The InterTribal 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
The Canoe Journey

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.

Sincerely,

Michael

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

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 Ohileqw-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]

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2010 InterTribal Canoe Journey: Image courtesy of the Chinook Canoe Family
Name: Nostalje Age: 10
What does the journey mean to you?
It 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?
The opportunity to unite, respect, navigate, and establish you.
2010 Final Landing (Makah): Image courtesy of the Cowlitz Indian Tribe
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

My name is Raven. I am 10 years old. I traveled with Grand Ronde Canoe Family. We started our journey in Willapa Bay and arrived at Neah Bay on July 19, 2010. We stayed in Neah Bay for protocol for five days. I liked watching New Zealand people dance and sing. My favorite part was when it was our turn to go up and share our songs and dances. I liked dancing and singing our songs. I learned to trust others and to be patient.

Raven

20010 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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