Funds Distribution Report

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

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TulalipCares.org

Recipient Organization:
Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association

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Organization's General Goals:
Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association is focused on reversing the trend of declining salmon runs in Whatcom County. We enhance river, creek, and riparian habitat while educating people of all ages to give Pacific salmon and steelhead the best chance at survival.

Date of Award:
2025 Q4

Level:
$2,501 to $5,000

For more information, please read the attached report from Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Association.

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NSEA Camp Keystone

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The goals of Camp Keystone are to provide our youngest learners (ages 3-6) with immersive outdoor education to form deep connections to nature, support working families with high-quality childcare, and provide entry-level professionals with full-time employment and job experience in the field of environmental education.

Thanks to the Tulalip Tribes' support, NSEA's Camp Keystone met these programmatic goals, as well as 2026 goals to expand spaces available to better meet the needs of working families in our community. This resulted in serving 50 more individual youth (50% growth) including 6 youth from low-income households (up from last year's 4), and increasing our number of childcare slots from 289 to 307.

In 2026, Camp provided a total of nearly 150 youth with 1,358 hours learning in nature, exploring the outdoors through thoughtfully structured and unstructured play that allowed them to build foundational blocks for crucial social skills, a life-long care for our environment, and a sense of well-being and belonging in our community.

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CAMPERS	WEEKS OF CAMP	INTERN STAFF	SUBSIDY YOUTH	ADDED SPACES



Campers use their imagination in the Mud Kitchen.



Campers took a variety of field trips, including to the beach.

In 2026, funding from Tulalip Tribes enabled us to continue providing and expanding the reach of financial subsidies to enable more low-income families to participate. We are thrilled to have increased our number of families enrolling on subsidy to 6, many of whom participated in almost all 10 weeks of camp.

Additionally, 9 interns gained real-world job experience and collectively contributed over 2,500 hours facilitating meaningful outdoor education for youth at Camp Keystone. We continued to advance in the Washington State Early Achievers Program, showcasing Camp Keystone as a quality program that supports a diversity of families.

In Their Own Words

What parents have to say about Camp Keystone:

> *""We so appreciate all that you do! Our kids have LOVED "Salmon Camp" for the past three years."*
> **— Parent, June 2026**

> *"This is such a well-run camp! My daughter loved it, and I felt very safe dropping her off there every morning. My children (mainly my oldest child) have been to probably 10 to 12 different camps in Bellingham, and this seems much more organized, communicative, controlled, and child-centered than most of them."*
> **— Parent, July 2026**

> *"My son, August, LOVED camp. I could see him growing throughout his time there. He was more adventurous and confident outdoors by the end of the summer. I credit his growth to the whole experience--outdoor school is fantastic!--as well as your staff. Your team is well-managed, capable and knowledgeable, as well as kind, patient, and calm. We can't wait to return next year and recommend you to all our parent friends (after we've secured our spots, that is)!"*
> **— Parent, August 2026**



Camper using their created drum set.



A group of campers taking a break after a walk around a lake on a field trip.

None of this would have been possible without the generous support of the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Contributions Fund, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership in inspiring the next generation of salmon stewards in our community through Camp Keystone!

With gratitude,

Nathan Zabel, Education Manager, and the NSEA Education Team

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