



2026 Pollinator Relatives Workshop



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Acknowledgement & Intention

As we gather together for the 2026 Pollinator Relatives Workshop, we acknowledge that we are on the territory and homeland of the Kalispel Tribe of Indians and Spokane Tribe of Indians. We pay our respects to the Kalispel and Spokane ancestors of this special place and reaffirm our desire to honor them and all their generations who continue to steward this place, exercise their sovereignty, teach their mother languages and traditional practices, and serve their people. Not only do we recognize their inherent nationhood, sovereignty, and cultures, but also encourage all participants to consider their dedication and commitment to respect and uphold their sovereignty and rights as Tribal Nations and Indigenous Peoples (TIP).

We recognize that in the course of this Workshop, participants will be spending time learning in this and neighboring traditional territories and homelands, connected by the relationships we have with one another and the lands and waters of this place. We intend to provide a safe, productive, respectful, and enjoyable experience for all of our participants, and we honor the individual teachings and gifts they bring to share. May this workshop help advance TIP sovereignty, identify opportunities for equitable partnerships, and support TIP rights and priorities.

Welcome

The Planning Team and Tribal Advisory Group of the 2026 Pollinator Relatives Workshop is thrilled that you are joining us for this event! We have been putting much energy and effort into the development of this Workshop and are excited that you are here to share this time and space with us. Details about our Planning Team and Tribal Advisory Group may be found in the Resources section, but briefly our organizations

Planning Team

Institute of American Indian Arts
L.I.G.H.T. Foundation
Native American Fish & Wildlife Society
Spokane Tribal Network
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife
Wildlife Conservation Society
Xerces Society

Tribal Advisory Group

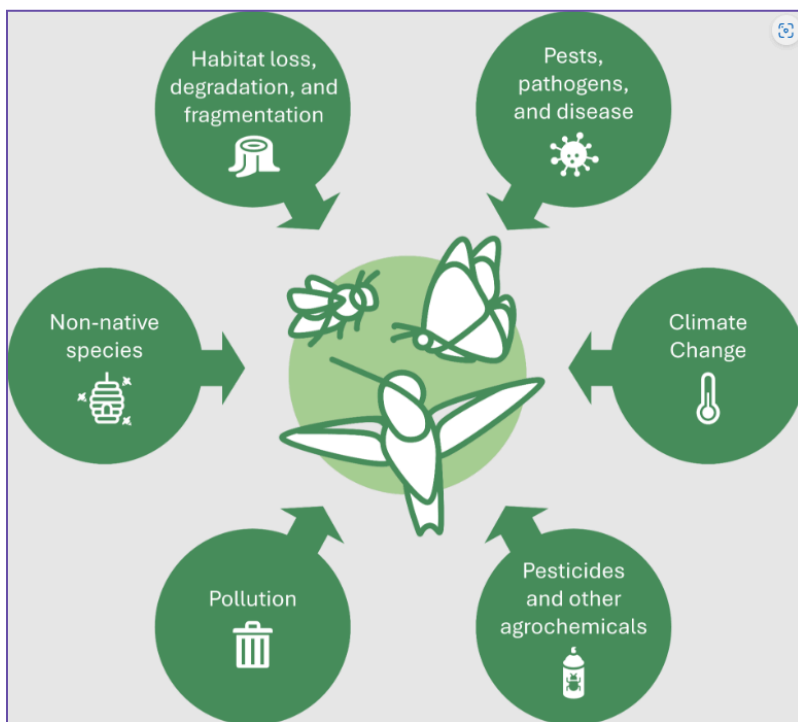
Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Indians
Kootenai Tribe of Idaho
Spokane Tribe of Indians



Pollinator Relatives Workshop Curriculum

The 2026 Pollinator Relatives Workshop (PRW, Workshop) will bring together Tribal Nations and Indigenous Peoples (TIP) to discuss various issues and topics related to Pollinator Relatives (Figure 1). PRW seeks to connect small teams of 1-4 persons from distinct Indigenous Peoples, Tribal Nations, and Indigenous organizations, including staff, community members, and knowledge keepers as TIP Delegates. PRW 2026, held at the [Northern Quest Resort & Casino](https://www.northernquestresort.com/) in Airway Heights, WA, will convene teams from TIP governments, organizations, and communities to share Indigenous and Western knowledge and science systems to develop and learn about Pollinator stewardship and management strategies for addressing biodiversity, food security, community resilience, and pollinator risks to TIP cultures, governance, and priorities.

Figure 1. Image of threats to Pollinator Relatives, published by Alberta Wilderness Association in 2025 (<https://www.albertawilderness.ca/>). See also <https://www.pollinator.org/threats>.



The PRW program will create dialogue through facilitated, team-based learning. During the Workshop, each Tribal Delegation will develop a plan addressing a Pollinator task, priority, or action of their choosing. At the end of the camp, each team gives a presentation that represents the approach their Delegation will take as it relates to Pollinator work. PRW will be divided into sharing circles that include Delegates, presenters, and facilitators, who will learn together about how they are approaching their project's challenges in relation to Pollinator stewardship and management, what solutions are possible, and how TIP across diverse regions can coordinate

together on policy and programming.

Guiding Questions:

- What strategies can TIP develop for assessments and monitoring plans to support their unique efforts?
- What resources, information, tools, funding, and data are available to support TIP Pollinator Relative programming?

Objectives:

1. Allow TIP Delegates to learn from each other
2. Introduce Pollinator assessments and monitoring plans
3. Discuss the role and protection of Indigenous Knowledges in assessments and planning



4. Provide an overview of Pollinator science: key impacts, tools, and resources
5. Discuss the role of partnerships and collaboration
6. Discuss funding options for TIP Pollinator programs

Format:

The format consists of brief presentations, group activities, breakout sessions, and a final presentation. Much of the Workshop will be devoted to breakout sessions and field trips. These activities will have a group of TIP Delegates, facilitators, and instructors engaged in discussion and mutual learning together. The lead facilitator of the breakout will prompt the group with guiding questions to lead them through each topic. The breakout will then be divided into smaller groups, which will focus on discussing the prompt and report afterward, leading to the development of a plan to support Pollinator Relatives back upon return to TIP communities. In addition to the breakouts, discussions will occur during the field trips, presentations from instructors, and independent time for Delegates to work on their final presentations. On the morning of Friday, June 19th, each TIP Delegation will present the work they completed during the workshop and receive feedback from all attendees.

Tribal Delegation Deliverables

The 2026 Pollinator Relatives Workshop begins Monday, June 15th. Agenda for the event begins on page 6 below.

Each of the TIP Delegations will complete one major deliverable during their time at the PRW, and make a final presentation at the end of the workshop. The deliverable is a plan for moving forward and taking action to support Pollinator Relatives back at home. The table below provides a template for preparing your final deliverable.

If your TIP is just beginning its Pollinator work, then you can respond directly to the questions in this template. If your TIP is revising or expanding its Pollinator work, then you can share what you have learned in your process and respond to any of the questions you have not previously addressed in your planning process. In any case, it's hoped that you will be further developing your plans for moving forward with a Pollinator activity. If your Delegation includes people from different TIP, the guidance provided herein still remains relevant.

Pollinator Action Plan Template

Roots (Tuesday morning)

- Why are Pollinator Relatives important to your Tribe and community?
- What is the demographic profile of the whole community? Demographic profile refers to factors that are important for food system and biodiversity planning, such as age, geographic location of housing, jurisdiction of lands, employment, and customary practices.
- How will people be involved at the beginning of efforts to address Pollinator Relatives?



Trunk (Tuesday morning)

- What is your vision for a Pollinator project or program? *[The vision is like a roadmap of where you want to be at some point in the future regarding your Pollinator planning]*. How will your TIP community be involved at the very beginning of any efforts to create and legitimate the vision?
- What is your mission for the Pollinator project or program? *[What values and goals will go into implementing the vision]*. How will the people be involved in the development of and feedback on the mission?

Branches (Tuesday afternoon - Thursday):

- What are some specific projects that emanate from the values and goals? The projects should be considered in terms of how they would engage multiple TIP departments, TIP communities, and entities outside the TIP. You can focus on one or more than one project. Make sure to discuss the timeline for when the project/s will unfold.

We would like each Delegation to prepare at least one specific project (action plan) to complete their planning within the Branches segment of the template. You can certainly work on more than one. For each project or action plan, consider some of the following as examples.

1. Building an educational strategy that strengthens community support for and involvement in Pollinator Relative actions.
2. Developing a strategy for assessing, addressing and communicating Pollinator vulnerability.
3. Creating a plan for habitat restoration and protection.
4. Developing a strategy for collaboration across different TIP entities and communities and/or with state, federal, and other partners.

It is important that the proposed project or action(s) engage your people working in resource management, harvesting, cultural, zoning, and other land-based efforts. The goal is for your team's project or actions to fully engage a variety of TIP programs, departments, and individuals in your emerging or current habitat, land management, wildlife, or food security programs.

On Friday morning, each TIP Delegation will have approximately 10 minutes to present the plan of action they have developed during the Workshop. Delegations can use slides, video, poster, storytelling, art, and any other appropriate means of communication to present their plan to all PRW attendees. The presentations should provide an outline or story of the Delegation's plan and some details on the timeline and actions proposed. Workshop attendees will provide evaluation feedback that will be distributed to each of the teams at the end of the Workshop. Again, there will be a slightly modified template for the presentation for Delegations that have participants from different organizations and TIP.

Presentation Rubric

- For TIP Delegations with 1-2 participants, the presentation should be timed to be about **5-10 minutes**. For individuals, please do be at ease - the PRW Planning Team



recommends you present what you are able, given that you may not have your work or community colleagues with you.

- For TIP Delegations with 3+ participants, the presentation should be timed to be about **10-15 minutes**.
- If more than one TIP or organization is represented in a Delegation, then more brevity may be necessary.
- The goal of the presentation is to tell the story behind the plan of action you developed during PRW.
- You may use any number of slides that you feel is best.
- For the presentation, as part of the story, consider telling about the community or organization, the reasons for the plan of action, the goals and outcomes, and the vision and mission.
- You may use the terminology from the PRW organizers (e.g., *roots, trunk, branches*) or you can use your own terminology. It's up to you.
- Given the attendees will each be giving you written feedback, plan for your presentation to be accessible to everyone so they can provide additional ideas in their written feedback.

See the [Resources](#) section of this Program for additional insight and information.

Agenda

The Tribal Advisory Group has identified several learning outcomes for 2026 PRW and prioritized them as follows.

Learning Outcomes:

1. Understand and share diverse cultural teachings from different TIP about Pollinator Relatives
2. Identify Pollinator Relatives and the Plant Relatives they have relationships with - including how they contribute to our food system
3. Understand how complex and interconnected habitat loss, chemical inputs, climate impacts, parasites/pests, and phenology changes, etc. effect Pollinator Relatives and their homes
4. Learn about restoration, stewardship, and other land management techniques to help protect the homes of Pollinator Relatives

DAY 1: Monday, June 15th - Arrival & Welcome

Time	Activity	Location
4:00 to 8:00 pm	Arrival & Registration: Check-In to NQRC Hotel Front Desk, then pick up Welcome Packet and Workshop Materials in Pavillion II & III	<i>NQRC Hotel Front Desk & Pavilion II & III</i>

DAY 2: Tuesday, June 16th - Grounding & Framing

Time	Activity	Location
8:00 am	Breakfast & Wrap up Registration	<i>NQRC Pavillion II</i>



8:20 am	TIP Host/s Welcoming Prayer: Alec Bluff (Kalispel) - Community Relations Strategist with Kalispel Tribal Economic Authority	& III
8:30 am	Welcome & Opening Remarks: <i>Welcome, logistics, & purpose (Planning Team)</i>	
9:00 am	Introductions to Planning Team and Facilitators	
9:45 am	Framing and instructions given for each breakout: Amelia Marchand (Sinixt, Okanogan, Moses-Columbia, Palus and Chief Joseph Band of Walwama Nez Perce, citizen of Colville Confederated Tribes) - Executive Director of L.I.G.H.T. Foundation	
10:15 am	<p>Break + Breakout: Delegations go to their respective breakout space with their facilitator team.</p> <p><i>[Groups will choose a break time and work on an exercise together with assigned facilitators.]</i></p> <p><i>In each space, the facilitators will start off with introductions or whatever protocols they choose. The Delegations in each group will work with the same facilitators over the course of the week.</i></p> <p><i>The facilitator teams will prepare their own brief remarks on the following points focusing on the <u>Roots</u> and <u>Trunk</u> parts of the presentation, and can use handouts or any other materials:</i></p> <p><i>[Main question prompts]</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>What Pollinator issues are most pressing to you and your TIP community?</i> 2. <i>What is your vision for Pollinator resilience and action?</i> 3. <i>Please do, in your responses, consider sharing any current Pollinator-related work that your TIP community is doing or that may be happening in the TIP community.</i> <p><i>Each Delegation will have some time to discuss their responses to these prompts. Before the session ends at 12pm, there should be time for each team to share and discuss what they came up with, at least an hour for the sharing.</i></p>	<p>[See Delegation Breakout Chart – pages 11-12]</p> <p><i>Designated Breakout Spaces</i></p>
Noon	Lunch	NQRC Pavillion II & III
1:00 pm	<i>Meet at Pavillion Entrance to load vans, leave NQRC & travel to Spokane Indian Reservation (~50 mins)</i>	<i>En route</i>
2:00 pm	Field Trip Visit to Spokane Tribal Network, presentation by Acina Bandom: Indigenous Food Security and Sovereignty on the Spokane Indian Reservation	<i>Food Sovereignty Demonstration Site</i>
2:30 pm	<p><i>Breakout (Amelia): Work on 2nd Prompt / Exercise</i></p> <p><i>Facilitators will support discussions reflecting the questions below to encourage Delegations to build strategies which strengthen</i></p>	<i>Designated field trip Breakout Spaces</i>



	<p><i>community support for and involvement in Pollinator Relatives actions, especially as related to food security and biodiversity. Facilitators will consider specifically some of the following aspects of strategy and community support:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. What materials, activities, multimedia and other approaches help start a conversation about or communicate Pollinator Relatives?</i> <i>2. How can Indigenous Knowledges (IK) and/or Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) bearers be involved in or lead Pollinator Relative work?</i> <i>3. How can educational or community-support building activities be multidisciplinary/multi-agency across your TIP organization?</i> <i>4. What's the relationship between Pollinator programming, youth leadership and/or youth/adult education in your TIP community or organization?</i> <i>5. How can your TIP government be invited to consider Pollinator Relatives seriously? Or, if council already does take it seriously, how can they work most effectively with you and Pollinators?</i> <i>6. How can Tribal staff connect with entities outside the Tribe, such as states, municipalities, scientific organizations, federal agencies, other Tribes, non-profits, local climate action work, international organizations, and so on?</i> <p><i>During the two-hour period, teams should have time to develop ideas for what strategies can be put in place in the next year that will address their visions for community resilience. Teams can focus on any aspect of strategy, but should make sure to discuss how the community will be involved. One way to approach this is to work out an answer to the following questions:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. What approach to building community support arises from the vision and mission?</i> <i>2. What projects need to take place to strengthen Pollinator Relatives?</i> <i>3. How should activities be organized that advance these projects and who should be involved?</i> <i>4. Which projects and activities are feasible to begin working on over the course of the next year? Which projects and activities are there no resources for yet? Which are long-term projects and activities to plan for the next decade?</i> <i>5. Pick 1 or 2 project ideas and activities that go with them that can be developed in greater detail during the Pollinator Relatives Workshop and for presentation at the end of the week. Again, Delegations can choose to present on at least one project.</i> <p><i>During the 2-hour session, there should be time left in the last half hour for teams to report out and to get feedback from the instructors and other teams.</i></p>	
5:00 pm	Depart STN & travel back to Northern Quest	<i>En route</i>
6:00 pm	Free time & dinner on your own	NQRC



DAY 3: Wednesday, June 17th - Indigenous-Centered Activities

Time	Activity	Location
8:00 am	Breakfast	NQRC Pavillion II & III
8:30 am	Prayer & Morning Reflections (from previous day and look toward the day ahead)	
8:50 am	Presentation 1: Sarah Gardner - Xerces Society: Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation First Foods & Pollinators	
9:10 am	Presentation 2: Julian Matthews - Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment	
9:30 am	Presentation 3: Joe "Cricket" Herrera - Yakama Nation: Tribal Pesticide Pollinator Working Group	
9:50 am	Break	
10:10 am	Presentation 4: Ed Spevak, St. Louis Zoo - Native Foods Native Pollinators Native Peoples Program	
10:30 am	Presentation 5: Hannah Golden - Native American Fish & Wildlife Society	
10:50 am	Presentation 6: Melanie Kirby (Tortugas Pueblo [Tiwa/Mescalero Apache/Indo-Caribbean descendant) - The Flower Path Conservancy & Institute for American Indian Arts: Community Outreach & Engagement on Pollinator Issues	
11:10 am	Breakouts (Amelia Marchand): Each Delegation discusses the data and information gaps they are facing regarding Pollinator biodiversity, food security, and climate change	
Noon	Lunch at Northern Quest	NQRC Pavillion II & III
1:00 PM	Meet at Pavillion Entrance to load vans, leave NQRC & travel to Cheney, WA (~35 mins)	En route
1:30 pm	Field Trip Visit to USFWS National Wildlife Refuge, presentation by Cassie Roeder: Land management for pollinator habitat & pollinator identification	Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge
2:00 pm	Presentation 7: Taylor Stinchcomb - Wildlife Conservation Society & Leonardo Wassilie - Nenana Native Association: 2026 Caring for Pollinators Together Gathering	*Note: No internet or wifi service is available here



2:15 pm	Breakout: Continued Group Work with Pollinator resources & data. Delegations begin preparation for the presentation.	Designated field trip Breakout Spaces
5:30 pm	Depart Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge and travel back to Northern Quest	En route
6:00 pm	Free time & dinner on your own	NQRC

DAY 4: Thursday, June 18th - Information & Opportunities

Time	Activity	Location
8:00 am	Breakfast	NQRC Pavillion II & III
8:30 am	Prayer & Morning Reflections (from previous day and look toward the day ahead)	
8:50 am	Presentation 8: Julie Combs - WA State Department of Fish & Wildlife: State Wildlife Action Plans and Pollinator and Plant Relative Resources	
9:10 am	Presentation 9: Mace Vaughan - Xerces Society: Washington State Bumble Bee Strategy & Bumble Bee Atlas	
9:30 am	Presentation 10: Sarah Gardner - Xerces Society: Sensitive Threatened & Endangered Pollinator Relatives and Their Habitats	
9:50 am	Break	
10:10 am	Presentation 11: Caleb Wagner - Student Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects at University of Idaho	
10:30 am	Presentation 12: Tallulah Stafford - Society of Conservation Biology at University of Idaho	Designated NQRC Breakout Spaces
10:50 am	Breakouts (Amelia Marchand): Each Delegation discusses the data and information gaps they are facing regarding Pollinator biodiversity, food security, and climate change	
Noon	Lunch at Northern Quest	NQRC Pavillion II & III
1:00 PM	Meet at Pavillion Entrance to load vans, leave NQRC & travel to Cheney, WA (~35 mins)	En route
1:30 pm	Field Trip to Eastern Washington University, presentation by Erin Endres & Cola Boyer: Meet at Pence Union Building & then tour	Prairie Restoration



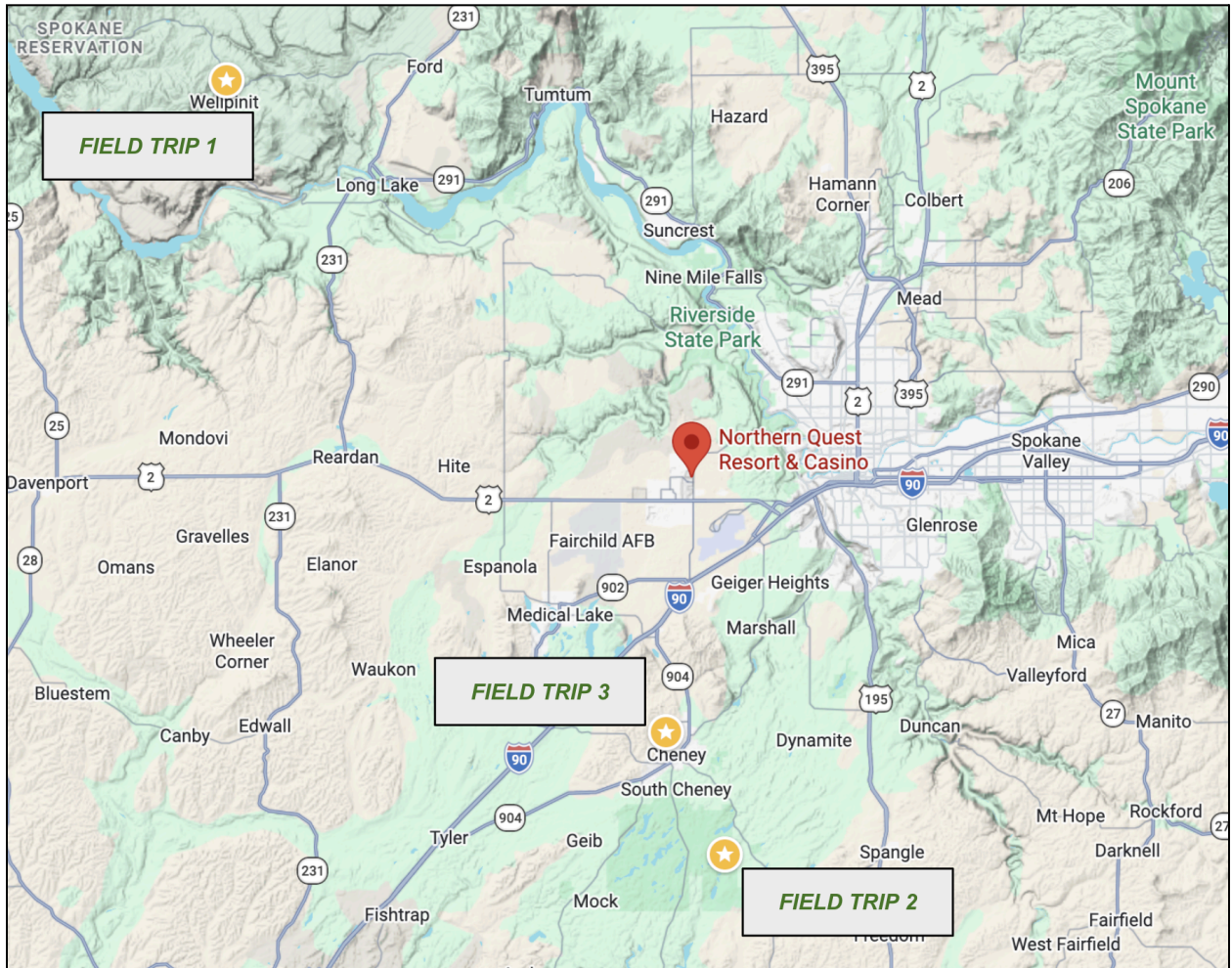
	post-agriculture restoration site, seed area and greenhouse facilities	
2:15 pm	Breakout: Continued Group Work with Pollinator resources & data. Delegations begin preparation for the presentation.	Designated field trip Breakout Spaces
5:30 pm	Depart Eastern Washington University and travel back to Northern Quest	En route
6:00 pm	Free time & dinner on your own	NQRC

DAY 5: Friday, June 19th - TIP Delegate Presentations

Time	Activity	Location
8:00 am	Breakfast	NQRC Pavillion II & III
8:30 am	Delegations present their Pollinator Action Plans	
10:30 am	Recognition Ceremony	
11:45 am - 12:00 pm	Departure / Traveling Song: Alec Bluff	



Field Trip Sites



Field Trip 1: Indigenous Food Forest

- What: Indigenous food sovereignty demonstration site in a Ponderosa Pine habitat
- Where: Spokane Tribal Network in Wellpinit, WA on Spokane Indian Reservation
- Distance & travel time from meeting space to location: Approx. 38-mile drive to Wellpinit from NQRC, about 50-minute trip
- Website: <https://spokanetribalnetwork.org/tribal-food-sovereignty/>

Field Trip 2: Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge

- What: Wetland shrub-steppe habitat
- Where: U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in Cheney, WA
- Distance & travel time from meeting space to location: Approx. 20-mile drive to Cheney from NQRC, about 35-min trip
- Website: <https://www.fws.gov/refuge/turnbull>

Field Trip 3: Prairie Restoration & Sustainable Campus

- What: 13-acre prairie habitat restoration site
- Where: Eastern Washington University in Cheney, WA
- Distance & travel time from meeting space to location: Approx. 20-mile drive to campus



- from NQRC, about 35-min trip
- Website: <https://www.ewu.edu/give/prairie/>

Delegation Breakout Chart

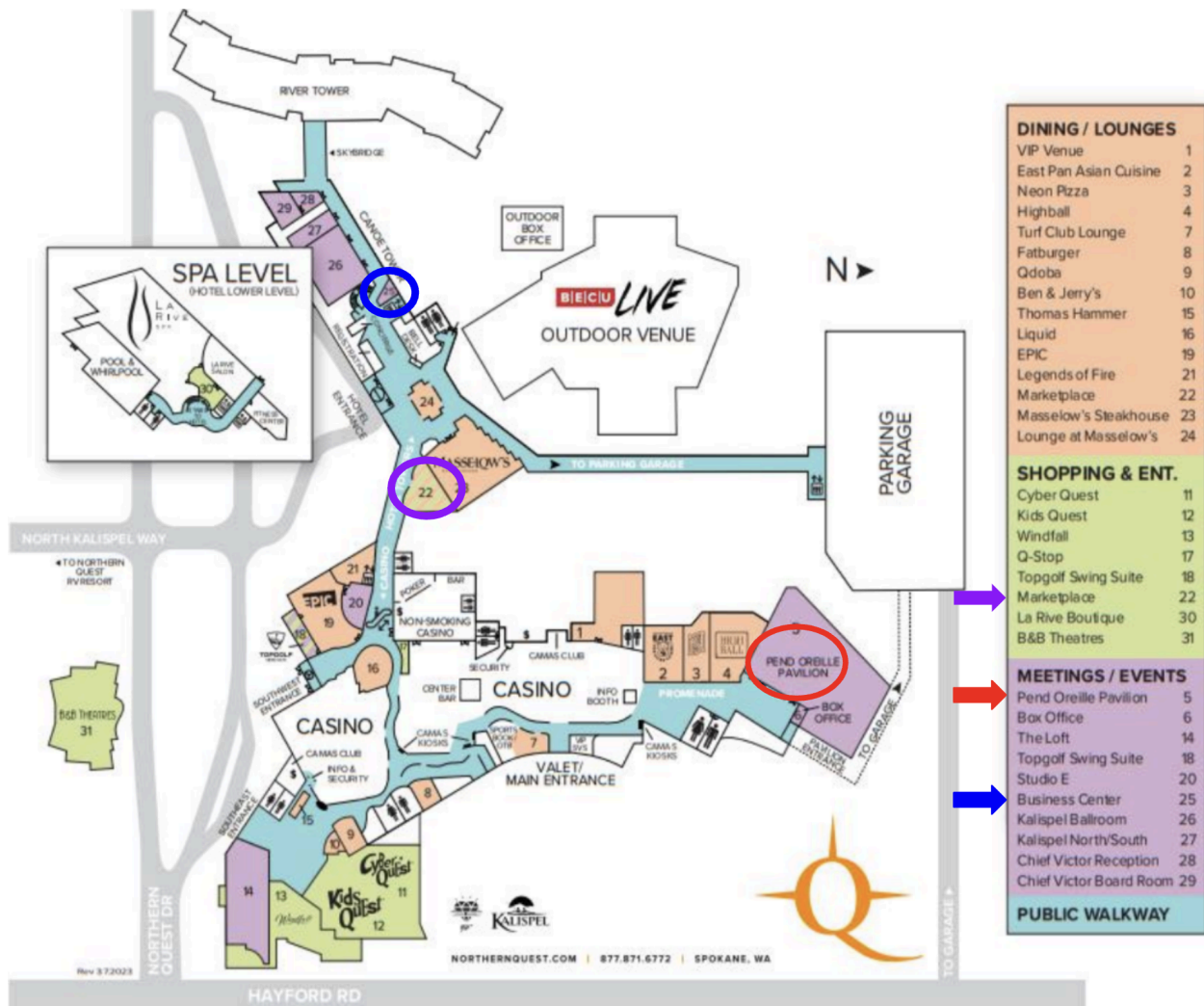
Each Breakout Space will have a group of TIP Delegations assigned to meet with a group of facilitators to support the inter-Tribal discussions. Breakout Spaces at NQRC will be in different places than on the field trips, so it will be important for participants to find their Delegation and facilitators and spend the Breakout time with them as directed. For reference, see the floor plan map of NQRC on the following page.

TIP Delegation	PRW Facilitators	NQRC Breakout Spaces
Delegation 1: Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes (3) Delegation 2: Nimiipuu 4-H (3) Delegation 3: Nimiipuu Protecting the Environment (1)	Amelia Marchand Hannah James Hannah Golden Tallulah Stafford	Pavillion II & III (open in mornings until we depart for daily field trips)
Delegation 4: Spokane Tribe of Indians (2) Delegation 5: Spokane Tribal Network (1) Delegation 6: Confederated Tribes of Siletz (1) Delegation 7: Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (1) Delegation 8: Pandion Institute (1)	Sarah Gardner Julie Combs Joe Herrera Logan Parr	Canoe Tower Business Center (available 24/7 with room key access)
Delegation 9: Meli Bees Network (1) Delegation 10: Kashia Band of Pomo (2) Delegation 11: Oneida Nation (1) Delegation 12: Nenana Native Association (1)	Taylor Stinchcomb Mace Vaughan Ed Spevak Melanie Kirby	Marketplace (open Sun-Thu 6:30am-3pm & Fri-Sat 6:30am-5pm)

Breakout Spaces at NQRC are subject to change depending upon availability, with the exception of the Pavillion II & III in the mornings and the Canoe Tower Business Center, which is open to all hotel guests with a room key. Breakout spaces for the field trip sites may include indoor and outdoor areas, where internet wifi and cell phone service may be limited or unavailable. The map below identifies the locations of the breakout rooms, but briefly:

- Delegations 1-3 will hold breakouts in Pavillion II & III (**red circle** on the map)
- Delegations 4-6 will hold breakouts in the Canoe Tower Business Center (**blue circle** on the map)
- Delegations 7-10 will hold breakouts in the Marketplace (**purple circle** on the map)





Resources

Management Planning and Monitoring Resources

- Indigenous Stewardship Methods Evaluation (USDA Conservation Evaluation and Monitoring Activity, 2022) - <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/sites/default/files/2025-05/fy25-cema-222-indigenous-stewardship-methods-evaluation.pdf>
- National Native Bee Monitoring Network - <https://www.nativebeemonitoring.org/>
- National Protocol Framework for the Inventory & Monitoring of Bees
- Bee Monitoring Tools (Xerces Society) - <https://xerces.org/xerces-bee-monitoring-tools>
- Western Monarch & Native Insect Pollinator Working Group – WAFWA (Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies)
- Western monarch butterfly conservation plan, 2019–2069 – WAFWA



- Supporting Pollinators on Farmlands- [Supporting Pollinators on Farmland | Xerces Society](#)
- Bee Monitoring Tools - <https://xerces.org/xerces-bee-monitoring-tools>
- Floral Relations of Native Bees in Camas Meadows (British Columbia, 2022) - https://a100.gov.bc.ca/pub/acat/documents/r60027/COL_F22_W_3485_1669051387780_E2D0A52D7C.pdf
- Strategy to Protect State and Federally Recognized Bumble Bee Species of Conservation Concern (Washington State, 2023)
 - PDF Document: https://xerces.org/sites/default/files/publications/22-035_01_0.pdf
 - Interactive Online Maps: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/8c54a255f38b435d9fdde5b8d439b252/>
- [State Wildlife Action Plans :: Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies](#) - Where to find State Wildlife Plans across the U.S. with guidance on Tribal Engagement.

Community Science Programs and Publicly Available Data

- [A Community for Naturalists · iNaturalist](#) allows naturalists from all across the world collect and share their observations. The community on iNaturalist can help identify unknown species, track invasive species, and monitor [phenological](#) changes. Your observations will help better understand and protect nature. iNaturalist is a joint initiative by the [California Academy of Sciences](#) and the [National Geographic Society](#).
- [Bumble Bee Sightings - Bumble Bee Watch](#)
- Xerces Bumble Bee Atlas Program Across the U.S.- [Bumble Bee Atlas](#)
- [Oregon Bee Atlas | OSU Extension Service](#) and plant-pollinator data dashboard, Oregon Bee Atlas Melittoflora - <https://agsci.oregonstate.edu/bee-atlas/melittoflora>
- Washington Bee Atlas- [Bee Atlas | Washington State Department of Agriculture](#)
- Western Monarch Milkweed Mapper - <https://www.monarchmilkweedmapper.org/>
- GBIF (Global Biodiversity Information Facility) serves as a national data portal and access point to U.S. species occurrence data contributed to GBIF. It is co-managed by the scientific community of the United States. [GBIF.us](#)
- Ecdysis is a portal for live-managing arthropod occurrence data. Ecdysis is designed to serve the entomological community as a robust and efficient environment for collections digitization and data-driven research projects. The ecdysis community is open to and welcomes all collections and individuals who wish to publish, manage, and analyze arthropod occurrence data - especially in the form of digitized specimens. [Ecdysis Home](#)

Funding Opportunities

Federal Funding

- State and Tribal Wildlife Grants (SWG's) and Competitive State Wildlife Grants (CSWG's). The State & Tribal Wildlife Grants Program has helped conserve thousands of at-risk species and habitats, contributed to preventing the need to list some species



under the Endangered Species Act, and supported recovery efforts for species already listed. [State Wildlife Grants | U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service](#)

- Partners for Fish and Wildlife-
<https://www.fishwildlife.org/afwa-informs/state-wildlife-action-plans>
- Federal Highway Administration - Roadside Pollinators Program:
https://www.environment.fhwa.dot.gov/env_topics/ecosystems/pollinators/RPP.aspx?AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1

State Funding

- [Wildlife Diversity Grant Program | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#)
- [Watchable Wildlife Grant Program | Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife](#)
- [State Wildlife Action Plans : Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies](#)

Other Funding

- The Xerces Pollinator Habitat and Kit Program
<https://xerces.org/pollinator-conservation/habitat-kits>
- Allen Family Philanthropies <https://www.allenphilanthropies.org/>
- Pollinator Partnership Grand Opportunities [Grants | Pollinator.org](#)
- National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) <https://www.nfwf.org/programs?page=4>

Research and Data Showing Threats and Declines of Pollinators

- [Elevated extinction risk in over one-fifth of native North American pollinators | PNAS](#)
- [Rapid butterfly declines across the United States during the 21st century | Science](#)
- [Insecticides, more than herbicides, land use, and climate, are associated with declines in butterfly species richness and abundance in the American Midwest - PMC](#)
- [Patterns of widespread decline in North American bumble bees | PNAS](#)

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Sponsors of the 2026 Pollinator Relatives Workshop

Charlotte Martin Foundation

<https://www.charlottesmartin.org/>

The Charlotte Martin Foundation is a private, independent foundation dedicated to enriching the lives of youth and preserving and protecting wildlife and habitat. As development pressures increase, the stewardship of vital ecosystems is critical for protecting wildlife populations and habitat. The Foundation believes that efforts must be based on solid conservation biology, recognizing the resilience, complexity and interdependence of all life. Conservation of critical habitat and species requires comprehensive strategies and collaboration among partners working in the region, recognizing the limitation of funds available.

Stewardship is the shared responsibility of empowered citizens, engaged scientists, collaborating foundations, informed business and property owners, and an accountable government. Healthy and diverse wildlife populations and habitat must be preserved through sound government policies and a range of creative conservation approaches. The principle of sustainability requires that environment, economics and equity are considered together to protect the quality of life at every level.

Conservation Northwest

<https://conservationnw.org/>

Conservation Northwest protects, connects, and restores wildlands and wildlife from the Washington Coast to the British Columbia Rockies. For more than three decades, we've worked to keep the Northwest wild by conserving habitat, restoring ecological function, reconnecting fragmented landscapes, and helping people and wildlife coexist.

Pollinators are a vital part of that work. Bees, butterflies, moths, hummingbirds, beetles, and other pollinators help sustain the native plants that anchor healthy ecosystems. In sagelands, forests, meadows, wetlands, and riparian corridors, pollinators support the wildflowers, shrubs, and grasses that feed wildlife, stabilize soils, store carbon, and keep landscapes resilient through drought, fire, and climate change.

Through habitat restoration, native plant recovery, wetland and stream restoration, and landscape-scale conservation, Conservation Northwest helps protect the places pollinators need to thrive. Our work with partners, Tribes, agencies, landowners, and communities supports connected habitats where pollinators, wildlife, and people can all flourish.

Salmon Returns

<https://salmonreturns.com/>

Salmon Returns is building the financial and governance infrastructure that enables Indigenous- and community-led stewardship of land and water to become the foundation of durable, locally rooted economies. Across the Pacific salmon bioregion, communities already hold the knowledge, relationships, and leadership to care for the places they call home. What is often missing is access to capital that aligns with community priorities, governance, and ecological timelines.

Working in close partnership with communities, Salmon Returns strengthens governance, structures braided capital in sequence, and finances the enabling assets that sustain stewardship and livelihoods over time. By aligning capital with community priorities, cultural values, and ecological timelines, the organization helps build regional economies where wealth



circulates locally, stewardship generates livelihoods, and communities retain lasting authority over their futures.

The Wilderness Society

<https://www.wilderness.org/>

The Wilderness Society is a national nonprofit organization founded in 1935 by visionary conservation leaders who believed America's public lands and wilderness should be protected for everyone and cared for as a shared public good. We believe these lands should remain protected, accessible and shared by all of us, sustaining clean water, wildlife habitat, outdoor traditions and the freedom to experience the outdoors. Through science, advocacy, policy expertise and partnerships, we work to protect the public lands people rely on today and safeguard them for future generations.

The Wilderness Society recognizes that America's public lands include places of deep cultural and spiritual significance to Indigenous Peoples, and that Tribal Nations have been stewards of these lands since time immemorial. We are committed to conservation approaches that honor Tribal sovereignty, support Indigenous-led land stewardship, and build genuine partnerships with Tribal Nations. We believe protecting public lands and honoring Indigenous rights are complementary, not competing, goals.

Washington State Department of Fish & Wildlife

<https://wdfw.wa.gov/>

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife is dedicated to preserving, protecting, and perpetuating the state's fish, wildlife, and ecosystems while providing sustainable fish and wildlife recreational and commercial opportunities.

Wildlife Conservation Society

<https://www.wcs.org/>

The Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) is a global non-profit organization dedicated to saving wildlife and wild lands through science, international action, education, community-led conservation, and protected area management. Over the past century, WCS has established a long-term conservation presence across the Americas, Africa, Asia, and Oceania, built strong and trusting partnerships, and mobilized a depth and diversity of knowledge to ensure effective conservation. We partner with Indigenous Peoples and local communities around the world to work toward mutual visions for a more abundant and resilient future for people, cultures, and ecosystems.

The Arctic Beringia Program has developed a strong foundation of species, habitat, and issue-based projects across the three countries of our region – Canada, Russia, and the United States (Alaska). Our work is intertwined with food security and food sovereignty needs in a changing Arctic and often co-produced with Indigenous partners. Current focal areas include marine mammals and shipping, carnivore conservation, avian flyway conservation, coastal subsistence fisheries, wood bison reintroductions, habitat restoration, pollinator stewardship, and One Health monitoring in partnership with rural and Alaska Native communities.

Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

www.xerces.org



The Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation is an international nonprofit that protects the natural world through the conservation of invertebrates and their habitats. We are a science-based organization, working with diverse partners that include scientists, land managers, educators, <https://www.allenphilanthropies.org/> policymakers, farmers, and communities. By utilizing applied research to create and manage habitat, engaging in advocacy, providing educational resources, conducting outreach, and building community, we endeavor to make meaningful long-term conservation a reality. See [Our Work](#) or our [annual reports](#) for further details on our programs and conservation efforts.

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service Center for Pollinator Conservation

<https://www.fws.gov/program/center-pollinator-conservation>

The Center for Pollinator Conservation promotes working together to address declining pollinator populations in America. This national center is a place for land managers, decision and policy makers, scientists, program leaders and others to explore, coordinate and share best practices and approaches. We work collaboratively with partners to implement conservation that benefits pollinator species. See our [Pollinator Action Plan](#) or our [2025 Annual Report](#) to learn more about our work and how to get involved.

Data Kinship Policy

The following provisions regarding sovereignty, expectations, and protocols describe the Data Kinship Policy of the L.I.G.H.T. Foundation (LF). During our events and activities, we expect all LF employees, contractors, volunteers, and participants to adhere to this policy.

1. Sovereignty
 - a. Individuals, entities, and institutions engaged in the 2026 Pollinator Relatives Workshop (Workshop) shall respectfully follow the specific cultural protocols of the [Kalispel Tribe of Indians](#)¹, on whose lands and within whose jurisdiction the majority of the 2026 Pollinator Relatives Workshop will occur.
 - b. LF affirms that the participating Tribal Nations and Indigenous Peoples (TIP) of the Workshop maintain sovereign rights over their data, including how it is collected, governed, stored, analyzed, shared, and disseminated. Individual TIP decision-making will guide all data relationships, ensuring that information, cultural knowledge, stories, and stewardship practices are collected, held, protected, and shared in ways determined by the TIP in attendance at the Workshop.
 - c. Ownership and copyright of all plans, projects, concepts, and presentations shared at the Workshop will remain with the individual TIP who conceptualized, drafted, and shared them.
 - d. Personal data (names, contact information, etc.) of Planning Team, Tribal Advisory Group (TAG) members, invited speakers, TIP Delegations, and support personnel (“Workshop participants”) will remain confidential and not be distributed without the individual's explicit consent.
 - e. Workshop participants:

¹ Kalispel Law and Order Code, available online at: <https://kalispeltribalcourt.org/law-order-code>.



- i. Retain the ultimate authority over their data, including how it is used, shared, archived or destroyed.
- ii. Will all have the opportunity to review and sign or waive consent to their image or likeness being taken for photo and video data.
- iii. Have the right to refuse sharing plans, projects, concepts, presentations, personal data, and photo/video images.
- iv. Have the right to discontinue or terminate the future sharing of plans, projects, concepts, presentations, personal data, and photo/video images without consequence.

2. Expectations

- a. The 2026 Pollinator Relatives Workshop is designed as an event for TIP Delegates to network, collaborate, learn, and share resources and research about Pollinator Relatives in a culturally appropriate, safe space. The [Principle of Free, Prior, Informed, Consent](#)² will guide the participation process during the Workshop, ensuring voluntary participation, transparency, and the ability to discontinue or decline at any time.
- b. While the Workshop is not intending to create significant data storage needs and long-term management, this Data Kinship Policy has been developed to acknowledge that LF and Planning Team partners have spent time considering potential data management considerations. The Workshop will adhere to the [\(Collective Benefit, Authority to Control, Responsibility, and Ethics \(CARE\) Principles for Indigenous Data Governance](#)³ as a foundation for data governance.
 - i. Qualitative data may include photo, video, and/or audio recordings of participants during the Workshop.
 - ii. Quantitative data may include:
 - 1. Pre-event survey in the application to gauge applicant Pollinator Relative work and Indigenous/Western knowledge and experience (for curriculum design)
 - 2. Planning Team and TAG collaborative planning materials (for curriculum design)
 - 3. Daily event attendance counts (for safety and grant reporting)
 - 4. Emergency contact and liability forms (confidential form/s for safety)
 - 5. Documents and materials, e.g., Workshop curriculum/agenda with schedule, presenter names and topics, and resource list (for Workshop participants)

² Food and Agriculture Organization (2016). Free, Prior and Informed Consent Manual for Project Practitioners: An Indigenous Peoples' Right and a Good Practice for Local Communities. United Nations. Available online at: <https://openknowledge.fao.org/server/api/core/bitstreams/8a4bc655-3cf6-44b5-b6bb-ad2aeede5863/content>.

³ Carroll, S., Garba, I., Figueroa-Rodríguez, O., Holbrook, J., Lovett, R., et al. (2020). The CARE Principles for Indigenous Data Governance. *Data Science Journal*, 19: XX. pp. 1-12. Available online at: https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5d3799de845604000199cd24/t/6397b1aff7a6fb54defdf687/1670885815820/dsj-1158_carroll.pdf.



6. Post-event survey (for grant reporting)
 7. Post-event summary/description (for public dissemination)
- c. The event is intended to honor, support, benefit, and encourage the unique socio-cultural and ecological relationships TIP have with Pollinator Relatives and the important Pollinator Conservation work being done by TIP. The elements of the [Precautionary Principle](#)⁴ shall help guide decisions and actions if/when confidential or sensitive information comes forward. Those elements are a) when we have a reasonable suspicion of harm, and b) scientific uncertainty about cause and effect, then c) we have a duty to take action to prevent them.
- i. It is anticipated that Indigenous Knowledges, elements of intangible cultural heritage, and Intellectual Properties may be discussed or shared during the Workshop which contain culturally sensitive knowledge, personal identifiers, or personal stories.
 - ii. These instances will be treated with elevated, intentional care and cultural sensitivity to take action to prevent cultural harm, including potential restrictions or redactions on sharing unless approved by the individual and/or TIP.

⁴ Law and Policy Reform Program (16 December 2016). Environmental Law Principles - Precautionary Principle Brief. Asian Development Bank. Available online at: <https://lpr.adb.org/resource/environmental-law-principles-precautionary-principle>.

