



Teen Enrichment

&

Prevention Program

Application 2025/2026

Please complete each section of this application.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted for Teen Program registration.

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For Office Use Only:

Date/Time Rec'd _____

Nooksack Indian Tribe Youth Program 2024/25

Our program operates under the policies and guidance from the Nooksack Pandemic Response Team. We will follow all safety measures to ensure the participants safety. We must inform you that the participation can potentially expose attendees to unvaccinated individuals.

Youth Name: _____

School Entering Fall 2025: _____

Home Address: _____

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Authorized to pick up: ☐yes ☐no

Name: _____ Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

Authorized to pick up: ☐yes ☐no

Youth Medical Information

Allergies/Chronic Illness/Medical Concerns: _____

Description of severity, symptoms, and plan of action:

Policy Agreement:

In-person policy agreements *must* be adhered to upon entry of our program. Policy agreement will ensure the enrolled youth will abide by rules to ensure safety and efficiency of our program. Please initial each statement after you have read each policy.

___ My child will attend Nooksack Youth Program regularly. In the matter whereas my child is not attending regularly they will be removed from Nooksack Youth Program to allow youth on our waitlist to enter the program.

___ My child will participate in the Nooksack Indian Tribe Behavior Health sessions that are offered.

___ My child will participate in the Nooksack Indian Tribal Youth Program (NITYP) classrooms and NIT Tribal Library in a respectful manner and will follow all health and safety precautions. My child will be respectful to themselves, staff, and the other participants.

___ I will pick up my child on-time. In case of emergency, I will notify the front desk of any tardiness.

___ I understand the participation in NITYP involves risks of exposure as there are unvaccinated individuals on site. My child is participating under my full authorization and consent. NIT/NITYP will not be legally responsible. My child will follow COVID-19 and any Health Safety measures set in place.

___ I allow NITYP staff to take photos of my child while participating in the on-campus activities. I understand this may be shared to the Nooksack Youth Program Facebook page, Nooksack Newsletter and the Nooksack Tribal website.

___ I understand that NITYP is not responsible for personal belongings. If my child brings electronic devices/money/valuable items, it is at their own risk. NITYP only allows cellphones for emergent use and must remain in the child's backpack/coat.

Emergency Contacts:

Valid until I revoke my permission in writing to the Nooksack Tribal Youth Department

Primary Contact:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Employer's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Secondary Contacts (In case primary guardian cannot be reached, program staff has authorization to contact the persons listed below):

1. Name: _____ Phone: _____

2. Name: _____ Phone: _____

Pick up address: _____

Drop off address: _____

**Any changes must be submitted in writing and brought to the Nooksack Tribal Youth Department.*

The following people have permission to sign out my child for pick up without a note.
ANY CHANGES MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING.

1. Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relation: _____

2. Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relation: _____

3. Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relation: _____

4. Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relation: _____

5. Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relation: _____



Emergency Consent Release Form

As the natural/legal guardian of _____, I hereby grant permission for a certified Nooksack Tribal Youth Program Staff to perform CPR or Emergency First Aid as necessary. I further authorize and consent to the emergency medical, surgical, and/or hospital care, treatment and procedures to be performed by my child's regular physician, or when the physician cannot be reached, by a licensed practitioner when deemed immediately necessary to safeguard my child's health if I am unable to be reached. I also grant permission for my child to be transported by ambulance or aid car to an emergency center for treatment.

Child's Regular Physician: _____ Phone: _____

Please list any allergies and/or medical concerns:

Prescribed medications(s): _____

Signature of Authorized Parent/Legal Guardian

Printed Name

Date



Policy and Consent Form

*Read and initial next to each policy

___ I, or an authorized adult, will sign in/out my child when dropping off or picking up and will make certain a staff member knows that they are present or departing.

___ Only the people whose names are on my child's registration form are allowed to pick up my child, unless an authorized note signed by the primary guardian states otherwise.

___ Medications prescribed by a physician may be administered to my child by the staff, provided we have medication permission from the primary guardian. All prescriptions must be in the original container and have clear instructions on the label of the medication that is to be administered.

___ Parents/Guardians must provide written notice of changes in address, phone numbers, emergency information, or any other changes that are necessary to notify family members, especially in emergency situations.

___ My child may participate in groups that address the social/emotional needs of my child within the Nooksack Teen Program. I understand that Nooksack Behavioral Health counseling center staff will facilitate group sessions.

___ My child has permission to be photographed and/or videotaped during the After School or Summer Programs for educational or promotional purposes, within the Nooksack Tribal Newsletter, Nooksack Facebook Communications Page, Nooksack website, newspaper, either alone or in a group setting.

___ My child is to ride on the school bus for field trips and follow all bus rules.

___ My child may go on spontaneous walks or local field trips (such as going to a park), without advanced notice as part of their educational experience.

___ If any problems should occur with my child, I have been notified of the disciplinary procedures that will be followed through (see Rules, Regulations and Discipline Policy)

___ For youth that have a driver's license: my child is allowed to drive to program at Timber Ridge. Once the driver arrives, the youth's keys must be submitted to the Teen Center staff. They may not leave until the end of the day unless given a written notice by parent/guardian. No other youth may ride with them unless that has been arranged with parent/guardian and Program staff.

I give my permission/consent for all I have initialed.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date



Rules, Regulations and Discipline Policy

Please review the rules and regulations with your teen to help us ensure the safety of all participants and staff.

General Program Rules:

- Respect all people, property, materials, items and field trip locations.
- No swearing or using inappropriate language.
- No public displays of affection.
- No gang related paraphernalia, rags, or gang signs.
- No fighting
- No stealing
- No outside junk food allowed (soda, gum, candy, energy drinks, etc.)
- Youth are only permitted to get into their own backpack.
- Youth will protect private property by keeping it with their other personal belongings.
- During field trips, youth must remain with their team leader until dismissed.

Electronic Device Guidelines:

- During workshops or group sessions, youth will not be allowed to have devices on. No texting will be allowed during workshops or group sessions. Parents can call our office at 360-966-9696 if they can't reach their youth during these times.
- If the device becomes a disruption, it will be taken by a staff, given to a Program Manager, and returned at the end of the day.
- Program staff will not be held responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged devices.
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Bus and Van Rules:

- Listen to monitors and drivers.
- Hands and heads must remain inside the bus.
- Remain seated and facing forward.
- Wear a seatbelt when provided
- No spitting or throwing objects out the windows
- Speak in quiet voices.
- No eating or drinking, unless allowed by
- No horse-play



Discipline Policy:

Disciplinary action is considered on a case-by-case basis. The Program Management will work to gather the most information about an incident, and, if necessary, the Program Manager or Program Coordinator will reach out to parents and guardians to seek a partnership to help correct negative behaviors.

In issues of verbal or physical abuse to innocent children, the following actions will be taken.

First Incident: The teen will be removed from the group for the rest and receive a verbal warning. A notice of the incident will be sent home with the youth.

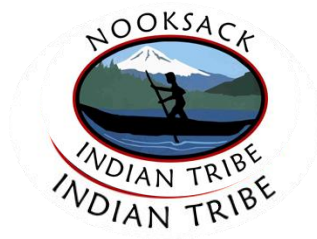
Second Incident: The teen will be removed from the group for the day and receive a written warning. Parent/Guardian will receive a phone call and a notice of the incident will be sent home with the youth.

Third Incident: The teen will be removed from the group for the day and the parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up their child. In addition, a referral will be sent to Behavioral Health counselors to seek one-on-one meeting. The teen will not be allowed to return until after the referral has been completed. The Behavioral Health counselor will then recommend a program specified to the teen's needs.

At any point, if the Program Management deems behaviors or physical actions as too harmful and uncalled for, parents will be notified about the situation and that they need to pick up their teen. The Teen Program will then work with the family, and possibly other helpful departments, to determine when the child can return to the program.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature

Date



Teen Enrichment and Prevention **Program Field Trip Notice**

I give permission for _____, to be transported to:

☐ All the field trips during the 2024-2025 teen programs

- These events are free for all youth enrolled in the Teen Program. Please remind your child that they must abide by all Rules and Regulations.
- Your child may need to bring additional items, depending on field trips (swim suits, towels, socks, etc.) Please be prepared.
- You are welcome to send money with your child to spend at the concession stand or other items. Staff is not responsible for returning extra money, so consider sending only the amount your child is allowed to spend.
- Staff is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

In the event of an emergency, this signed permission slip authorizes the Nooksack Indian Tribe Teen Program staff to properly accompany your child to the hospital or doctor most easily accessible.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

GENERAL RULES for NOOKSACK TRIBAL YOUTH AND TEEN PROGRAM OVERNIGHT TRIPS

1. The principles of the UNITY Mission Statement apply at all times for the duration of the trip.
2. UNITY's Mission is to foster the spiritual, mental, physical and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native Youth, and to help build a strong unified and self-reliant Native America through greater youth involvement.
3. There shall be NO DRINKING OF ALCHOLIC BEVERAGES OR USE OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS OR ILLEGAL DRUGS during this trip. Students should not have any of these items in their possession during the trip. Any student who must use a prescription medication MUST inform the adviser(s) before the trip.
4. In case of illness, parental permission will be sought before seeking medical care. Parents shall provide the tribe with written permission to authorize necessary medical treatment in the event of a parent/guardian cannot be reached.
5. Students are NOT to receive tattoos, body piercings, etc. at any time on any tribe sponsored trip.

HOTEL RULES

1. Students (and their parents/guardians) shall be held liable for any damage or loss of property at all times while on the trip.
2. Rooms should be kept locked at all times an windows are not to be opened.
3. Strangers shall not be admitted to any rooms.
4. Money or valuables should not be left unattended in rooms.
5. There are to be NO MIXED GROUPS in hotel rooms; that is, no boys in girls' rooms or vice versa, unless supervised by a chaperone before curfew. Teens from other tribes may visit with permission from each groups chaperone.
6. Students shall be in their rooms by curfew, which will be announced each night. No exceptions will be made unless there is an emergency. Students may no tleave their rooms after bed check.
7. Students must be courteous to tother hotel guests. There are to be no loud noises at any time.
8. Students are not allowed to leave hotel grounds without permission from chaperones.
9. Hotel rooms are rented by and in the name of the Nooksack Tribe Chaperone, not the individual students. Therefore, the tribe, through the chaperones, retains the right to enter and inspect hotel rooms used by students during the trip. By agreeing to these rules, students surrender the right to the chaperones to inspect a student's belongings at any time the chaperones feel such inspection will reveal a violation of these rules.

CONSEQUENCES

Any student who fails to comply with the preceding rule and regulations or who fails to cooperate with the chaperones may be subject to one or mor e of the following consequences at the discretion of administration:

1. Sent home. Parents will be notified and will be responsible for making arrangements.
2. Suspended from Youth Council and/or teen activities.
3. Subject to appropriate disciplinary action
4. In the event of an illegal act, the police may be notified and charges sought.

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____