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ACAT Alaska Community Action on Toxics

NATIVE MOVEMENT

Alaska Justice40rward Tour: August 2023

Attendees are encouraged to travel to Anchorage a day before the event begins to ensure sufficient time for travel and to acclimate to the time change. *Please note: all times below are in AKST and all attendees are by invitation only.*
This agenda is tentative and subject to change.

DAY ONE - Fairbanks: Tuesday, August 15th

Ideas for optional activities will be provided for those who are in Fairbanks during the afternoon

Time	Event	Description
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Traditional Welcome and Dinner Reception	To kickoff the day's events we will host a dinner reception with a traditional welcome and land acknowledgement

DAY TWO - Fairbanks: Wednesday August 16th

Time	Event	Description
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Fairbanks Environmental Justice Tour	Attendees will participate in an environmental justice tour around Fairbanks to hear from community leaders, highlight environmental toxics and uplift community solutions
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Community Lunch	A locally catered lunch will offer opportunities for continued conversations and networking
2:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Forum with Tribal Leaders	Congressman Grijalva has been invited, along with federal officials to participate in a forum with Tribal leaders to educate decision makers on military toxics and mining Issues, with a focus on military contamination on Sivuqaq; the proposed Donlin Creek Mine and Ambler Mining District Industrial Road project; and identify opportunities for accountability to improve health, culture, and environmental well-being
Travel to Anchorage		

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DAY THREE - Anchorage: Thursday, August 17th

Time	Event	Description
9:00 AM	Bus to Chickaloon Tribe	Departing from Anchorage, we will travel to the Chickaloon Native Village; Nay'dini'aa Na',which is the name in Ahtna, meaning "the river with the two logs across it", is a vibrant, innovative, and culturally rich Ahtna Athabascan Tribe located in Sutton, one of the most picturesque communities in Southcentral Alaska, about a 90-minute drive from Anchorage, along the Glenn Highway, Scenic Byway. Surrounded by snow-capped mountains, glaciers, and lush boreal forests, the Tribe has occupied this area for the past 10,000 years.
10:30 AM - 1:00 PM	Site Visit and Tour with the Chickaloon Tribe	**Site visit:** Moose Creek Restoration Project - The Chickaloon Village Traditional Council, in collaboration with agencies and the local community began working to restore fish passage and improve habitat on Moose Creek for anadromous fish, particularly salmon. Moose Creek Salmon Population Rehabilitation project is restoring the Moose Creek Chinook salmon population which has declined in the last century. In mid-summer, small numbers of adult Chinook salmon on Moose Creek are captured; the salmon eggs are fertilized and then incubated in a moist air incubation system. **School:** Ya Ne Dah Ah School is committed to all students receiving an education which instills respect for human dignity and diversity, which validates the history and culture of all ethnic groups, which is based on high expectations for academic success for every student, and which encourages students and parents to actively participate in the learning process.

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1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Elder Lunch with the Chickaloon Tribe	
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Justice40rward Forum with Native Leaders	Traditional Chief and chairman of the Chickaloon Native Village, Chief Gary Harrison has been on ANTHC's board since 2008 representing the Unaffiliated Tribes of Chickaloon Native Village, Eastern Aleutian Tribes, Inc., Eklutna Native Village, Kenaitze Indian Tribe, Ketchikan Indian Corporation, Knik Tribal Council, Mt. Sanford Tribal Consortium, Native Village of Chitina, Native Village of Tyonek, Ninilchik Village, Seldovia Village Tribe and the Village of Salamatof.
4:45 PM	Bus departs back to Anchorage and arrives by 6:30 PM	

What is Justice40rward? **Justice40rward** is a community-led effort launched by **WE ACT for Environmental Justice**, to ensure transparency and collaboration between elected officials, municipalities, and those who live in disadvantaged communities that the Justice40 Initiative was designed to support. Our work begins with making sure people, including local and state officials, understand the Justice40 Initiative, announced by President Biden in January 2021, and informing them about the billions of federal dollars in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, Inflation Reduction Act, and other appropriations that can be accessed to address environmental injustices in their communities. Learn more here!

Helpful information:

- Recommended Hotels **Fairbanks**: Wedgewood Resort, Pikes Waterfront Lodge, Westmark Fairbanks Hotel.
- Recommended Hotels **Anchorage**: Recommended Hotels: Hilton Garden Inn, Homewood Suites, Hyatt Place Midtown, Crowne Plaza Anchorage
- RSVP Form: https://forms.gle/f3s4h2xtzPZ6ZbZC9
- **Questions?** Reach out to Astrid DuBois: astrid@weact.org (cell-646-866-8485) or Annika Larson: annika.larson@weact.org (cell-929-618-7193)
- Alaska Travel Tips: we recommend preparing for possible variable weather, including layered clothing (just in case!), hat, warm socks, gloves, rain jacket and comfy warm shoes/boots recommended. Weather can be cool even in summer.

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Meet the Alaska Justice40rward Tour Hosts

Alaska Community Action on Toxics is an environmental health & justice non-profit organization based in the Dena'Ina lands (also known as Anchorage). Driven by a core belief in environmental justice, ACAT empowers communities to eliminate exposure to toxics through collaborative research, shared science, education, organizing, and advocacy.
ACAT works with communities, implementing effective strategies to limit their exposure to toxic substances and to protect and restore the ecosystems that sustain them and their way of life.

Native Movement is focused on developing community organizing leadership, movement building, and community building centering social justice and healing foundations. Our work focuses on Indigenous and non-Indigenous grassroots mobilization rooted in decolonization and just transition frameworks toward liberation visions. Native Movement is focused on increasing Alaska-wide community organizing capacity toward dismantling colonial systems of oppression and boldly reshaping a healing path forward. We believe in Collective Power building Systemic Change.

WE ACT for Environmental Justice is a Northern Manhattan membership-based organization whose mission is to build healthy communities by ensuring that people of color and/or low-income residents participate meaningfully in the creation of sound and fair environmental health and protection policies and practices. WE ACT has offices in New York and Washington, D.C.

The Environmental Justice Leadership Forum is a national coalition of nearly 50 organizations in 22 states that work to ensure a diverse grassroots perspective is present in federal, state, and local policy decisions. Members are based in red, blue, and swing states including those in the Appalachia, Deep South, Extreme Northwest, Midwest, Northeast and Southwest regions and represent Black, Latinx, Indigenous and low-income White communities in large, midsize, and small cities.