Ketchikan youth to learn about masks in workshop

Registration started recently for the Children's Cultural Workshop at Totem Heritage Center in Ketchikan, according to the Ketchikan Museum Department.

From July 30 to Aug. 3, 15 Ketchikan youngsters will learn the art of handmade paper maskmaking and button blanket making under the tutelage of Allie High and assistant Alice Rowe.

High is a Haida/T'simshian artist studying for her master's degree in art and drama at the University of Texas. During breaks in the maskmaking, storyteller Floyd Guthrie will regale the children with Native tales. Tlingit elder and artist Esther Shea will lead the children in traditional and nontraditional songs.

The workshop is open to children 8 years old and older. The class meets Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$10 for each child and \$15 for two children from the same family. Those who want information may call Jeanne Gerulskis or Wayne Ward at 225-5900.