

SUQUAMISH OLALLA NEIGHBORS JULY 09 NEWSLETTER

Dear Members and Friends –

SON will hold the **next monthly meeting on July 9th at 7 p.m.**, at the Suquamish United Church of Christ at Division. Please join us to participate in the exciting events which will take place this year.

MINUTES: Meeting June 11th 2009

The Canoe Journey 2009 web site has posted an online volunteer sign up and the Canoe Journey Volunteer Handbook for volunteer opportunities and information on this living cultural event. If you cannot support the event as a volunteer, please consider a cash donation to Camp Indianola, which is foregoing offering its facilities to the public this year in order to help host the Canoe Journey.

We also discussed our anticipated movie night. We are in the process of finding a movie we can show and securing a venue. We also want to contact a youth group from the tribe and establish a partnership for the sale of refreshments. We are currently looking a work involving youth groups in projects such as a community garden.

Our next meeting is July 9th at 7 p.m. Please join us as we discuss our role as volunteers for the 2009 Canoe Journey, and our other future projects. Thank you.

Karen Platt

SON Co-Chair

Tribal Journeys 2009 – Paddle to Suquamish

The canoe journey is only six weeks away, and the Suquamish Tribe is eager to fill the hundreds of volunteer slots. You can sign up for anything from recycling, to food service, to information booth, to first aid. This is the perfect way to be part of this historic event, a great way to show support for the Tribe, and a great opportunity to introduce your friends, family, and coworkers to the cultural renaissance happening in native communities throughout the region.

So what can you do? Sign up on line at <http://www.tribaljournays2009.com/Volunteers/tabid/57/Default.aspx> to participate.

Or better yet, form a group of friends, members of your faith community, co-workers, club members, civic organizations, and sign up as a team. Make a note in the comments section that you would like to work with others (who should also sign up) as a team. The form also allows you to choose the job you'd like to do, and the time slot that works best for you or your group. Remember, some of the positions require training, so the organizers of the event needs to know who is on board.

This is the first time Suquamish Tribe has been the destination for canoe families and tribes from all over the Pacific Northwest, and it's the 20th anniversary of the Paddle to Seattle. Also, the Tribe has set the goal of making this a waste-free occasion -- an exciting new development which, if successful, could set a precedent for other hostings. There are lots of good reasons to be part of this historic event.

Please join us in helping to assure the success of this hosting, August 3-8, by signing up today and by getting others on board.

Hope we'll see you there!

Suquamish Citizen Advisory Committee (SCAC) Calendar

July 2, 2009

SCAC Monthly Meeting

6:30 to 9:30 pm

Council Chambers

Suquamish Tribal Center*

Public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

*Location change for July only. No meeting in August

July 16, 2009

SCAC Special Community Informational Meeting

Hosted by Suquamish Citizen Advisory Committee

6:30-8:30 pm

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"House of Awakened Culture"

(The new community house in downtown Suquamish)

The purpose of the meeting is to:

1. Inform area residents about the upcoming 2009 Inter-tribal Canoe Journey and to help the Suquamish Tribe recruit volunteers for this historic cultural event.
 - a. Presentation by Tina Jackson, 2009 Canoe Journey Coordinator
2. Provide an overview of upcoming construction projects and road closures.
 - a. Tina Nelson, Senior Project Engineer, Kitsap County, will preview major road construction projects which include the "Safe Routes to School" sidewalk and street improvements in Suquamish
3. Present an update on the new Suquamish Tribal Museum.

Immediately following the formal meeting, there will be opportunities for one-on-one Q&As and volunteer sign-up. **Everyone is welcome!! Please join us!**

Heather Purser writes for YES! Magazine

Heather Purser, Rob's daughter, is an intern at YES! She wrote this article, which is published in the current issue. I'm sending it for your reading enjoyment (I think it's an outstanding article). <http://www.yesmagazine.org/article.asp?id=3518>
Sarah Van Gelder

Camp Indianola Gift to the 2009 Canoe Journey

Camp Indianola along with our Connectional Ministries of the United Methodist Church Conference have offered the use of Camp Indianola grounds and Facilities to assist the Suquamish Tribe in Hosting the 2009 Canoe Journey. We have blocked out(Aug. 3 - 8)with housing and Tenting areas for up to 250 Canoe Journey participants. This is offered as a "Gift" yet efforts are being made to raise \$funds to offset the loss of prime Summer income that Camp Indianola operational budget depends upon.

I am contacting you to ask for your support in getting the word out and helping us raise some money towards this positive community outreach. We already have up to Ten Thousand dollars pledged in Matching Funds so dollars raised form our local Community will be doubled.

Please have any donations for "Camp Indianola" designated for Canoe Journey 2009.

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Statement of Purpose

The purpose of Suquamish Olalla Neighbors is to foster a sense of community and understanding among tribal and non-tribal residents of the Port Madison Reservation and surrounding area.

The objectives of the group are to:

- Promote friendship and healing between tribal and non-tribal residents;
- Support the tribe's right of self-determination and governance;

-Educate ourselves and the larger community about history and current issues of the tribal and non-tribal people of this area.