

Ways of Water

A Celebration of Native Art, Culture and Education

Fall 2025

Larch Outdoor Ed Center at Camp Paxson

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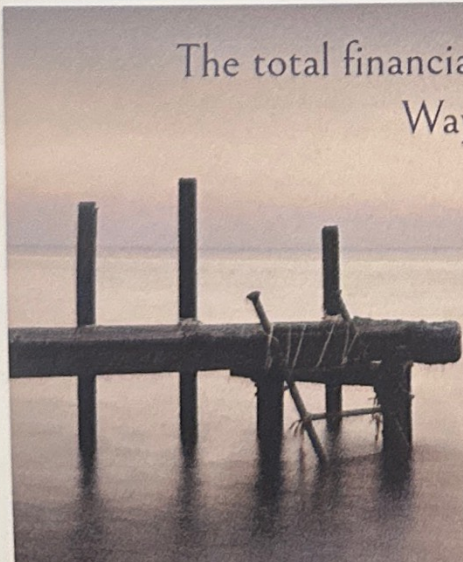
Ways of Water Artist Retreat

Working closely with Native artists community organizations, up to 10 regional Native visual artists will be identified through an application process.

Each selected artist will receive a \$600 stipend for their participation in the retreat. The artist will spend four days and three nights at Camp Paxson, collaborating with peers, learning from professionals in their industry, working, eating and socializing in the iconic Lodge and connecting to the land that Camp Paxson occupies. Camp Paxson will provide additional educational opportunities such as panel discussions on marketing and professional presentations on protection of their work and intellectual property. These presentations and panels will come from regional Native professionals who work in the Indigenous art realm. Our staff will make every effort to hire Native organizations for sub-contracting work, such as caterers, marketing work, consultations, etc.

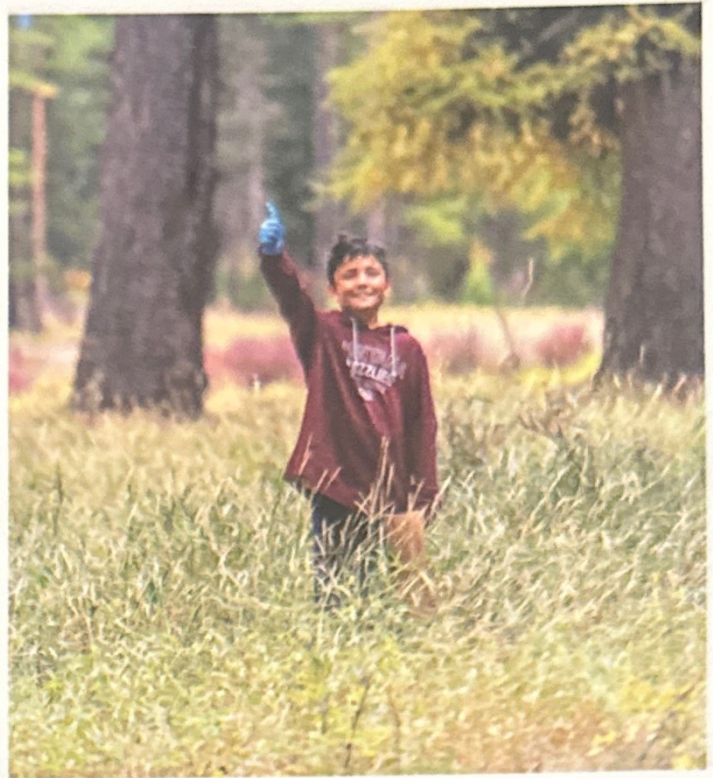
An additional \$400 stipend will be issued if the artists choose to enter one of more pieces inspired by the Ways of Water Retreat into the Ways of Water Indigenous Art Show in the spring of 2026. As the retreat continues year after year, the gallery show will grow to become an annual art installation at regional museums. The artists will be invited to speak about their pieces with exhibition attendees at the show as it grows each year.

Artist stipend, based upon the participation of 10 artists, will be \$10,000. The remaining \$15,000 will be dedicated to funding for Tribal schools or school districts in Native communities. The funding will help bring up to 100 students to Camp Paxson for participation in the Larch Outdoor Education Program, connecting to the traditional lands that Camp Paxson occupies. For these schools, we will work closely with Tribal Elders and cultural centers to provide authentic experiences enhanced by members of the students' communities.



The total financial goal for the Camp Paxson Preservation Project
Ways of Water program is \$25,000.00
(10 donors @ \$2,500 each).

Operational costs of the retreat and use of the camp will be covered by Camp Paxson Preservation Project.



The Ways Of Water Program is an annual event that brings focus and support to Northwest Native Artists while raising funds to provide schools in Native communities the opportunity to participate in the Larch Outdoor Education Center at Camp Paxson.





How To Support

Sustaining Donor contribution level: \$2,500

The contribution at this level will fund both the participation of 10 Native students in the Larch Outdoor Ed program AND one artist for the Ways of Water Retreat.



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We acknowledge that Camp Paxson occupies traditional Séliš land and are grateful for the care that the Séliš people have given and continue to give to this land.