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Huu-ay-aht First Nations

2025 ANNUAL PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

10 a.m. | Port Alberni Athletic Hall

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Early Bird Prize $100
Deadline: September 20, 2025

More information about the People's Assembly is coming soon!

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Based on Anacla Citizen data base list

Aubree Redbear
September 12

Duane Nookemis
September 13

Christopher Nookemis
September 13

Ashley Johnson
September 13

Kori Woiwod
September 17

Amber-Lily Nookemus
September 21

Issiah Dennis
September 21

Conrad Young
September 24

Justine Mack
September 25

Zaiden Gates
September 26

Danae Bird
September 27

Brian Peters
September 29

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Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 30, 2025





Anacla and Port Alberni Government Office will be closed for National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Enjoy your long weekend!

We will reopen Wednesday, October 1, at 8:30 A.M.

Save The Date:
National Day for
Truth and
Reconciliation



Monday, September 29, 2025

Anacla
Location: House of Huu-ay-aht
Time: 12 - 2 p.m.
Lunch will be provided

Port Alberni
Location: Port Alberni Government Office (4644 Adelaide St.)
Time: 2 - 4 p.m.
Snacks and light refreshments will be provided

Everyone is Welcome

HUU-AY-AHT FISHERS

Report your catch and be entered to win $200 gift card for Gone Fishin'!

Every citizen that submits a catch report will be entered into the draw. All catch reports already collected from this calendar year are valid, and the contest is open until October 31, 2025.

To report your catch:

- **Drop off your catch form at either office, or**
- **Email** harvest@huuayaht.org**, or**

Call 250-728-3414 and report to the natural resources harvest reporting team.

Give a Book, Take a Book

We're excited to start a community Book Exchange in Anacla!

The shelf will be set up in the Anacla Office, between the entrance doors. To get started, we're asking for book donations.

If you have gently used books you'd like to share, please bring them to the Anacla Office.

Once the shelf is stocked, everyone is welcome to give a book, take a book, and enjoy the exchange!



National Day for **Truth** and **Reconciliation** Acknowledgment

We are creating a special photo collage to honour:



- Survivors of Residential Schools
- Survivors who have since passed on
- Those who did not make it home



We are asking for:

- Photos (past or present)
- Names, and if you wish to share, the years attended and where

If you would like your loved ones to be included, please send your submissions by Wednesday, September 17, to events@huuayaht.org or come into a HFN Government Office to scan photos.

Together, we honour their strength, their stories, and their memory.

Huu-ay-aht Schedule September 2025

Thursdays	CFW Snack & Chat	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Anacla Government Office
Sundays	Port Alberni: Culture Nights	2:30 - 5 p.m.	3747 Church St.
Mondays	Anacla: Culture Night	7 - 9 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Tues., Sept. 16	Victoria Halibut and Chinook Food Fish Distribution	5:30 - 7 p.m.	Victoria Native Friendship Center, 231 Regina Ave
Wed., Sept. 17	Duncan Halibut and Chinook Food Fish Distribution	12 - 1 p.m.	Quw'ustsun Center, 200 Cowichan Way
Thurs., Sept. 18	Chat over a Meal with Executive Council	4 - 8 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Tues., Sept. 23	Vancouver Halibut and Chinook Food Fish Distribution	5:30 - 7 p.m.	Vancouver Aboriginal Mother Center, 2019 Dundas St.
	Family Fun Night	4 - 6 p.m.	Glenwood Centre (4480 Vimy St, Port Alberni)
Mon., Sept. 29	Anacla: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	12 - 2 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
	Port Alberni: National Day for Truth and Reconciliation	2 - 4 p.m.	Port Alberni Government Office

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Youth Program Schedule

With Jacquie Dennis

Sept. 2025

Mondays	Anacla: Culture Night	All Ages	7 - 9 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Fri., Sept. 12	Frybread Friday	All Ages	12 - 3 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Sun., Sept. 14	Beach Walk	Ages 5 - 7	10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Mon., Sept. 15	TBD	All Ages	3 - 6 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Tues., Sept. 16	TBD	All Ages	3 - 6 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Fri., Sept. 19	Frybread Friday	All Ages	12 - 3 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Sun., Sept. 21	Beach Walk	Ages 5 - 7	10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Mon., Sept. 22	TBD	All Ages	3 - 6 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Tues., Sept. 16	Boardgames	All Ages	3 - 6 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Fri., Sept. 26	Frybread Friday	All Ages	12 - 3 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Sun., Sept. 28	Beach Walk	Ages 5 - 7	10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla
Mon., Sept. 29	Full Day Activities	All Ages	8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	Soaring Eagle, Anacla

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Anacla Halibut and Chinook Distribution

When: Friday, October 10
General Distribution: 12 - 2 p.m.
Where: House of Huu-ay-aht
What: 10 pieces of frozen, vacuum sealed halibut and 15 pieces of chinook, per citizen

Elders delivery will take place in the morning, starting 9 a.m.

Let's Chat Over a Meal

With Executive Council

Do you have a concern or question that you want answers too? Come attend this session where you will get to speak to Executive Council and share a meal.

Thursday, September 18
4 - 8 p.m.
House of Huu-ay-aht
Doors open at 3:30 p.m.

This event is open to all Huu-ay-aht Citizens.

For questions, please contact Yunny at 250-723-0100 or events@huuayaht.org



ANACLA CITIZENS FOOD REIMBURSEMENT

A food reimbursement is available to Anacla Citizens for loss due to power outage by the Mount Underwood Wildfire.

Apply by SEPTEMBER 17

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Date Change!

Garbage pick-up in Bamfield will be collected on Fridays until further notice





Family FUN NIGHT



Join us for an evening full of joy and laughter!

Tuesday
September 23, 2025

Time
4 - 6 P.M.

Location
Glenwood Centre

Note:
Kids can bring bikes, scooters, rollerblades — with helmets.



Huu-ay-aht Seeds for Thought Second Survey

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Use the link or scan the QR Code and take the quick Seeds for Thought Second survey now:
https://forms.office.com/r/HnJ4gC4BC5

SCAN

Deadline: Fri. September 19



BCSA ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMUNITY LUNCH: CHILLI & CORNBREAD

VEGETARIAN & MEAT OPTIONS AVAILABLE!

WED SEPT 17
12:00PM - 1:00PM

ALL ARE WELCOME! PLEASE JOIN US AT THE SCHOOL

$10 SUGGESTED DONATION
KIDS EAT FREE

Huu-ay-aht Education Department would like to acknowledge the 2024-2025 Huu-ay-aht Academic Excellence Award recipients. So far, the following students in Grades 8-12 are receiving this award:

- Charli Brown
- NaDeen Cayou-Sport
- Samantha Cootes
- Eden Dennis
- Dannika Lopez
- Nolan Nookemus
- Sydney Nookemus
- Mackenzie Parcher
- Taylor Parcher
- Raina Saucedo
- Daniel Speck
- Hanna Speck
- Tauri Young
- Markus Fred

We encourage all parents/caregivers to apply for their child/children's school supply allowance by Wednesday, October 1, along with their final 2024-2025 report card, to see if those in grades 8-12 are eligible to receive as well.

Each recipient is also recognized with a $200.00 financial recognition for their hard work, dedication and accomplishments toward their education.

Congratulations and keep up the fantastic work!

APPLICATIONS ARE OPEN

2025-26 applications for K-12 students are available online and at the Port Alberni and Anacla Government Office. Deadline for applications is Wednesday, October 1, 2025.



PLEASE NOTE:

- Applications must be submitted with a final report card from the 2024-25 school year.
- Scholarship applications may require recommendations from teachers, administrators, or coaches.

AVAILABLE STUDENT AWARDS

- ƛiišin Academic Excellence Award & School Supply Allowance and Scholarship award applications
- Hišuk ma cawak Healthy & Active Award application
- ʔiisaak Community & Culture Award application
- Kiixʔin Chief Louie Award application
- Kathy Nookemus Memorial Award application

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CONTACT

Vanessa Sabbas for questions
250-723-0100 or vanessa.s@huuayaht.org

Scan the QR Code to visit the website!

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School's Out Program



WITH THE BAMFIELD COMMUNITY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

School's Out is a fun and engaging after-school program for children ages 6–12, designed to inspire, support, and spark creativity!

Starting on **Monday, September 8th**, Children will enjoy two dedicated days of programming each week, including an after-school snack and a variety of exciting activities that the kids will look forward to!



GRADES 1–3: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS
GRADES 4–7: MONDAYS & WEDNESDAYS

3:00PM – 4:30PM AT THE SCHOOL

This program is proudly delivered by the BCSA, in partnership with United Way British Columbia (UWBC) and School District 70 (Pacific Rim).

PROGRAMMING WILL FOCUS ON...



- Identity Development
- Community Engagement & Land Stewardship
- Skills & Competencies
- Health & Wellness
- Social & Relational Well-being

Questions? Email Taylor at bcsalitfacilitator@gmail.com

REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

United Way British Columbia

Huu-ay-aht First Nations Online Training

Kim Barthell and her team from Relationship Matters are offering online seminars that the Huu-ay-aht First Nations' Child and Family Wellness Team has purchased for citizens to access.

Citizens will have access to all the seminars for one year and can watch them at their own pace. The access will expire on **February 15, 2026**.

Huu-ay-aht First Nation has created a login for all citizens to access these seminars. If you want to participate, please contact the Child and Family Wellness Team at 250-736-5066 for the login information.

Topics include:

- Becoming a Behavioural Detective: Understanding and Supporting Complex Behaviour
- Conscious Parenting
- Connection and Resilience
- The Impact of Sexual Abuse
- Self-Harm & Suicide
- Aggression in Childhood and Adolescence
- Grief and Loss
- Addiction
- Community of Support



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Patient Travel

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Due to some changes in the eligibility for accessing Medical Patient Travel
We will require the following documentation upon a Patient Travel request.

For regular appointments to the nearest provider (3-5 days to process)

Check list:

- Confirmation of appointment
- Confirmation of travel arrangements
- Confirmation of attendance, once visit is complete

Transportation

- Standard mode of transportation is by private vehicle and mileage rates
- Francis Barclay is not an approved mode of transportation, if it is the only way to and from Medical appointments, will then need to do as a Benefit Exception to FNHA for approval (5-7 days to process)
- Taxi Service will need to be submitted as a Benefit Exception to FNHA for approval (5-7 days to process)

For Specialists or Service Providers outside of the nearest provider (5-7 days to process)

Check list

- Confirmation of appointment
- Referral to the Specialist from your General Practitioner, Dentist or Optometrist
- If not nearest provider please note that we will be submitting to FNHA for approval though the Benefit Exception process (5-7 day process)
- Confirmation of travel arrangements
- Confirmation of attendance , once visit is complete.

Dental

- Dentist appointments are considered a day trip, please book appointments to allow time to get to and from in one day.
- If referred to a Oral Specialist you will need to send appointment confirmation and referral so we can do a Benefit Exception to FNHA for approval

Please contact Kimberly Nookemus, kimberly.n@huuayaht.org, or anyone from the Health team, 250-728-3414, to ensure all information is given correctly and plans are in place.

Patient Travel & Direct Deposit

Did you know Patient Travel funds can be sent through EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)?

If you're interested in using this service, please provide your Direct Deposit form from your bank to Finance. If your Direct Deposit form is already on file for another purpose, please inform the Finance Department, 250-723-0100, that you would like it to be used for this service as well.

For all other Patient Travel inquires, please contact Kimberly at kimberly.n@huuayaht.org or 250-728-3414

Income Assistance Notice

Community members who need to apply for Income Assistance or renew as a client of the program have the following responsibilities (Section 1.3 of Income Assistance Policy)

•To conduct themselves in a prompt, courteous and respectful manner.
•To actively seek work and attend programs, training and sessions as directed.
•If employable, to actively seek work. Clients must be available for any job they are capable of.
•To have or promptly apply for a social insurance number and to provide the appropriate identification for themselves and other family members as required.
•To provide all necessary information to the Social Development Worker and sign the application form.
•To pursue any other income that they may be entitled to, for example, employment insurance benefits, workers compensation, family maintenance, or spousal support.
•To first use any assets and income before seeking assistance from the Income Assistance Program.
•To take personal responsibility for becoming self-supporting.
•To be involved in the process of establishing eligibility for their benefits.
•To provide documentation to support their application when requested. All documentation is subject to verification. Clients providing false information will be subject to criminal charges.

Clients who meet any of the following criteria are not eligible for IA benefits: (Section 2.2 of Income Assistance Policy)

Healthy, employable, able-bodied persons between 19 and 55 years, who do not seek employment or accept available suitable employment, education, or training.

a.Persons who quit work, except with just cause.
b.People who are terminated from their job because they did not comply with reasonable job requirements (for example, by not showing up for work).
c.People who do not apply for Employment Insurance (EI) benefits, or who are disqualified from EI benefits because they failed to comply with program requirements.
d.A person who receives an unforeseen fortune or substantial monetary gain.
e.People who do not submit Monthly Renewal Forms as required.
f.Persons with monthly income or assets more than the allowable maximum (see 2.5, Income and Exemptions).

2025 payment schedule

~~January 15, 2025 (for February 2025)~~
~~February 19, 2025 (for March 2025)~~
~~March 19, 2025 (for April 2025)~~
~~April 16, 2025 (for May 2025)~~
~~May 21, 2025 (for June 2025)~~
~~June 25, 2025 (for July 2025)~~
~~July 23, 2025 (for August 2025)~~
~~August 27, 2025 (for September 2025)~~
September 24, 2025 (for October 2025)
October 22, 2025 (for November 2025)
November 19, 2025 (for December 2025)
December 17, 2025 (for January 2026)


Every child
matters