



PUYALLUP TRIBE OF INDIANS



Dear Pierce County Council,

The **spuyaləpabš** Puyallup Tribe of Indians will be hosting the Power Paddle to Puyallup 2018 "**ləhig^walik^w čəl ʔə tiil st'uljəx^wčəl**" Honoring Our Medicine Canoe Journey this summer on the Puyallup Territory of the Medicine Creek Nation. We would be honored if you could join us to celebrate this historical and cultural event. Landing day **July 28th, 2018** at "**A Place Where You Come to Shore,**" **4224 Marine View Drive Tacoma, WA 98422.**

This eight-day event begins with the **landing of the canoes on Saturday, July 28th** and ending the day with a feast. The Protocol, celebration of singing, dancing, and sharing of stories, gifts and food will begin Sunday, July 29th at 10:00 a.m. daily ultimately **ending Saturday, August 4th, 2018.** We expect at least 100 or more canoes and 12,000 plus visitors!

The history of the Canoe Journey began in 1989 when the "Paddle to Seattle" took place as part of Washington State's 100th year anniversary with a number of fifteen Canoe families participating. Since then, a different Tribal Nation will host the Canoe Journey and this is our year again. This year's journey marks the 20th anniversary of our first hosting in 1998.

Please Contact **Lindsay LaPointe-Nicks** with any questions and to **RSVP.**

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Sincerely,

Bill Sterud
Chairman



PADDLE TO PUYALLUP: SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

July 28 – August 4, 2018

Saturday, July 28 - Canoe Journey Landing

- **8am – Shuttles service begins: Park and ride to Canoe Landing**
 - Location: 2102 Alexander Ave., Tacoma, WA
 - Shuttle service is free
 - **DO NOT DRIVE TO LANDING; Hwy 509 will be closed**
- **11am – Ceremony and Canoe Protocol Begins**
 - Prayer opening with Color Guard and Tribal Leadership
 - Hear from the Puyallup hosts, Chairman Bill Sterud, Council members and other dignitaries.
 - Protocol: official welcome of over 120 tribal canoes followed by cultural celebrations
- **6pm – Welcome Dinner**
 - Location: Chief Leschi School, 5625 52nd St. E, Puyallup, WA
 - Free parking on-site)
 - Dinner will be provided
 - Vendors onsite with art, gifts and food for purchase
 - **“Open the floor”** for Canoe families

Sunday, July 29 – Saturday, August 4 – Paddle to Puyallup

- Location: Chief Leschi School, 5625 52nd St. E, Puyallup, WA
- Free parking on-site
- Vendors onsite with art, gifts and food for purchase

Daily Events:

- 6am – 8am Breakfast
- 9am Protocol
- 6pm – 8pm Dinner
- 8pm Protocol

Saturday, August 4 - Closing Ceremonies

- Location: Chief Leschi School, 5625 52nd St. E, Puyallup, WA
- Free parking on-site
- Protocol TBD