

# Incorporating Alutiiq Culture into the Classroom

## *An Educational Tool for Teachers*

“Education is more  
than just training for  
jobs. It is training  
for how to be a  
human being”

-McDowell Group

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# Begin in Your Classroom

Explore the opportunities to understand the students in your classroom and their culture.

Celebrating the uniqueness of each student and placing importance on their heritage will have positive outcomes.

“Integrating Alutiiq Studies in your classroom is celebrating peoples history... when you give students a sense of self-worth you connect to them even better.”

-Sven Haakanson, Jr., Ph.D.





# Not teaching about culture... teaching through culture

Learning the traditions of the Alutiiq people is a challenging task. Start by taking advantage of the resources available. Invite an Elder, Alutiiq artist, or community member into your classroom to share. Have an Alutiiq celebration with traditional food, music and games! Visit the Alutiiq Museum. These are just a few ideas of bringing to life Kodiak's history!



Art    History    Language    Music    Home Economics  
Science    Creative Writing    Geography    Fisheries



# Alaska Native Values



Show respect to others

- Each person has a special gift

Share what you have

- Giving makes you richer

Know who you are

- You are a reflection of your family

Accept what life brings

- You cannot control many things

Live Carefully

- What you do will come back to you

Take Care of others

- You cannot live without them

Honor your Elders

- They show you the way in life

Pray for Guidance

- Many things are not known

See connections

- All things are related

# Museum Tours

What to expect when  
you visit the  
Alutiiq Museum:

- Introduction to the Alutiiq Culture
- Overview of the different eras of Alutiiq History
- Scavenger Hunt



*Schedule one - two weeks in advance*

*Chaperones 1:5 adult/children*

*When scheduled ahead of time  
admission is free!*

*Children under 12 years - admission is always free.*



# Museum Programs



**Community Archaeology:** Volunteers are invited to work in an archaeological field crew.

**Traveling Traditions:** A program that combines exhibits on Alutiiq arts with week-long workshops designed to teach students traditional artistic techniques.

**Language Program:** A program dedicated to documenting and revitalizing the Alutiiq language of the Kodiak Archipelago.

**Petroglyph Survey:** Documenting an extensive collection of Alutiiq petroglyphs dating 500 - 1500 years ago.

**Educational Programs:** public lectures, school tours, education boxes, & public access to educational materials.





# Educational Boxes

An Alutiiq Education  
Who are the Alutiiq  
Saving our Language  
Dig It! Archaeology  
Savin' Raven

Educational Boxes may be checked out for two weeks.  
Reserve them early for availability!





# An Alutiig Education: Toys, Games & Stories

## A collection of traditional toys & games for kids and adults

**This box explores the educational tools used in Alutiig villages before the introduction of Western Schools.**



# Who are the Alutiig?

A general introduction box discussing the Alutiiq people.

**This box contains information and activities on subsistence foods, daily life, and activities common to most villages.**

## Great for all ages!



# Saving Our Language

This box contains materials for learning about the Alutiiq language in a fun and interesting way.

This box makes for a wonderful indoor lesson for any age!



## Savin' Raven

Savin' Raven is a very enjoyable board game meant to increase environmental awareness in Rural Alaska.

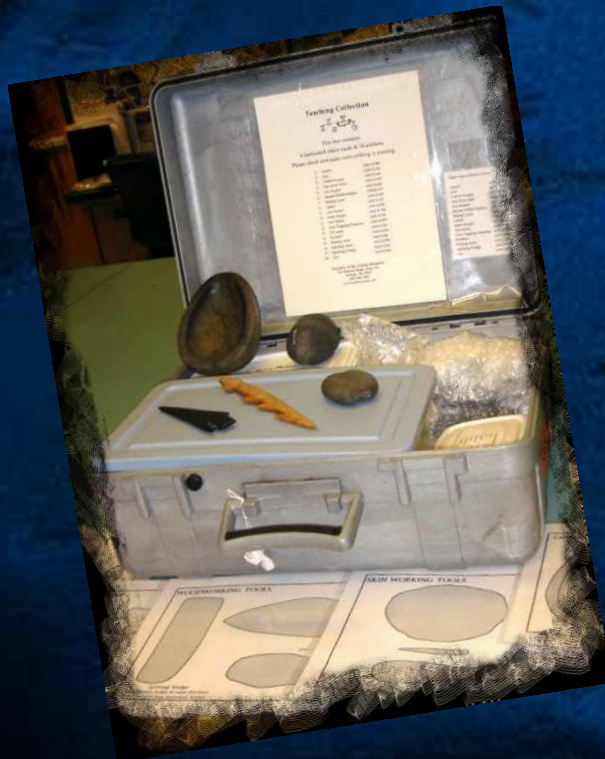
Box also includes extensive environmental science curricula and a video about contaminants.



# Dig it! Archaeology

This box is perfect for taking a class outside for the day to simulate an archaeological excavation and use scientific methods for mapping, data recording and tool usage.

May also be used indoors!



## Teaching Collection

A collection of genuine prehistoric artifacts that can be checked out to aide in teaching about the Alutiiq culture.

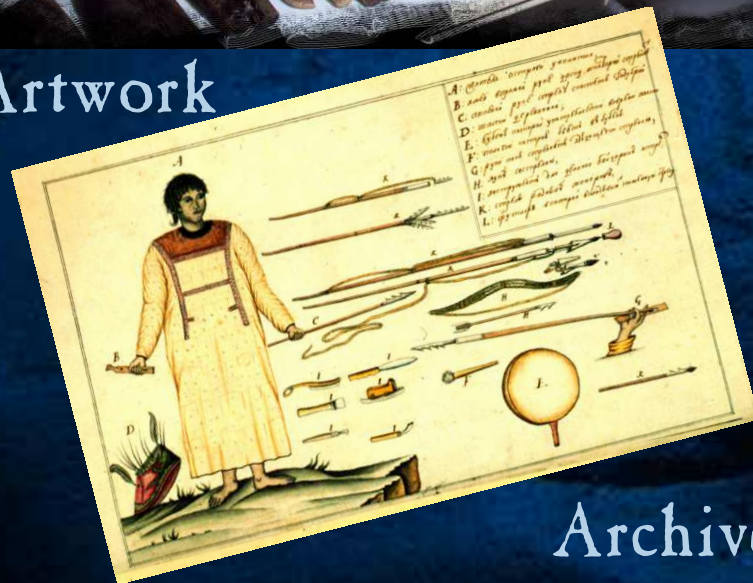


# Academic Resources at the Museum

## Collections



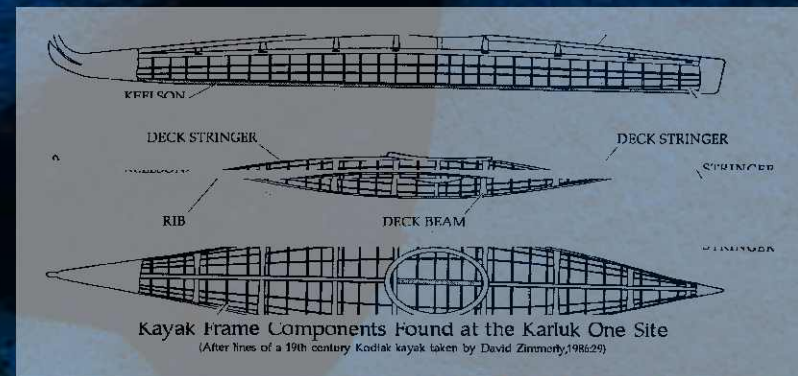
Artwork



Archives



Books  
and  
Photographs





# Community Archaeology



Students can receive college or high school credit





# Alutiiq Museum Staff

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# Contact Information

The Alutiiq Museum  
invites you to contact us  
for further information  
about programs,  
resources, and other  
opportunities.

- [www.alutiiqmuseum.org](http://www.alutiiqmuseum.org)
- Phone 907-486-7004
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# Resources

## Teacher resources:

[www.alutiiqmuseum.org](http://www.alutiiqmuseum.org)

[www.ankn.uaf.edu](http://www.ankn.uaf.edu)

ANKN is a resource for compiling and exchanging information related to Alaska Native knowledge and ways of knowing.

Looking Both Ways:

Crowell, A, Steffian, A, Pullar, G. (2001).

Looking Both Ways. - University of Alaska Press, AK.

The Red Cedar of Afognak:

Drabek, A & Adams, K. (2004).

The Red Cedar of Afognak. Native Village of Afognak, AK.

Stories From Stone:

This DVD includes footage of archaeological excavations at Horseshoe Cove, a prehistoric settlement on Kodiak's Uganik Island.

Music:

Generations, an Alutiiq CD

## Student resources:

[www.alutiiqmuseum.org](http://www.alutiiqmuseum.org)

**Alutiiq Traditions:** A set of short lessons on Alutiiq culture produced to answer the most frequently asked questions about Kodiak's Native traditions.

**Alutiiq Conversational Phrasebook:**

A comprehensive collection of recorded Alutiiq phrases that are relevant and useful in everyday life.

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Suggested resources are available at the Alutiiq Museum and online, [www.alutiiqmuseum.org](http://www.alutiiqmuseum.org)