

Dear Whatcom County Neighbors:

Every year, more than seventy cedar dugout canoes, representing Coastal Salish tribes from as far away as Alaska, journey to gather for a cultural celebration and potlatch. This summer, the Lummi Nation will host the **Intertribal Canoe Journey**, providing food and housing for an estimated 6000 guests each of the five days of celebration. These 6000 are not only the canoe journey families, but tourists and Whatcom County residents who are graciously invited to join in this landmark event in the enclosed letter from Evelyn Jefferson, President of the Lummi Nation.

The Canoe Journey offers an opportunity for non-native residents to honor and support the first inhabitants of this beautiful region we are lucky enough to call home. The **Paddle to Lummi Community Connections Committee** was formed to raise awareness, mobilize volunteers and collect funds to assist the Lummi Nation in this mammoth effort.

Your financial contribution will be much appreciated. Please return your check with the tear-off slip below in the enclosed addressed envelope directly to the Lummi Nation Service Organization, a 501 (c)(3) organization. If you need more information about the Committee, the Canoe Journey, the Lummi Nation's role as host, or other ways you can help this effort, please contact one of us.

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Co-Chairs, Paddle to Lummi Community Connections Committee

Please make your tax-deductible check payable to the Lummi Nation Service Organization, write "Pull for the Paddle" in the memo line, and mail with this form in the enclosed addressed envelope to: LNSO, 2616 Kwina Road, Bellingham, Washington 98226.

\$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 Other _____

Sponsorship opportunities, including recognition at the event, are available with gifts of \$100 or more. Details are described over page.

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