



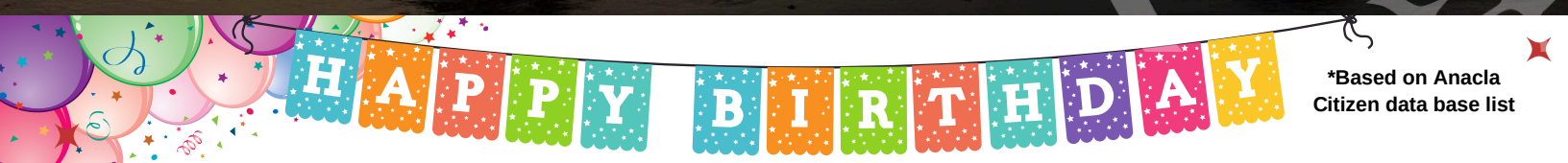
HUU-AY-AHT FIRST NATIONS

CLOSED FOR FAMILY DAY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026



Have a great Family Day

We will re-open on
Tuesday, February 17, 2026



*Based on Anacla
Citizen data base list

Darlene Nookemis
February 2

Clifford Nookemis
February 4

Nora Peters
February 13

Joan Dennis
February 3

Duane Nookemis
February 6

James Nookemis
February 22

Helena Howard
February 4

Wilson Joe
February 25

Monday February 16	Anacla & Port Alberni Government Offices Closed and <u>Monday activities cancelled</u>		
Sundays	Port Alberni: Culture Night	2:30 - 5 p.m.	3747 Church St. Port Alberni
Mondays	House of Huu-ay-aht Culture Night	7 - 9 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
	Child & Family Wellness Drop-in	1 - 2:30 p.m.	CFW Office, ʔumʔiiqsu Centre
Saturday February 21	Recovery Circle	12:30 - 2 p.m.	Soaring Eagle
Sunday February 22	Mount Underwood Engagement	11 a.m. - 1 p.m.	House of Huu-ay-aht
Wednesday to Friday February 25 - 27	Incoming Health Team		Anacla Government Office
Mondays February 9 - March 16	Women's Circle	10 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Port Alberni Government Office
Fridays February 13 & 20	Art Therapy, Huu-ay-aht Women ages 18 +	10 - 11:30 a.m.	CFW Office, ʔumʔiiqsu Centre

Community Safety Watch

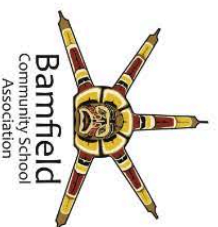
Witwak are in the community to provide support, guidance, and to ensure safety in the community. They respond, report, and record incidents in the community.



They can be reached at 250-720-5275.

If it is an emergency, please dial 911, then notify Witwak.

FEBRUARY 2026

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 	2 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Volleyball, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	3 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Groundhog Day! Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	4 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm	5 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	6 Secondary Student Greenhouse Project BCS 9 am - 12 pm	7 Valentines Day! 
8	9 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Dodgeball, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	10 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Library Hour BCS ~ 4:30-6:00pm Yoga Pacific Sounds Lodge 5-6 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	11 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm 	12 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	13 Non-instructional day, No School 	14 Valentines Day! 
15 	16 Family Day, No School Soccer, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	17 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Yoga Pacific Sounds Lodge 5-6 pm Adult Basketball HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	18 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Community Lunch BCS ~ 12 - 1 pm 	19 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	20 Youth Friday Night Chill BCS 7 - 9 pm 	21 
22	23 No After-School Club! Dodgeball, ages 16+ BCS ~ 7 - 8:30 pm	24 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Library Hour BCS ~ 4:30-6:00pm Yoga Pacific Sounds Lodge 5-6 pm 	25 School's Out Gr. 4-7 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm 	26 School's Out Gr. 1-3 BCS ~ 3 - 4:30 pm Cooking Class: Pasta Making East Firehall ~ 6 - 9 pm Adult Ball Hockey HOH ~ 7:30 pm - late	27 	28

Calendar Notes:

- At Library Hour, come check out our library books & learn about our free, by-mail Decoda library option! We also have free wifi and by-donation printing services!
- Join our Pasta Making Class with Taylor on Feb 26th! Registration required, email managerbcsa@gmail.com.
- This month's free community lunch will be lasagna roll-ups! Vegetarian option available!



BCSA 2026 Spring Break Programs!



March 9 - 20, 2026

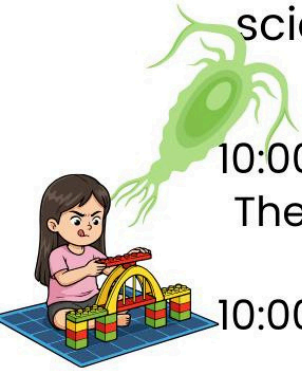


Week 1
March 9 -13

Week 2
March 16 - 20



Join some fun day camps exploring a variety of art, science, nature, engineering, and outdoor activities!



Monday

10:00am-3:00pm, Ages 6-12
Theme: Plankton & Oceans

Tuesday

10:00am-3:00pm, Ages 6-12
Theme: Construction

Wednesday

10:00am-3:00pm, Ages 6-12
Theme: Light & Colour

Thursday

9:00am-3:00pm, Ages 6-11
Fieldtrip: BMSC Boat Trips!

Friday

9:00am-3:00pm, Ages 12-18
Fieldtrip: BMSC Boat Trips!



Monday

10:00am-3:00pm, Ages 6-12
Theme: Story Walk & Rock Painting

Tuesday

10:00am-3:00pm, Ages 6-12
Theme: Pollinator Activities

Wednesday

10:00am-3:00pm, Ages 6-12
Theme: BIRDS, Forest walk!

Thursday

10:00am-3:00pm, Ages 6-12
Fieldtrip: Beach Trip!

Friday

Time: TBD, Ages 12-18
Fieldtrip: Port Alberni, location TBD



Registration Required!

Email us at MANAGERBCSA@gmail.com to register, or for more information!

With heartfelt thanks to our
sponsors and partners:



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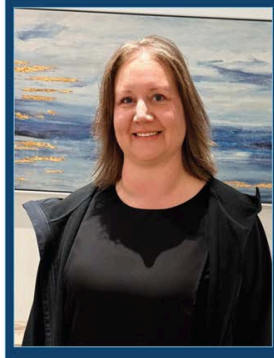
Incoming Health Team

February 25 - 27, 2026

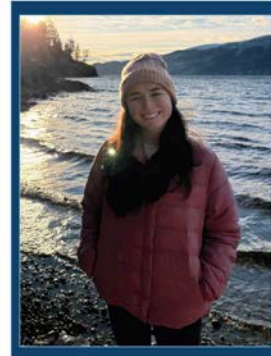
Anacla Government Office



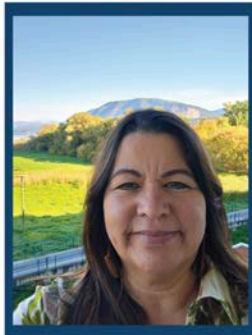
Dr Kelly Torres
Dentist



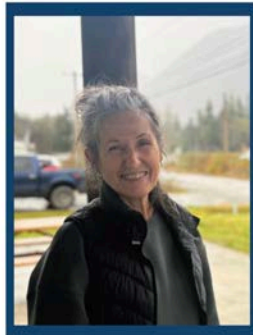
Rosie Walker
CDA



Arica Windsor
Denturist



Lerinda Wright
Nurse



Audrey Vanderhoek
Nurse

Seabird Island Diabetic Clinic

HWB

HELICOPTERSWITHOUTBORDERS

NORTH RAVEN DENTAL



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If you would like to book an appointment, please contact Kimberly,
kimberly.n@huuayaht.org, 250-728-3414

CITIZEN LED RECOVERY CIRCLE

Integrating AA Principles and Wellbriety Tools

Saturday, February 7 & 21, 2026
12:30 - 2 P.M.
Soaring Eagle, Anacla

Join Kimmie MacDonald for a supportive recovery-focused group. Open to anyone on the path to recovery or wanting to begin.

Contact Person: Kimmie_macdonald@hotmail.com

Huu-ay-aht Culture Night

Mondays

7 - 9 p.m.

House of Huu-ay-aht

**Bring your shawls
and drums!**

BED BUG IDENTIFICATION & PREVENTION

A Quick Guide to Detection, Habits, and Control

1. How to Identify Bed Bugs

- **Appearance:** Oval-shaped, flattened bodies. Adults are 4-5 mm long and rust-brown (or deep red-brown after feeding).
- **Hiding Spots:** Their flat shape allows them to hide in baseboards, floor cracks, under carpets, behind wallpaper, bed frames, and picture frames.
- **Signs of Infestation:** Live or dead bugs. Check crevices near sleeping areas.
 - **Cast Skins:** Shed skins left behind during moulting.
 - **Fecal Matter:** Small reddish-black spots on bedding or mattresses.
 - **Eggs:** Tiny (1/32" to 1/8") white eggs in dark crevices.
 - **Odour:** Large infestations produce a sweet, but unpleasant, musty smell.

2. Bed Bug Bites

- **The Reaction:** Often appears as red, itchy welts in clusters or lines.
- **The Truth:** Reactions vary. Some people have delayed itching (days later), while many (especially older adults) may have no reaction at all. Bites are not a reliable way to confirm an infestation.

3. How They Spread

Bed bugs are "hitchhikers." They do not cling to people, but they hide in:

- **Travel Gear:** Suitcases, purses, and laptop bags.
- **Movement:** Moving infested furniture down halls or using communal laundry machines.
- **Disturbance:** Incorrect pesticide use or furniture disassembly can drive them into neighbouring rooms.
- **Shortages:** A lack of food (no host) or harbourage space causes them to migrate.

4. Immediate Action Plan

If you find traces of bed bugs, follow these "Do's and Don'ts":

DO NOT	DO
Disturb the room. Leave the scene untouched for diagnosis.	Quarantine the room. Stop using it immediately.
Move items. Taking luggage or furniture out spreads the bugs.	Contact a Professional. Call a pest control expert immediately.
Self-Treat. Incorrect sprays can make the problem worse.	Notify Management. If in a hotel/apartment, work with staff.

5. Prevention & Control

- **Inspect Regularly:** Check mattress seams, folds, and furniture near beds.
- **Stay Clean:** Vacuum bedrooms frequently and seal cracks in walls or bed frames.
- **Protect:** Use certified bed bug encasements for mattresses/box springs.
- **Visibility:** Use light-colored sheets to make fecal spots easier to see.

If there are questions or concerns, please contact infrastructure by email at infrastructure@huyuayht.org



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We're Hiring!



- Strategic Initiatives Manager
- Indigenous Tourism Specialist
- ?um?iiqsu Tenant Support Worker
- Youth Program Worker
- Cultural Wellness Worker

Full details of these postings are available on our website:

<https://huuayaht.org/whats-happening/work-with-us/>
or scan QR code



2026 Seasonal Employment Opportunities Bamfield Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses



The Huu-ay-aht Group of Businesses (HGB) is now hiring seasonal team members for the upcoming season across our diverse operations in Bamfield. These positions offer an opportunity to work in a beautiful coastal environment while supporting Huu-ay-aht First Nations' economic development and creating unforgettable guest experiences across our hospitality businesses.

We have a variety of seasonal opportunities ranging from 3–6 months, with start dates in April, May, and June. All positions conclude in September.

We offer competitive wages (\$20.00–\$30.00 per hour, depending on the position), seasonal retention bonuses, learning and development opportunities, and a fun, supportive work environment surrounded by breathtaking natural beauty. Limited employee housing may be available.

For more information about specific roles and responsibilities, please refer to the job descriptions on our website - <https://www.hfnngroup.ca/careers/>

ENVISION THE FUTURE

We're inviting community input on what a Huu-ay-aht First Nations-led Destination Management Organization (DMO) could look like. A DMO helps guide how tourism happens in a place, focusing on responsible tourism that benefits local people and businesses, protects land, culture, and quality of life, and supports long-term community wellbeing.

This short 10–15-minute survey asks you to share what matters most to you in tourism management. You'll be asked to choose priority activities across key focus areas, plus answer a few general questions.



SCAN HERE

www.surveymonkey.com/r/XKZF67K

COMPLETE THE SURVEY!

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Dad Central

Type of support:

- Building stronger parent-child relationships
- Handling toddler meltdowns or teen pushback
- Navigating co-parenting and partner communication
- Managing your time, energy, and mental health
- Developing as a leader—in your family and beyond



Huu-ay-aht First Nations Child and Family Wellness Team has partnered with Dad Central to connect Huu-ay-aht Fathers with programs and support made for you. If interested, please book an appointment with Drew from Dad Central using the QR Code.

To learn more about the organization, please visit www.dadcentral.ca

Please do not place flammable materials in curbside recycling carts. Lighters, propane tanks, and household batteries are at risk of exploding when compressed in curbside trucks.

Propane tanks can be dropped off for free recycling at:

- Alberni Valley Sort'nGo Center
- West Coast Landfill

Ensure lighters are empty of fuel before disposal in garbage.

Household batteries (single use & rechargeable)

are accepted for recycling at:

- Alberni Valley Sort'nGo Centre
- 3rd Ave Recycling Depot
- Canadian Tire
- Save on Foods
- No Frills
- Staples
- Tofino Co-op
- Windsor Plywood

Hazardous Materials:

NOT allowed in recycling carts



Please dispose of responsibly.

Don't have curbside organics service?

Join the Self-Haul Organics Pilot!



Pilot includes:

Cost \$25

- 5 gallon Sort'nGo bucket (made from recycled ocean plastic)
- 15 organics drop-offs
- ½ yard of finished compost

It's not too late!

Residents of the Alberni Valley Electoral Areas, First Nations, and multi-family units can now join the self-haul organics pilot.

This includes Cherry Creek, Beaver Creek, Beaufort, Sproat Lake, Bamfield, Tseshaht First Nation, Hupacasath First Nation, Huu-ay-aht First Nations, Uchucklesaht Tribe, and the City of Port Alberni multi-family units.

- Pilot (November 20, 2025 to May 20, 2026) participants receive a 5 gallon Sort'nGo bucket made from recycled ocean plastic & 1/2 yard of finished compost on completion of 15 organics drop offs.
- The cost per 15 drop off punch card is \$25.

Register at the ACRD Office (3008 Fifth Ave, Port Alberni).

RUMOURS ARE NOT HARMLESS

They hurt people, our workplace, and our community



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and
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**Respect
& Taking Care Of**

Rumours look like:

- “I heard that ___ about them...”
- Guessing why someone is off sick or on leave
- Talking about someone’s performance, discipline, pay, or personal life without facts

Rumours can:

- Damage reputations and careers
- Create stress, anxiety, and mistrust
- Become bullying or harassment under our policies

At Huu-ay-aht First Nations, our values say “Do not gossip; stop gossip when it occurs.”

Living ?iisaak (respect) and ?u?aałuk (taking care of) means we speak to each other, not about each other. If you’re not sure something is true, don’t share it.

LEARN MORE - Scan QR codes to view resources



Guide: What is harassment and violence?



Huu-ay-aht First Nations Values and Guiding Principles.



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Patient Travel

Do you have a medical appointment coming up?

Please contact medical travel with:

- Date
- Time
- Doctor's name
- Travel plans

Gentle reminders to also :

- Send in confirmation of appointment
- Confirm travel plans are in place prior to appointment with medical dept.
- Send in confirmation of attendance once visit is done

Please contact Kimberly Nookemus at 250-728-3414 or kimberly.n@huuayaht.org

ART THERAPY

WITH BRIANNA HARVEY

For all Huu-ay-aht Women, ages 18+

Every Friday from
January 16 to February 20
10 – 11:30 a.m.
(6 sessions)

Location: CFW office at
?um?iiqsu Center

Please contact Celine
at 250-731-5676
or celine.s@huuayaht.org
to register





BCSPCA
SPEAKING FOR ANIMALS

Attention Anacla and Bamfield
Huu-ay-aht Citizens!

The SPCA visits Anacla Community about once per month for pet wellness checks.

The SPCA donates pet food, blankets, beds, collars and leashes which can be found at the Anacla Government Office.

For more information contact:
Stephen Smith
stephen.s@huuayaht.org



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Pet Training and Socialization instructional videos -
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wcVsW_ZqryY

[BC SPCA](#) > [Programs & Services](#) > [Animal Centre Services](#) > Bringing in an animal

Bringing in an animal

If you have found a stray or lost animal, please visit our [found an animal](#) page for what to do.

<https://spca.bc.ca/programs-services/animal-centre-services/bringing-in-an-animal/>
or scan the QR code.



Need support with the Registration fee? Contact Community and Citizen Services at 250-723-0100.



ANDREW TAYLOR

Technical Operations Director

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INTRODUCTION TO SOUND

Training Session

Join our expert-led session, with no experience needed! This is a practical, approachable, and grounded in real-world experience.

Open to the public, cost is decided on a sliding scale from \$25 -\$60.

Please register at fiveacre.tickit.ca



SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2026

10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Lunch Provided)



THE KCC

4090 Hollywood St. Port Alberni, B.C.

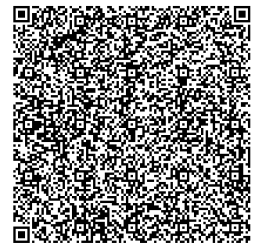
FNLC First Nations Leadership Council

Join the Youth Climate Leaders Group!

Our Land. Our Future. Youth for Climate.

A leadership and learning opportunity for First Nations youth interested in climate action.

Complete and submit the online form by Tuesday, February 17, 2026. If you would like assistance filling out the form, please get in touch with the Lands & Natural Resources Director, Marina, at marina.r@huuayaht.org



APPLY NOW

Port Alberni Circular Workforce

FREE REGENERATIVE TOURISM WEBINAR

Join Synergy Foundation and Synergy Academy Tourism for a collaborative and interactive virtual training workshop designed to support Alberni Valley tourism businesses and organizations in building regenerative, climate-smart, and resilient tourism businesses.

Open to: tourism operators, hospitality, destination management, and more!

Thurs, February 19

10:00AM or 1:00PM Session

Online - Zoom 1.5hrs

SCAN QR CODE TO SAVE YOUR SPOT!



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FOUNDATION

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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).

2026 payment schedule

~~January 21, 2026 (for February 2026)~~
February 25, 2026 (for March 2026)
March 25, 2026 (for April 2026)
April 22, 2026 (for May 2026)
May 27, 2026 (for June 2026)
June 24, 2026 (for July 2026)

July 29, 2026 (for August 2026)
August 26, 2026 (for September 2026)
September 23, 2026 (for October 2026)
October 21, 2026 (for November 2026)
November 18, 2026 (for December 2026)
December 16, 2026 (for January 2027)

UNITED WAY'S

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!





EVERY CHILD MATTERS