



ALASKA NATIVE DAY

MAY 16, 2015 10 am - 4 pm

Fort Ross State Historic Park, California

Fort Ross Conservancy is pleased to welcome the Alaska Native community to Fort Ross to teach their arts and crafts on the land they once shared with the Native Kashia and Russian communities. The day will include:

- Reno Franklin, Chairman of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians, welcomes the Alaska Natives to Metini (Fort Ross) to dance with Su Nu Nu Shinal.
- Performances by [Anchorage Unangax Dancers](#),
- Dr. Gordon L. Pullar, associate professor emeritus at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and a Kodiak Island Sugpiaq (Alutiiq), will be speaking on [The Russian-Alaskan Creole, Then and Now](#). He has an intense interest in researching the ethno-history of Kodiak Island and his own family history that includes ancestry from indigenous people of Kodiak Island as well as Russians who worked in the fur trade in Russian America,
- Traditional Russian Orthodox blessing of the boats, followed by Iqyan (kayak) race in Sandy Cove. See [2015 race map for rules](#) -- no plastic kayaks allowed),
- A hands-on demonstration build of a Nigilax (baidara, or large open kayak),
- Kids' crafts: Face "tattooing," language games, petroglyph rock painting, Chagudax (hunter's hats), spear throwing,
- Demonstrations—Beading, Chagudax carving,
- Slow smoked BBQ with fresh coleslaw for sale from [BBQ Smokehouse Bistro & Catering](#) will be available, with vegetarian options. Or pack a picnic lunch if you desire.
- All that and [dried fish!](#)

This is a new event for us and sponsorship is needed - contributions towards AND can be made at www.fortross.org/donate. For event updates and more, please consider joining the [Alaska Natives at Fort Ross Facebook group](#). Check out our [web page](#), see [photos from last year's AND skinboat iqyax race](#) and learn more about this fantastic partnership between Fort Ross and the diaspora Alaska Native community.

Special event fees apply: \$10 collected at the Visitor Center for the presentation, children free. California State Parks entrance fees also apply. Please carpool! California State Parks supports equal access. Prior to arrival visitors with disabilities who need assistance should contact 707-847-3437.



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