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Gilbert and Sarah Sotomish on Lake Quinault in the early 1900's making baskets and transporting goods via canoe to new settlers.

Power Paddle to Puyallup – Canoe Journey 2018 July 28, 2018 – Aug. 4, 2018

Canoe Journey 2018 has arrived, and as a member of the Quinault Nation and your Pierce County tribal relations manager, I would like to share some information on the festivities, how to get involved and some history on this amazing event.

The Puyallup Tribe hosted Canoe Journey 20 years ago with 22 canoes requesting permission to land. Starting this Saturday, July 28, the Puyallup Tribe of Indians will once again host the 2018 Canoe Journey. The tribe is expecting 12,000 participants and over 100 canoes representing coastal tribes from all over the Pacific Northwest, Alaska and Canada. This awe-inspiring event is rich with culture, tradition, dancing, singing and gifting.

The Tribe is still looking for volunteers to help with the multitude of festivities. If you're interested in volunteering, please submit an [online application](#).

Even if you can't volunteer, you're invited to attend the event which will take place from 9 a.m. to midnight. This is a cultural experience to last a lifetime!

For more information about Canoe Journey 2018 events, volunteer opportunities and maps please visit www.paddletopuyallup.org.

HISTORY

The Paddle to Puyallup traces its roots to 1989, when Emmet Oliver, a Quinault tribal elder, organized a Paddle to Seattle as part of the 100th anniversary of Washington Statehood.

That same year, the State and nearly all of Washington's Indian Tribal governments signed the Centennial Accord, recognizing each other's sovereignty and pledging to work government-to-government on actions and or services of the state that would or could have a significant impact on tribes, their lands and people.

The historic Paddle to Seattle involved 15 tribes and nine traditional oceangoing cedar dugout canoes traveling on the water making a journey from coastal villages of Northwest Washington and Canada to the Port of Seattle.

This inaugural event led to the first Canoe Journey in 1993 in Bella Bella, British Columbia. Canoe Journey has since become an annual event. The canoe groups leave from various areas and stay at different hosting sites each night. Trips can take up to a month.

Visit the [Washington: Canoe Journey Slideshow | The Nature Conservancy](#) to see past event photographs.

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