

The Inter Tribal Canoe Journey
Healing, Rebirth and Hope



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2010 Final Landing (Makah): Image courtesy of the Port Gamble S'Klallam Canoe and Tad Sooter of the North Kitsap Herald



2010 InterTribal Canoe Journey: Images courtesy of the Smith Family Canoe

Being able to go on Canoe Journey this summer was great for me because I was able to spend a lot of time with friends and family while learning new and old traditions. Having the Potlatch Fund made it possible for me to go on the journey this summer. For that I am grateful and grateful for the opportunity to spend time with many wonderful people.

Sincerely,

Michael

2010 InterTribal Canoe Journey: Story courtesy of the Smith Family Canoe

The Canoe Journey

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My name is Noah and I am 7 years old. I traveled to Makah Nation this year on the Cowlitz Canoe Journey. I learned about my ancestors ways and had lots of fun. Thank you.

2010 InterTribal Canoe Journey: Story courtesy of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe

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On the Journey to Makah was a very educational experience. There was lots of sharing about life, telling of history of native people. Friends cried, laughed, and had a good time. All Journeys are different, it's what you want to get out of it. Watch and listen, you will learn lots. People from all over all have different teaching. Keep your ears open and soak up what you can. Over all the wind and holding everybody in land was a time for all tribes to visit. Hope to go again.

2010 InterTribal Canoe Journey: Story courtesy of the Ohlweq-w-sen Healing Center

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2010 Grants

Nineteen groups received grants for the summer 2010 Journey to Makah, helping with ground support, food, safety equipment and other living costs during the weeks-long journey.

A total of \$35,000 aided 33 canoes. Funding was provided by:

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Groups receiving grants: [# of canoes]

Makah Nation [Host Tribe]	Neah Bay, WA \$5,000
Blue Heron Canoe [2]	Kent, WA \$1,500
B.R.I.D.G.E. [1]	Lakebay, WA \$1,500
Chehalis Tribe Canoe Family [1]	Oakville, WA \$2,000
Chinook Indian Nation [3]	Bay Center, WA \$2,000
Cowlitz Indian Tribe [2]	Longview, WA \$1,500
Grand Ronde Canoe Family [1]	Grand Ronde, OR \$1,000
Ha'y Tilixam Canoe Society [2]	Pendleton, WA \$2,000
Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe [3]	Port Angeles, WA \$1,500
Nooksack Indian Tribe [2]	Deming, WA \$2,000
Ohileqw-sen Healing Center [1]	Bellingham, WA \$1,000
Oliver Canoe Club [1]	Kingston, WA \$1,000
Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe [1]	Kingston, WA \$2,000
Squaxin Canoe Family [2]	Shelton, WA \$1,500
Squwkeek Canoe Family [1]	Shelton, WA \$1,500
Smith Canoe Family [1]	Kingston, WA \$1,500
Snoqualmie Tribe [4]	Snoqualmie, WA \$3,000
The Tulalip Tribes [4]	Tulalip, WA \$1,500
West Shore Canoe Family [1]	Bellingham, WA \$1,500



2010 InterTribal Canoe Journey: Image courtesy of the Chinook Canoe Family

Name: Natalie

Age: 16

What does the journey mean to you?

means to me to meet
new people and
to keep a tradition going

Name: Issac

Age: 10

What does the journey mean to you?

Spending time with
your family

Name: Kevin

Age: 16

What does the journey mean to you? It means
being proud of who I am

Name: Forrest

Age: 16

What does the journey mean to you?

Justify
Opportunity
Unite
Respect
Navigate
establish
you



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My experience on the canoe journey was great. This was my third year going after Cowichin (08) and Suquamish (09). I learned that hard work is a life skill that needs to be learned and helps us to cope with life. Without the hard work we would never be able to do it so far. It's good knowing that a day can be hard and wake up the next morning knowing it's going to be just as hard.

Logan

2010 InterTribal Canoe Journey: Story courtesy of the Blue Heron Canoe

Honoring a Rich Tradition

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Raven

2010 InterTribal Canoe Journey: Story courtesy of the Grand Ronde Canoe Family

Urgent Need. Strong Response.



2010 InterTribal Canoe Journey: Image courtesy of the Blue Heron Canoe



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