



Land Acknowledgement

We/I would like to begin by acknowledging that Girl Scouts of Western Washington's many offices and properties in the Western Washington region occupy the ancestral lands of many indigenous communities: Duwamish, Puget Sound Salish, Nisqually, Snohomish (sduk^walbix^w), Tulalip, Klallam, Twana/Skokomish, Chinook, Cowlitz, Chehalis, and Nooksack (Nuxwsa'7aq). Though displaced, these people are the past, present, and future caretakers of this land. To say this is to acknowledge a debt to those who were here before us and to recognize our role as colonizers and our responsibility to respect and honor the intimate relationship Indigenous peoples have to this land. This acknowledgement is a small step toward reconciliation and improved relations with the tribal communities in our region. It's done to remind us of the history that has shaped our present and will continue to shape our future. It also reminds us to be intentional in our relationship with the land and with the people indigenous to this region. Our council's work needs to be informed by that history in order to best serve our communities and realize our commitment to be an anti-racist organization.