

TULALIP EDUCATION DIVISION NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2026

A Message from Jessica Bustad, Executive Director



Summer has officially arrived, and the teams have been preparing an incredible lineup of programs designed to uplift those they serve. From academic growth in K-12 tutoring to adventures at youth and Lushootseed camps, powerful events are happening every single day.

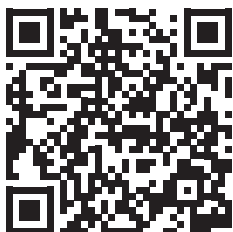
We encourage all families to create a “summer bucket list” and try new things together. Healthy, fun activities are all around the community, and it is well known that the best memories are spent with special loved ones. We want to thank all parents, caregivers, and the community for continuing to help make this a safe, successful, and unforgettable season for the youth. The community is encouraged to continue coming together to uplift the children—keep reading, keep learning, and keep spreading the good vibes all summer long!

Youth Council

A group of 20 youth and 10 chaperones will be embarking on a journey to the 50th Annual National UNITY Conference in July. The department is excited for these young leaders to experience this amazing opportunity and bring back what they learn to continue building up the Youth Council and supporting their peers.

The Youth Council is always recruiting. Tulalip youth in middle or high school are welcome to inquire at the Don Hatch Youth Center.

Or contact the Youth Council Advisor, Courtney Sheldon, at courtneysheldon@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.



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Higher Education

The department is excited to congratulate all graduates in the Class of 2026. Summer has officially arrived, and while some individuals are continuing classes through the summer quarter, the department commends the great work of all students who have successfully completed their school terms so far in 2026.

Students are reminded to send all questions and inquiries for Higher Education to **highereducation@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov**. Those planning to attend classes in the fall should submit their schedules, grades, invoices, and applications in advance to ensure they receive the necessary payments to start the fall term with ease.

The department extends its gratitude to Sarah, Mary, and Kayla for their hard work.



Youth & Family Enrichment

The Youth & Family Enrichment Program is excited to provide a summer filled with opportunities for youth, families, and community members to stay active, learn new skills, connect with culture, and build relationships. Through sports, wellness activities, cultural experiences, family events, and enrichment programming, the program continues to create positive spaces where youth can grow, have fun, and engage with their community. Youth in grades 6–12 are invited to join for another exciting summer season.

Hours of Operation: The Don Hatch Youth Center will be open from 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM, with breakfast and lunch served daily for students.

Closure Notice: Please note the Youth Center will be CLOSED from August 20 to September 2, with the exception of the Native American Night to Mariner's event on Monday, August 24.

Tulalip Summer Camp

Dates: July 6 – August 18, 2026

Eligibility: Grades 6–12

Details: A six-week camp featuring field trips, sports, cultural activities, wellness opportunities, leadership development, and special events. All students must have an updated registration and field trip form completed to attend. Inquiries can be emailed to YouthRegister@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov. A limited transportation route will be available for students needing a ride to the Youth Center for camp.

Annual Culture Week

Dates: July 13–17, 2026

Details: A week dedicated to cultural learning, activities, and community engagement leading up to Canoe Journey.

The program has seen amazing success with Family Bingo nights and is happy to announce that they will resume in September.

Contact Information

Youth & Family Enrichment Program
Don Hatch Youth Center
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SCAN QR CODE:
**Summer
Registration**



Family Resource

The department extends a warm welcome to its newest team member, Finance Specialist Beatrice Fastwater. Beatrice brings a wealth of knowledge and skills, and she is thoroughly enjoying the learning process as she gets to know the students and families.

Please Note: Vicki Hill will be out of the office through September. Rachay Imholt will serve as the interim Manager to support Aliyah and Beatrice during this time.

Graduation Funding Deadline: The last day to utilize funding after high school graduation is July 30, 2026.

Processing Notice: Families are reminded to please submit all inquiries at least 30 days in advance to ensure timely processing.

Private School Applications: Applications are now being accepted for the 2026-27 school year. Submissions should be turned in by August 19, if possible. Families can contact the department for assistance.

Inquiries: All inquiries and requests should be sent to youthfinance@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.

Forms & Policies: All applications and policies are available in PDF format on the Tulalip Tribes Department Website under the Education Division.

Homework Support and Tutorial Program

Provides in-school and after-school assistance with homework and tutoring, as well as summer education support programming.

Summer School Schedule:

July 20 – August 13 (Beginning with Robotics Camp from July 20–24).

Staff members will be preparing for summer school and finding fun, exciting ways to keep the summer learning going. Following summer school, the staff will begin preparing for the back-to-school season in September. Applications and informational materials will be available at the Back-to-School event in August.

Staff

Dawn Simpson – Manager
Shana Simpson – Lead Specialist
Alondra Alvarador – Specialist
Eli Blauser – Teacher III

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Robotics Camp





Positive Youth Development

The department hopes the school year went well for everyone and is excited to transition into the summer. Congratulations are extended to the Class of 2026!

This summer, Positive Youth Development is actively coordinating and overseeing Summer Youth Employment. The department is excited to see students ages 15–18 join the workforce and gain valuable skills for their future.

Gratitude is extended to everyone who took the time to submit information and pictures for the QCV Senior Graduate Banners, which are now on display at the Quil Ceda Village business front in Tulalip.

Save the Date: The Annual Back to School Bash will take place on Wednesday, August 19, at the Don Hatch Youth Center.

Contact: For questions or comments, community members can contact manager Deyamonta Diaz at ddiaz@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.



Lushootseed

The Lushootseed Department is hosting the **29th Annual Lushootseed Language Camp** during the weeks of July 6–10 and July 13–17.

Camp Details: Open to students ages 5–12 (tribal preference applies), with a limit of 50 youth per camp. This camp provides a perfect opportunity for high school students looking to earn volunteer hours. Community members can contact Natosha Gobin to sign up camp participants or volunteers.

The team will also be participating in this year's Canoe Journey Paddle to Nisqually, providing Lushootseed lessons, crafting, storytelling, and practice in protocol speech. The department hopes local families can participate in this year's paddle. In August, the team will spend much-needed time focusing on language proficiency and taking harvesting trips.

Language Learning Resources

- Tulalip Lushootseed Learning App (Available in the Google Play Store)
- Index Keyring Flashcards
- Tulalip Lushootseed YouTube videos
- Tulalip Lushootseed Website



Prevention

The Prevention Department has held Youth Support & Action meetings nearly every month since the beginning of 2026.

Next Meeting: July 21 at 5:00 PM in the Dining Hall.

Topic: A Seattle Children's pediatrician will present on the impacts of in-utero drug exposure and brain development. The department looks forward to exploring this topic in an open, honest, and compassionate way, recognizing it as a reality that some families face.

In May, Zenitha Jimicum and Melissa Webb attended the Planet Youth Conference in Reykjavik, Iceland. They spent three days learning from global presenters on implementing the Icelandic Prevention Model and creating better systems for the community.

Those interested in becoming involved in this work through the coalition or joining the email list for updates and materials are encouraged to reach out.

Zenitha Jimicum can be contacted at 425-232-0116 or via email at zjimicum@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.



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Tulalip Lushootseed App

Tulalip Tribes Education Division

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