TEACHER ORIENTATION PACKET

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WELCOME

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dxʷsəqʷabš, meaning the “people of clear salt water” in the Southern Lushootseed language, welcome you to the new Suquamish Museum, dedicated in 2012. Our mission is to collect, preserve, study, exhibit and teach the living culture and history of the Suquamish Tribe and its Salish neighbors while upholding Suquamish Tribal values. Our Education program strives to deliver quality programs that meet the Washington State Curriculum standards for art and social studies at all grade levels. Please inquire about your grade level education needs that may be met by the Suquamish Museum Education Program.

FAQ’s

Photography

Photography is allowed without flash unless otherwise directed by Museum staff.

Food & Drink

The Museum does not have a lunch room. There is space outside in fair weather. Food & drink (no matter the container) are not allowed in the exhibits.

Museum Store

The Leota Anthony Museum Store features an impressive array of Coast Salish inspired merchandise. The store is open during regular business hours and students are welcome to shop with supervision.

Restrooms & Coats

Multi-stall boys and girls bathrooms available. Family restroom with changing table available. Groups are encouraged to build extra time before and after the visit to allow for student needs. There are coat hooks by the restrooms or coats may be stored in the Education Room if available during the tour.

Backpacks & Writing materials

Backpacks may not be worn into the exhibit area. They may be left in the back of the lobby near the coats or in the Education room if available. Pens are not allowed in the exhibit. Pencils & writing paper are allowed.

Please ask Museum staff about any questions you may have. We want your visit to be easy & fun!
About the Exhibits

The Board of Trustees and curatorial staff worked with Storyline Studios to envision and design the new permanent exhibit, *swadač tulál tudiʔ tuhaʔkʷ* - *Ancient Shores Changing Tides*, that introduce students to the Suquamish People who have lived along these shores since time immemorial. Presented in a traditional way, the seven design elements illustrate an integrated cultural view of the Suquamish over time; past, present, and future. The installation by Pacific Studios will inspire students to see, listen and learn in a new way. Culture is more than historical events strung together. Our goal is to introduce learning as a cultural experience. The passing of traditional knowledge and values, generation to generation, through personal family and community relationships is the core of Suquamish culture. Students will gain an historical and contemporary understanding of Tribal history, regional geography, resource usage of marine and terrestrial environments. And, learn about the modern Tribal Sovereignty, political and economic institutions and marine resource conservation efforts; always touching on plans for the future.

How to Book a Tour

The Suquamish Museum invites School and Program based groups to visit. All ages are welcome, from pre-school through life-long learners. The Ancient Shores - Changing Tides exhibit shares the history and culture of the Suquamish People. An exhibit gallery that features temporary exhibits will also present topical learning opportunities, call to learn about the up-coming scheduled exhibits.

We kindly ask that you discuss with students the sensitive needs of a Museum.

• Stay two steps back from Cases and Objects and refrain from touching
• Be respectful, move slowly, talk with an inside voice
• Ask questions and have FUN!

The gallery accommodates 30 people. Groups of 60 or more require rotation through the gallery. Discuss options with the staff of other activities in the museum or walking distance in Suquamish Village.

Booking Requests

• Tours must be booked at least two weeks in advance of visit.
• A $20 non-refundable Reservation Deposit is required at the time of booking
• $3 per person charge for groups, with no charge for teachers, bus drivers and chaperones.
• Tours available Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 3:00 pm, inclusive.
• Minimum 10 students to qualify for School Group Admission rate
• Guided tours approximately 1 hour (30 minute tour version also available)
**Teacher’s Checklist**

- Schedule tour and pay deposit—Telephone, Email or Mail
- Send home permission slips to parents for field trip to the Suquamish Museum
- Contact chaperones for visit (one chaperone requested to every eight students)
- Arrange payment to be made with check or credit card day of visit
- Divide students into groups with a chaperone assigned to each group
- Set up transportation for the field trip
- Create itinerary for the trip
- Collect all permission slips before visit
- Review museum protocol with students and chaperones
- Call or e-mail the Suquamish Museum if you have any questions not answered regarding your trip
- Bring check or credit card payment the day of visit

**Directions & Parking**

**From the Seattle/Bainbridge Island Ferry**
Take Highway 305 North towards Poulsbo approximately six miles. Turn right on Suquamish Way NE at the stoplight, just after the Agate Pass Bridge. Follow Suquamish Way NE approximately 1.5 miles. Follow the signs to the Museum parking lot with a left turn on Division Street, then an immediate right on to South Street. **We have a bus loading zone located directly in front of our museum on South St. that the bus may stay at while your group is at our facility.**

**From the Edmonds/Kingston Ferry**
Take Highway 104 to Poulsbo. Turn left on Highway 305 and continue south through Poulsbo toward Bainbridge Island. Turn left on Suquamish Way NE, just before the Agate Pass Bridge. Follow Suquamish Way NE approximately 1.5 miles. Follow the signs to the Museum parking lot with a left turn on Division Street, then an immediate right on to South Street. **We have a bus loading zone located directly in front of our museum on South St. that the bus may stay at while your group is at our facility.**

**From Tacoma**
Take Highway 16 West to Highway 3 North towards Poulsbo. Exit at the Highway 305 Bainbridge Island exit. Proceed through Poulsbo toward Bainbridge Island. Turn left on Suquamish Way NE, just before the Agate Pass Bridge. Follow Suquamish Way NE approximately 1.5 miles. Follow the signs to the Museum parking lot with a left turn on Division Street, then an immediate right on to South Street. **We have a bus loading zone located directly in front of our museum on South St. that the bus may stay at while your group is at our facility.**

**Bus Turn-around:** continue down South St. cross Suquamish Way NE into the large parking lot behind the Suquamish House of Awakened Culture to turn around and retrace route back up South St. to Museum bus pull-out. Bus Drivers may also choose to park in the HOAC lot until it is time to retrieve students.