



Voice of the Saponi

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If you would like to submit an article to us, please remember they are due on the 20th of each month prior to the month. (Ex March articles are due February 20th) Deadline at 4 p.m.

You may email articles to crrichardson@haliwa-saponi.com or feel free to mail them to :

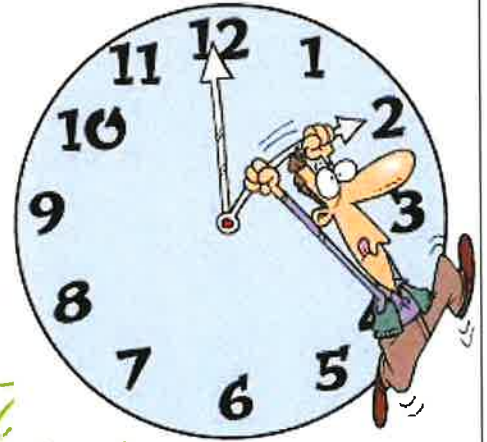
Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

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Spring Forward



March 10, 2024 • Set your clock ahead!

Upcoming Dates and Meetings

- **March 15--Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Meeting 6:30 p. m. Rev. C.H. Richardson Building.**
- **March 18- Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Council Meeting held at the Chief W. R Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Committee Meetings**
- Finance Committee meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 11:00 a.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Karen Franco.
- Federal Recognition Committee meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Chief Dr. B. Ogletree Richardson.
- Enrollment Committee meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p. m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Rev. Michael Richardson.
- Princess Committee meetings are held the 1st Monday of each month at the Chief W. R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex at 7:00 pm. Committee Chair: Angela Richardson.
- Pow-Wow planning meetings are held the 4th Monday night of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Vice-Chief Dr. Marty Richardson.
- Haliwa-Saponi Senior Citizens Organization meetings are held the last Thursday of each month at 6:00 p. m. at the Old Council House. Committee Chair: Roena Daniel.
- Veteran's Memorial meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Jewel Bissonnette.
- Education Committee meetings are held the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Tribal Government Complex. Committee Chair: Angela Richardson.
- Election Committee meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the Chief W. R. Richardson Government Complex Building. Committee Chair: Montenia Lynch.
- By-Laws Review committee meetings are held the 1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief W.R. Richardson Complex Committee Chair: Attorney Joshua Richardson.

HALIWA-SAPONI DELEGATES VISIT WASHINGTON, D.C.

On February 12-15, 2024 a delegation of tribal members attended the National Congress of American Indians Executive Council Winter Session in Washington, D.C. This meeting provided tribes an opportunity to hear from members of Congress and Biden Administration in an effort to further the government-to-government relationship amongst tribal nations and to advocate to the federal government.

During the conference, our delegates, Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson, Vice Chief Dr. Marvin Richardson, Councilman Charles “Pete” Richardson, Jr., Tribal Administrator Shalene Kanseah and NC Commission of Indian Affairs Commissioner Alfred Richardson visited members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation and others. The group held a meeting with 1st District Congressman Don Davis to discuss our house bill (HR-5236) to extend the full government-to-government relationship between the United States and the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe of North Carolina. Congressman Davis advised that the bill is in subcommittee, but there is not much movement at this time due to activity in Ukraine, Taiwan, Israel, and the partisan gridlock in Congress. It was an incredibly positive meeting, and the Congressman was very gracious with his scheduling and time. Everyone was tired from working and meeting during the conference workshop sessions and being on Capitol Hill, but the group agreed it was well worth the investment for our Tribe.

Pictured left to right: NC Commission of Indian Affairs Commissioner Alfred Richardson, Vice Chief Dr. Marvin Richardson, Congressman Don Davis, Chief Dr. Ogletree Richardson, Tribal Administrator Shalene Kanseah, and Councilman Charles Richardson, Jr.



North Carolina American Indian Fund Scholarship

(this is the scholarship which is generated from having the NC AI License Tag)

This a \$1,000 annual scholarship. (it can be renewed each year up to four years) In order to qualify for this annual scholarship you must be enrolled in a state – or federally-recognized tribe (with documentation), demonstrate sustained involvement in the American Indian Community and commitment to American Indian concerns and initiative, have family residency in the state. Be currently enrolled or planning to enroll in a post-secondary institution in NC, maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA and plan to pursue a 2 year or 4 year undergraduate degree as a full-time student at an accredited public, private or technical college or university.

TO APPLY:

Trianglecf.org

Click on “students”

Click on “scholarships”

Here you will find the North Carolina American Indian Fund Scholarship (this is the scholarship which is generated from having the NC AI License Tag) and a list of many scholarships which you maybe eligible for please complete the Scholarship Portal.

The 2024 Triangle Community Foundation Universal Application will open for scholarship applicants on January 4, 2024. The deadline for submissions is March 6, 2024.

Angela A. Lynch

NC American Indian Fund Scholarship Committee Member

Haliwa-Saponi Tribe’s Job Opening

Tribal Enrollment Clerk

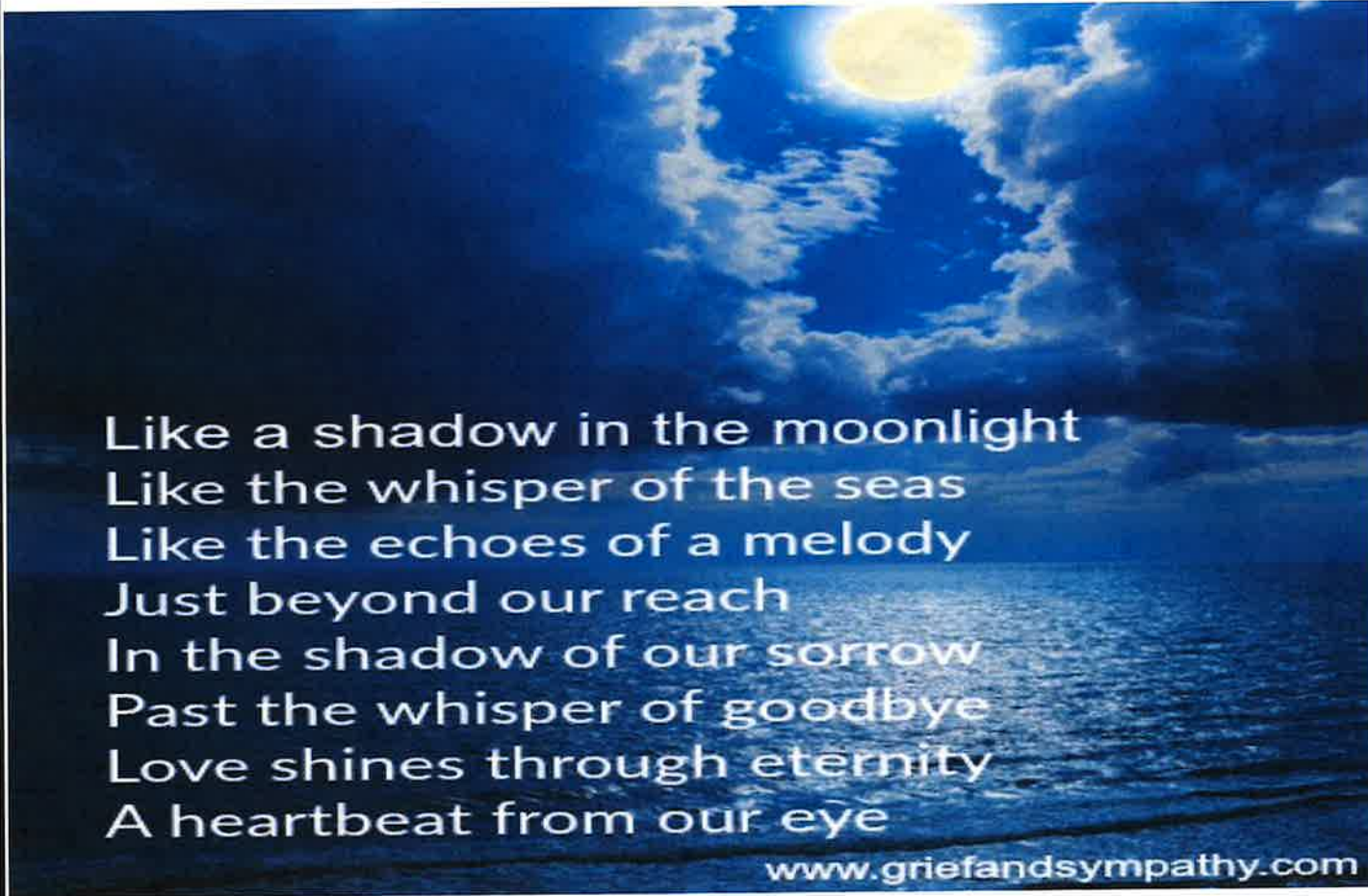
For more information go to the tribal website: haliwa saponi

Resources - Job Openings

IN MEMORY OF'S

*ON BEHALF OF THE HALIWA-SAPONI
TRIBE*

*WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR
DEEPEST SMYPATHY FOR TO THE LOSS
OF
OUR BELOVED
TRIBAL MEMBERS*



Like a shadow in the moonlight
Like the whisper of the seas
Like the echoes of a melody
Just beyond our reach
In the shadow of our sorrow
Past the whisper of goodbye
Love shines through eternity
A heartbeat from our eye

www.griefandsympathy.com

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU !!!!!

If you would like your name or a loved ones name to be published please email Carol Richardson at crrichardson@haliwa-saponi.com, mail or bring by the office. If you do not submit your birthday or a loved one, we can not publish it in the next month's newsletter.

March 1- Lillie B. Green (D), Qua L. Adkins

March 4- Jonah Richardson

March 5-Tyneisha Richardson, Clinton Silver (D)

March 6-Kayla Danielle Smith

March 9-Leona Harris, Chucky Lynch

March 10-Randolph Silver (D), Aiden M. Richardson

March 12- Phyllis Dale

March 13- Jovan M. Silver

March 15-Landyn Dale, Helen Daniel Smith

March 16- James Rudd Jr., Braxton Fisher

March 17- Kelly Richardson Jr.

March 21- Brandon Richardson, Jesse McGee III

March 22- Thurman (Buck) Harris, Marcus Richardson, Anthony D. Tucker

March 23-William L. Richardson

March 26- Scott Richardson

March 27- Khristian Battle, Carson Evans

March 28 - Sadie Richardson

March 29-Nancy Daniel (D)

March 30- Jared Ha'ace Lynch

March 31- Betty Wanda Richardson



Tribal Council Chairman: Gideon Lee- March 13th

Tribal Staff Members:

Trina Lynch- March 19th

Tosha Silver- March 22nd



Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe

Housing Needs Assessment 2024



1. Which one(s) is applicable to you currently?

Homeowner

Renter

Living with others without paying rent or mortgage

Living with others, paying rent or mortgage

Other: _____

2. What type of housing do you live in?

Apartment

Doublewide

Stick Built

Singlewide

Marginal

Duplex

3. What type of accommodation do you currently occupy?

Private rental

Living with family or friends

Rented from Tribe

Accommodation tied to employment

Homeowner

Other: _____

4. How many live in your home? 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Other: _____

5. Do you have adequate space per person? Yes No *If no, briefly explain below.*

6. Does your home have running water? Yes No

7. Do you have indoor bathrooms? Yes No *If yes, how many? _____*

8. How satisfied are you with your current housing situation?

1

2

3

4

5

Unsatisfied

Very Satisfied

9. Select any of the following issues with your home.

Expensive repair costs

Property value decrease

Foreclosure concerns

Bad/rude/loud neighbors

Crime in neighborhood

Too expensive

10. How long have you lived at your current home?

- Less than a year
- 1-3 years
- 4-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 10-25 years
- 25 plus years

11. What is your household income range?

- Less than \$32,000
- \$32,000-\$75,000
- \$75,000- \$150,000
- \$150,000 plus

12. Do you feel our community needs any of the following?

- Assisted Living Facility
- Nursing Facility
- Senior Homes
- Retirement Homes
- Neither
- Other: _____

13. Would you like to see a small development of affordable housing, if there is a proven need? Yes No

14. Is there anyone living with you who needs to move to alternate accommodations now or in the next five years? Yes No

If yes, that person should complete the rest of this survey.

15. How many years have you lived in this situation? _____

16. Please indicate the age, gender and occupation of each person that would be in your household.

You _____ Age _____ Gender _____ Occupation _____

Other household member #1 Age _____ Gender _____ Occupation _____

Other household member #2 Age _____ Gender _____ Occupation _____

Other household member #3 Age _____ Gender _____ Occupation _____

Other household member #4 Age _____ Gender _____ Occupation _____

Other household member #5 Age _____ Gender _____ Occupation _____

17. When does the household need to move from this home?

- soon as possible
- Within the next 2 years
- Between 2-5 years from now
- In 5 or more years

18. Please list below any other housing concerns in our community you feel should be addressed.

Please mail or drop off at the Tribal Office PO. Box 99 Hollister, NC 27844 Attention: Gary Lynch-Tribal Housing Director - Questions or Concerns call 252-586-7030



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Wedding Anniversary: March 18th:

Anthony & August

*"At the heart of marriage is a love
nourished by God."*



ANNIVERSARY CONGRATS

*Happy 39th Wedding Anniversary to Barbara and Deke McGee on March 31, 2024.
Another year to celebrate precious memories, and to appreciate how far you've come
(together) in life!*

With Love, from your McGee Family near and far.

Happy 6th Wedding Anniversary to Kenneth & Heather Smith

On March 5th

*To a couple who puts God first and knows how to weather storms and bask in sunshine to-
gether. May love and God's continued blessings guide you through your journey and fill
you with everlasting happiness.*

With Love and Blessings, Mom Helen

Happy 38th Wedding Anniversary to Michael & Gloria Daniel

On March 14th

*Wishing you a day of goof-filled moments and hearty laughs on your anniversary! Keep
the humor alive and love kindled, for giggles and tender gazes are life's true treasure.*

Happy Anniversary! With Love and Blessings, Aunt Helen

*Congratulations to Nathaniel & Dellie M. Richardson who will celebrate their 45th
Wedding Anniversary on March 31, 2024.*

With love from your girls Tiffany

*Richardson and Pamela (Robin) Silver and grandchildren Kmira, Kamryn and
Kaidyn. We love you and May God continue to bless this beautiful union!!*

Our Young People: Making Us Proud

CONGRATULATIONS

Buffaloe Gains Second Place in International Kyokushin Karate Championships in LA

Christian Buffaloe, local Kyokushin Karate fighter and instructor, recently gained 2nd place in the Japan sponsored "Kyokushin Karate USWC Championships" in Los Angeles on February 4th. Buffaloe made it into the finals to go up against strong Japanese fighter Kazuma Koike in an intense match. Christian

Buffaloe knocked his opponent down several times but was unable to score any clear points. After several fouls and penalties, Buffaloe lost by Judge's decision. This fight was a highlight of the tournament and a delight to spectators.

In Kyokushin Karate tournaments, a fighter must knock his opponent out or 2 complete knockdowns and unable to continue the match to win. Kyokushin Karate is bareknuckle, full contact fighting with no gloves or protective equipment allowed. There are also no weight or rank divisions. A fighter must be prepared to take on any opponent regardless of their size, experience, or skill set.

Christian Buffaloe is the winner of the 2020 & 2023 "Kyokushin Karate USWC Championships". Buffaloe was disappointed that he could not win for a third time this year, but very grateful for the opportunity and support. He promises to train even harder for the next event. Christian Buffaloe trains here locally under Sensei Kenny Buffaloe, the North Carolina Kyokushin Karate Representative and chief instructor.

Christian Buffaloe's final match caught the attention of Kyokushin Karate Black Belt and action movie star Michael Jai White, who was a guest at the tournament. White was very impressed with Buffaloe's fighting style and offered advice and tips for future competitions. Christian Buffaloe was honored and very appreciative to Michael Jai White for his input and interest in his matches.



White is the star of several popular action movies, including DARK KNIGHT, NEVER BACK DOWN, UNDISPUTED TRUTH, THE MIKE TYSON STORY and SPAWN.

For more information on Kyokushin Karate and area training classes, call or text: (252) 589 - 4281.

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Buffaloe is pictured with Kyokushin Karate Black Belt and action movie star Michael Jai White (on left), who offered him advice and support at the event.



TWIN COUNTY CRUISERS CAR CLUB

Twin County Cruisers Car Club would like to thank the residents of the Hollister Community, local business owners and local churches for their continued support during our 2023 annual toy drive. We would like to send a special THANK YOU to the Family Harvest Center of Hollister NC and Baseline Mechanical of Rocky Mount NC for making it possible to donate 28 BIKES and STUDENT BACK PACKS with other toys to selected students of two local schools. The remaining toys were donated to our local Social Service Department for needy kids and the Arcola Fire Department. The Arcola Fire Department had Santa Clause himself passing out toys Christmas Eve. Again, a BIG Thank You to everyone.



SHOPPING FOR SENIOR'S NOW AVAILABLE IN THE HOLLISTER AREA



Is it becoming more difficult for you to do your own grocery shopping? There is now help available in the Hollister area for senior's 65 and over.
\$10.00



For details
Call or Text
Nancy at
252-567-6517



Paint & Sip Party for kids



When: March 30, 2024
Time: 1:00 - 5:00
(Class starts at 2:00)
Where: Hollister Community Center
177 Main Street
Hollister, NC
Cost: \$25.00 per child

To register and save \$3.00 per child
Call or text 252-567-6517



JUNIOR MISS HALIWA 2023-2024

Hello, can you believe it's February all ready? As I continue to being awareness to the effects of bullying i thought it would be awesome to celebrate National Random Acts of Kindness Week which is held during the week of February 17. This week encourages us to put kindness first and share it everywhere we go. Be the unexpected gift to someone this week. I challenge you to speak a kind word or send a card to one of elders it does not take much! As my time winds down and other young ladies run to become the next JR, Little & Tiny Miss I ask

that you please encourage and support them on their efforts. Before signing off I want to congratulate our new Miss Indian North Carolina 2024-2025 Zianne Richardson!

You and the other contestants were beautiful & gave inspiration & hope to many young ladies including myself!

Great job!

Love Keyara

Hedgepeth

Jr Miss

Haliwa -Saponi



2023-2024



**Learn To Make Native American Fry Bread
Keyara- Jr Miss Haliwa-Saponi & Mrs. Lori Silver
Date: February 29, 2024
Time: 6-8pm
Location: Arcola Fire Department
Young Women- Ages: 12-20
RSVP: A Must-Accepting 15 young ladies Text:
252-536-8846
No fee-Donations for supplies are welcomed**

KMIRA, NOTHING BEATS A FAILURE BUT A TRY! PROUD OF YOU!

On February 10th, 2024, Kmira A. Richardson participated in the Regional Science Fair in Wake County. Her project was Titled "Strawberry DNA Precipitation " Although she did not win we are so proud of Kmira for being bold enough and willing to give it a try. Previously, she had won 1st place at both her school Warren Early College as well as the District Science fair. A special thank you to her best friend Amelia Berrun for being her cheerleader and support as well as her favorite Aunt Tiffany. With love from mom and dad, Pamela & Robin Silver.





**Miss
Haliwa-Saponi
2023-2024**



2023-2024 Miss Haliwa Saponi Princess

Naha'-pipi! Good Day! I'm Alana Nakai Lynch your Miss Haliwa Saponi Princess 2023-2024. In December- February, I was given the opportunity to serve as the head female dancer for Richmond and our winter powwow. Where I proudly represented our people. Also, I had the chance to meet the new royalty of the tribes in North Carolina. Also, I was able to attend the NCNAYO meetings to plan for the conference in the summer. I had the chance to socialize, have fun, and conduct business with other native youth in North Carolina. In the next few weeks, I plan to attend some college powwow and enjoy the rest of my reign as our princess.



Pilahuk!: Thank you

LIFE BY THE RIVER CANOE SONG PROJECT RECORDING

On February 16, 2024, two of our students Jacobah Richardson and Brandy Lynn Freeman attended the Life by the River Canoe Song Project Recording at the University of NC Carolina at Pembroke. This project was inspired by Layla Locklear-Cripple to unite all tribes through song in Native language. Two representatives tribal youth of each NC tribe were present for the recording. These two individuals attended a workshop conducted by Ms. Locklear-Cripple in the spring of last year to develop a song with our youth in tupelo language with assistance of our Vice-Chief Dr. Marty Richardson.

So proud of our youth representing so well as always. The recording/ final product will be released at the opening of the exhibit for the Museum of the Southeast American Indians.



Indigenous Internships

Indigenous Internship Program.

Applications are Now Open for 2024!

Deadline: March 1st

APPLY <https://heritagelands.org/internships>

About the Heritage Lands Collective.

Heritage Lands Collective is an Indigenous-led nonprofit that supports the relational connection and cultural continuity of heritage communities on ancestral homelands by facilitating community-led intergenerational government-to-government consultation, co-management, research, heritage preservation projects, outdoor learning experiences, ecological restoration, technical assistance, capacity building, community empowerment, and public education and outreach.

Applicant Requirements.

- Of Tribal or Indigenous heritage (Tribal enrollment not required)
- 18 years of age or older
- Interested in cultural anthropology, archaeology, ecology, education, communication, or related fields.
- Interested in supporting Tribes in their efforts to protect their ancestral lands.

Must have access to a computer and internet.

Internship Requirements.

We design our internships to be flexible for our interns and staff. But here are some things to know.

Compensation.

Interns will be paid **\$18/hour** before taxes, take home pay will be based on the state in which you live. All **travel expenses for fieldwork** will be covered by us with per diem provided. There is no holiday work, paid vacations, retirement plans, or other benefits/compensation as part of the internship.

Duties & Responsibilities.

Interns may be asked to perform any of the following during their internship tenure:

- Conduct library and digital anthropological research.
- Assist in drafting research proposals.
- Participate in ethnographic fieldwork.
- Record, transcribe, and code interviews.
- Assist in writing technical reports for our community partners and government agencies.
- Develop educational public outreach materials and classroom curriculum for our community partners.
- Present research findings at regional conferences and/or partner community meetings

Learn about career opportunities, resumes, financial planning, retirement planning, etc.

About the Internship.

The intention of our Indigenous Internship Program is to offer Tribal/Indigenous youth an opportunity to receive training and experience in working with Tribal communities (in Colorado, New Mexico, etc.) and government partners (e.g., BLM, USFS, etc.). Interns will receive field experience conducting professional ethnographies with Tribal Elders and representatives at cultural heritage sites. Many of our interns work directly with Elders from their own communities. While doing so, interns will also have ample opportunity to network with archaeologists, anthropologists, ecologists, education/communication experts, and other professional staff from our federal, state, and/or city government partners. This allows interns to explore potential career opportunities. Our internship program offers paid positions where interns are assigned to one of our ongoing projects, under the supervision and guidance of HLC staff, who are professional anthropologists and ecologists (read below for specific applicant and internship requirements).

Duration & Location.

This **position is remote**, you will only have to travel for fieldwork. The length of the internship is a **minimum of 8 weeks**, but is ultimately based on:

- Availability of funds
- The intern's Summer/Fall schedule (you can limit your internship to the summer months)

HLC staff Summer/Fall schedule

Expectations & Accommodations.

- Perform all duties with guidance from HLC staff
- Abide by all HLC field safety training and guidance
- Respect all informed consent standards when working with community partners and HLC staff
- Field work days often require up to 10 hours of work per day
- Work in adverse weather conditions including heat, rain, and snow
- Walk over uneven terrain, up/down hills, and through vegetation

Walk for distances up to a mile



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SCARY POCKETS
with
Brooke Simpson

Apr 5	Minneapolis, MN
Apr 6	Chicago, IL
Apr 7	Grand Rapids, MI
Apr 9	Detroit, MI
Apr 10	Toronto, ON
Apr 12	Boston, MA
Apr 13	Fairfield, CT
Apr 14	Philadelphia, PA
Apr 17	Brooklyn, NY
Apr 18	Brooklyn, NY
Apr 20	Washington, D.C.

Brooke Simpson On Tour Again With the band, Scary Pockets

Earlier this year, she toured with them and sang in 8 countries in 9 days! She also made a guest appearance at the Emmy Awards Gov. Ball in LA.

In April of this year, Brooke with Scary Pockets will be in Minneapolis, MN-April 5, in Chicago, IL-April 6, Grand Rapids, MI-April 7, Detroit, MI-April 9, Toronto, ON -April 10, Boston, MA-April 12, Fairfield, CT-April 13, Philadelphia, PA-April 14, Brooklyn, NY April-17 &18, and Washington DC-April 20.