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Ninilchik Traditional Council

The Ninilchik Traditional Council traces its roots back to the first Native communities located around the Cook Inlet and surrounding area. Tribal boundaries extend from South of the Kasilof River to Homer and East from the Caribou Hills across the Cook Inlet to Mt. Redoubt.

Attention Tribal Elders!
Come join Anna Grant every Monday for a fabulous luncheon!
 The Elders Outreach Program will be holding a luncheon every Monday at the Ninilchik Traditional Council's Subsistence Building starting at 12:00 p.m.
 For more information, please call Anna Grant at 567-3370.

The next NTC Regular Council Meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2008 at 1:00 pm
 All Tribal Members are welcome to attend. There will be a meal served and a cash door prize!
 For questions or comments, please call 567-3313.

The Ninilchik Traditional Council Offices will be **CLOSED** Monday, March 31st for Seward's Day.

Thank You Sharon!!!

The Tribal Services Department would like to send a special "Thank You" to Sharon Fromong for assistance with a variety of programs and services. Sharon has been invaluable in updating and maintaining our tribal enrollment database. Sharon also did an exceptional job with data input, filing, maintaining files and research. The Tribal Services staff will miss Sharon and her assistance, as she has now transferred to the Ninilchik Community Clinic. We wish her continued success!



**Don't forget to visit our website:
www.ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov**

NTC Vacancy Announcement**Staff Biologist****THE NINILCHIK TRADITIONAL COUNCIL**

JOB TITLE: Staff Biologist, DOE

Open: March 17, 2008

Close: When Filled

Position Type: Full-time

Hours: 40 hours/week, 5 days a week

Salary: DOE

DEPARTMENT: Environmental / Resource Division

SUMMARY: To provide support to the Environmental / Resource Department in the development, operation, maintenance, and management of current programs and participate in the development of future programs that are technically sound, scientifically based, and in conformance with policies of the Ninilchik Traditional Council. This position requires meeting technical protocols established in multiple programs.

SPECIFIC SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE, AND EXPERIENCE REQUIRED: Must have a minimum of Bachelors Degree in Biology or a related discipline. Experience in field investigations, reporting, and assessment activities are preferred. Must also have experience in, or demonstrate competence in, terrestrial and aquatic habitat evaluation. The applicant must have proficient computer skills and good oral and written communication skills that can concisely and clearly communicate technical information to specialists and non-specialists. Analytical sampling may be used for some projects.

TO APPLY FOR THIS JOB: Applications are available at the Ninilchik Traditional Council office building and website: www.ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov located across from the General Store in Ninilchik, 15910 Sterling Hwy., Ninilchik, AK 99639.

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Ninilchik, AK 99639
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You must submit a completed application and attach a brief resume of your qualifications with the application



EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ivan Encelewski

Ninilchik Traditional Council

Executive Director

2/22/2008 NTC Regular Council Meeting Updates!

Resolutions 2008-04 –2008-72! The NTC Board of Directors passed 68 resolutions regarding Indian Roads Inventory. These were presented by Darrel Williams. He explained how the roads inventory works and the importance in securing the roads inventory. NTC is a Federally Recognized Tribe and is thus the only entity eligible to receive these BIA funds to document routes for long-range transportation priorities. The Council discussed in depth the rules, regulations and timelines to complete the inventories.

Resolution 2008-75! The NTC Board of Directors passed Resolution 2008-75, which supported the submittal of a Summer Youth Cultural Heritage Grant Application. Christina Demidoff presented this resolution to the Board, explaining that this is grant available through Cook Inlet Region, INC. It would essentially provide funds for NTC to run a Youth Educational Fishery Camp, similar to the Cook Inlet Tribal Council Summer Youth Enrichment Camp. Youth will be harvesting, processing, smoking salmon with the help and input from our Elders, and afterwards, upon completion of the program, the participating youth will receive a monetary stipend. The processed fish will be kept by the Tribe for potlucks, Elder and/or Youth functions and some fish will be given to the participants.

Sea Otter Hunt! Christina Demidoff presented to the Board that she has been actively organizing a sea otter hunt. She plans to meet with Ernie Bernhardt, a Tlingit/Haida man who resides in the Homer area who has extensive knowledge and experience in sea otter hunting. The Board discussed a NTC sea otter permitting program and directed the NTC Subsistence Committee to discuss rules. More to come!

Environmental Program Grant Update! Darrel Williams reported to the Board the process of transition in the NTC Environmental Program. Darrel explained and interpreted various graphs depicting air/water quality data with the Board and discussed future plans for the air/water testing and overall future of the program.

2008 Educational Fishery! The fishery proposal has been submitted to the State; discussion was held on the timing for NTC to request from the commissioner additional requests, the fishery gear, getting a set budget for the fisheries and meeting to discuss these important issues before the summer by the NTC Subsistence Committee. The Subsistence Committee meeting was scheduled for early April.

Sincerely,



Ivan Encelewski

NTC Executive Director

Don't forget our website!

www.ninilchiktribe-nsn.gov

News and Information



**Ninilchik Traditional Council's Child Care Program
is sponsoring PRESCHOOL SWIM!
Every Friday at the Ninilchik School Swimming Pool
From 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Ages 0 - 5 Welcome! Parents must accompany children.
Come and Swim with us!**



WANT YOUR GED?

How about improving your basic skills?

We can help! Terri Cowart from Kenai Peninsula College will be in Ninilchik to help you. Come to NTC or the Ninilchik Library, or call Kenai Peninsula College at 262-0327.

We can help you earn your GED, improve your English, Math and provide information on attending college.

Locations: NTC 11:am - 1:00 pm ~ Ninilchik Library 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

March 5th

April 2nd



NTC Library

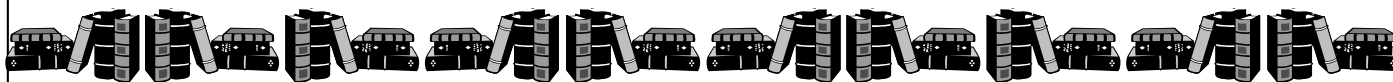
Come in to the main admin office directly across the street from the Ninilchik General Store and visit the NTC Library.

We have just acquired new books and DVD Movies.!

There is an extensive reference section if you are interested in researching information.

All you need to check out materials is a FREE NTC Library Card.

For more information: call 567-3313



The Ninilchik Group of Alcoholic Anonymous holds open AA meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. The meetings are of one hour duration and are held at the Ninilchik United Methodist Church, which is right next door to the Ninilchik School.

Contact numbers:

Lorita 567 - 3828

Larry 567- 3574

There will be support meetings held at the NTC Ninilchik Community Clinic Annex Building.

Al-Anon meetings will take place Tuesdays from 11:00 am until Noon and the

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For more information call Charlene Florence at 567-3370

NTC Housing Programs

Bob Crosby, Housing Director ~ bob@niniichiktribe-nsn.gov

Denise Smith, Housing Assistant



“If more of us valued food and cheer and song above hoarded gold,
it would be a merrier world.” - J. R. R. Tolkien

Hello Folks,

Part of my job involves assessing people's incomes. I know that most people in our service area are making between 30% and 50% of the Median Income and find it difficult to get by, especially with this winter's high cost of fuel to heat homes. About a third of the people I see are on a fixed Social Security income of some sort. These are the people I really want to reach out to, since they are not required to file their income taxes every year. Many of these folks believe that since they are not eligible for any refunds, why go through the bother of doing their taxes. But with the President's recent "Economic Stimulus Bill" this would mean losing out on \$300.00 to \$600.00 for individuals and \$600.00 to \$1200.00 for joint filers. And for those of you that do file and have children, an additional \$300.00 per qualifying child is added. This is money I know is badly needed by all, and especially those on Social Security, I would hate to see you miss out on this.

So to help out those Social Security beneficiaries who usually do not file, but are considering filing a 2007 tax return only to obtain the stimulus payment, this is what you need to know. You do not need to obtain a 1099 Form for the IRS to determine if they are eligible to receive a stimulus payment. Just do an estimate of the Social Security you have received during 2007 is sufficient; all you need to do is (12 months) X (what ever your monthly benefits are) = amount listed on line 14a. The easiest form to use is the IRS 1040a form and remember to write at the top of the form "Stimulus Payment" before sending it in. An example of how to fill the form in can be found at: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/newsroom/1040a.PDF>. If you are unable to view this online, we do have copies of them available here in our office if you should need one. The IRS website is the best place to answer your questions the link for them is: www.irs.gov

Again, if your having trouble, we may be able to help you though our Emergency Assistance Program, but please remember our Emergency Assistance program was established to prevent homelessness and you must be able to provide proof that with our assistance you will be able to get by on your own after our assistance.

For those of you considering doing something about your homes this summer, we have the Rehabilitation or Modernization work that can be done on homes. These are \$30,000.00 grants that must be pre-approved for income eligibility and have an Environmental Review conducted before we can put them out for bid. So please get those applications into us soon, if you want to be eligible for this coming construction season.

Time to go, summer is on the way and were gaining 5 to 6 minutes a day which means fishing is just around the corner.

Until next month!

Your Housing Staff,
Bob and Denise ☺

Looking to Work at Home?

Interested in Providing Child Care?

The Ninilchik Traditional Council is seeking applicants to be Registered Care Providers for our Child Care program!



What does it take?

NTC Tribal Child Care Providers need a State Business License and State Background check, as well as a Health and Safety inspection of the home where care will be provided.

Applications are available at the NTC office across from the General Store.

NTC CCDF Program provides qualified families funding for their childcare needs based on a sliding fee scale. Tribal rates apply for childcare based on children's ages:

NEW RATES!!!

Infant (0-18 mo.) \$5.50/hr; Toddler (19-36 mo.) \$5.50/hr
Child (37 mo. – 6 yrs) \$5.25/hr; School age (7-12 yrs) \$5.25/hr

Tovarish Manor Senior Apartments
Located at 66351 Aspen Ave., Ninilchik, AK.
Available NOW!

A brand new 2 bedroom apartment for Seniors 62 years & older.

One Apartment:

Fully Handicapped Equipped; has 2 bedrooms, washer/dryer and heated garage.

Rent is \$700.00 a month and includes the heat and hot water.

For more information & applications please call:

Bob or Denise at: 567-3313. Applications can also be download from our website at:

www.NinilchikTribe-nsn.gov/Tovarish.html



First Alaskans Institute

The Ninilchik Traditional Council's Tribal Services Department has been selected as one of 11 recipients for NTC's Early Learning Program's proposal to First Alaskans Institute's Community Investments Awards. NTC Tribal Services Department has been approved for \$25,000 funding by the Institute's Board of Trustees. With this additional funding, we can create a safe and more durable classroom.

By providing a positive learning experience for preschool age children 3-5 years of age, students will receive the required education necessary to prepare them for the entry into Kindergarten. Pre-elementary students will engage in age appropriate educational activities and learn to participate in group activities plus they are given the opportunity to socialize with their peers in a safe environment.

Our unique program and curriculum, taught by certified teachers, cover social skills, academic skills, music and movement, Alaskan culture activities and Ninilchik History all within a comfortable safe learning environment for the preschool child to discover, explore, experience and participate in early education.

Baby Think It Over Program

During the last month, four Ninilchik High School students participated in NTC's Baby Think It Over Program.

This program is designed to give students the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about parenting. An infant simulator offers an experience that simulates the parenting of an infant. The goal of this program is to help people understand three important facts:

- Infants require a great deal of time and attention.
- Infants' demands are unpredictable but must be met promptly.
- Parenting responsibilities impact one's lifestyle profoundly.

The benefit of the infant simulator is that a novice can practice parenting skills without the risks involved with real infants. With an infant simulator, failure to support the infant's head is merely a learning experience and/or a lower grade. The Baby Think It Over Program is designed as an aid for educators to help people make responsible, informed decisions about parenting. The four students who participated in this class learned:

- How to safely pick up and hold a young infant comfortably and safely.
- How to feed and burp a young infant safely.
- How to safely change and infant's diaper and clothing.
- How to safely rock an infant and change positions while rocking.

These computerized babies are programmed to need care 24 hours a day. At the end of the parenting simulation, a report is printed, which lists all care and any neglect the infant has received: the number of times the baby was feed, burped, changed, rocked, neglected, mishandled, handled roughly, held in a

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Alaska Ivory Creations — Gene Steik. (907) 398-7300. P.O. Box 39709, Ninilchik, Alaska 99639.

Arctic General Contracting — Andy Boyle — Licensed. Bonded. Insured.
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Bull Moose Creations — Shareen Bock, Owner. Quilting, Embroidery, Crafts. P.O. Box 39136, Ninilchik, Alaska 99639. Phone: (907) 567-3954.

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Designs by Doris — Locally made & fine handcrafted beaded jewelry. (907) 567-3930

High Five Awards and Engraving — Ray Bouwens. Truly memorable client service. 3307 Boniface Parkway, Lot 9A, Anchorage, AK 99504. Phone & Fax: (907) 337-1099. E-Mail: heapbiginjin@yahoo.com

Jackson Enterprises — Scott Jackson, Owner. Home heating oil. Delivery to Ninilchik area. Phone: 262-4159. Cell: 398-4157. Fax: 262-4130

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Quick Silver Truck and Auto Repair — Kirt Parkinson. Towing service and tire change-over/repair, computerized balancing machine. Snowplowing and sanding in the Anchor Point area. Licensed and insured. (907) 235-2197 (907) 299-0845

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The days are flying for Ninilchik Traditional Council’s Early Learning students. Students continue to learn their alphabet sounds and letters, shapes, numbers, days of the week, opposites, etc. In art they made Alaskan Native masks. They painted them black to represent baleen with white eyes, nose, ears and hands, to represent ivory. Each student’s mask is unique. The masks are displayed at the Subsistence building.

On January 28, 2008 Ninilchik Emergency Services Fire Department visited NTC’s Early Learning students. Students learned about “stop, drop and roll”, they listened to the fire alarm going off so they could recognize that sound in case of a fire, and they watched firefighter Kit don his fire gear with mask and air tank. One by one, they got to go on the fire truck and get their picture taken. All the students enjoyed the visit from Ninilchik’s Fire Department; thanks to the firefighters for taking time to teach our students!

February 14 is Valentine’s Day and March 17 is St. Patrick’s Day, and Early Learning Program wants to wish you all a very

Happy Valentine’s Day and Happy St. Patrick’s Day!





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February/ March 2008

NTC NEWS

Change Of Address Form

Name: _____

New Address: _____ Social Security #: _____
_____ Date of Birth: _____
_____ Phone Number: _____

Parent or Sponsor for the following tribal members: _____

Has there been a name change? Yes No

If so, by Marriage Divorce Adoption

Old name: _____ New name: _____

If there has been a name change, please send in the legal document which authorizes your name change (i.e., marriage certificate or divorce decree).

Signature (of Tribal member or Parent/Spouse)

Date

Is your address current? Tribal member address changes must be submitted in writing to the NTC Enrollment Office in order to assure that the distribution of pertinent information can be sent to the correct address. The Enrollment Officer or other staff may not modify an enrollment file in any fashion even if it is known that the file may not be up to date.