



Dear Canoe Families & Fellow Tribes:

dxʷʔal gʷələapu siʔiʔab ʔalalalčəʔ ~ To all of you, our honorable community:

The Nisqually Indian Tribe is honored to share we will be hosting the 2026 Canoe Journey, Paddle to Nisqually, a sharing of canoe culture on traditional waterways in the Salish Sea that has been carried forward annually since revival in 1986 and will be dedicated to honoring and celebrating the healing waters of the Medicine Creek Treaty Tribes. Our Journey is called:

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**“Healing Through Our Waters by Honoring Our Ancestors”**

In 2026, Tribal canoes will travel the ancestral waterways of Puget Sound, arriving at our Nisqually lands for a five-day potlatch and protocol spanning July 31 to August 5, 2026. This gathering is our time to practice hospitality, hosting our neighboring Canoe Families and tribal communities in uplifting our culture, strengthening connections to one another, and sharing our sacred knowledges for our future generations.

We are humbled to invite others to join our Potlatch this year. It has been ten years since Nisqually last hosted the Canoe Journey in 2016. Many thanks to those who helped us during the last Paddle to Nisqually, we were so grateful and appreciative of the gracious donations along the way.

We’re excited to announce that preparations are already underway—our Nisqually Community is planning, improving infrastructure, and reaching out to relatives, friends, and partners near and far.

As hosts, the Nisqually Tribe will carry much of the financial responsibility. We respectfully invite our extended community to walk with us in this effort. Contributions of any kind—whether financial, material, or service-based—are deeply appreciated and will help ensure the safety, nourishment, and comfort of all who join us next summer.

Thank you to many who have already reached out to us to offer assistance. day haʔt ti sukʷaxʷadləp tiit səsɔ̃iç dxʷʔal ti sɔ̃ʷaliʔabš ~ Your support is very important to the Nisqually people.

**Ways to Support:**

- **Food and hospitality**
- **Infrastructure upgrades**
- **Security, fire protection, and emergency services**
- **Transportation and logistics**
- **Volunteer support and Cultural programming**

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If you or your organization feels moved to contribute:

- For smaller donations, please use the QR code below. \*(See Instructions)
- For larger contributions, donations and materials may be sent to:

**Nisqually Indian Tribe**

Attn: 2026 Tribal Journey Sponsor

4820 She-Nah-Num Dr SE

Olympia, WA 98513

(All donations are tax-deductible under IRS regulations.)

The Nisqually Tribe believes that this will be a transformative and exciting journey, which will bring Indian nations together from throughout the region to celebrate, reconnect, and plan to go forward together.

We look forward to welcoming you to our sq<sup>w</sup>ali?abš homelands.

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Council Chairman, Nisqually Indian Tribe

QR Code for Donations to Paddle to Nisqually 2026:



**Instructions:**

Scroll down the list of banks and find yours. *\*Not all banks use Zelle.*

Enter donation amount.

In the "Add Memo" section please include "Sponsor"