans to do environmentally friendly activities such as; making environmental board games, outdoor activities, teaching the youth more about environmental education, and setting goals/challenges for the youth to accomplish each week.

The youth have been happy to Environmental Youth Group is back and they have also given the Environmental Assistant feed back on what types

of projects and games they would like to see.



Environmental Teen Group Update

By: Karis Porcincula

The Environmental Coordinator has been trying to hold Environmental Teen Group every Wednesday evening from 7-8pm at the Sand Point Teen Center. Since there was basketball and most teens were traveling, Environmental Teen Group was put on hold for a while. Now that all basketball teams and teenagers are back in Sand Point, Environmental Teen Group will begin again at the end of

April.

During this time, we are hoping to get the teens involved in Environmental activities and projects to teach them more about taking care of our community.

Once school is out, Environmental Teen Group will be held every Wednesday evening at the Teen Center from 8-9pm due to the switch from

winter to summer hours.

We haven't had much participation, so we are hoping more teens will participate starting at the end of April.





Electronic Waste Update

By: Karis Porcincula

The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe Environmental Department is still collecting electronic waste for recycling.

When enough electronic waste is collected, Environmental Staff gather it together and place it in totes to be shipped to Total Reclaim in Seattle, WA.

The Environmental Department col-

lects electronic waste such as: phones, computers, fax machines, copying machines, cell phones, gaming consoles, printers, keyboards, and more. We also collect ink cartridges for recycling.

If you have electronic waste or ink cartridges for recycling, please drop them off at the Qagan Tayagungin Tribal office in the City Building, first

floor, third door on the left. If you are an elder or handicapped and cannot drop off, give us a call at the Tribe and we will come pick your e-waste up.

Let's keep electronic waste out of the landfill and keep our community clean!



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Juvenile Healing to Wellness Court

By: Carla Chebetnoy

In 2015, The Qagan Tayagungin Tribe was awarded a grant from the Office of Juvenile Justice for a Juvenile Healing to Wellness. We are ready to start up a teen Circle Court in our community. At this time, we are looking for student volunteers from grades 9th – 12th to participate as teen judges in decision making when problems arise amongst their peers.



The goal of this project is to support and enhance the Tribal Judicial System in order to effectively and efficiently implement the Tribal Youth Court to improve the health, safety, and welfare of youth ages 8-21 in Sand Point. This will include ad-

dresssing minor alcohol possession and consumption issues, and establish of coordination of relevant stakeholders and organizations, and the Tribal

Youth Court to better serve the youth of the community through youth court's circle structure, to respond to and prevent future alcohol and substance abuse, and related crimes and minor offenses.

If you are interested in being a part of the tribal youth court please contact Carla at the Qagan Tayagungin Tribe at 907-383-5616.



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