

P A D D L I N G W H A T W E P R O T E C T

gathering of the eagles

MAY 19-27, 2024 • ALLIANCE OF EARTH, SKY & WATER PROTECTORS • LUMMI NATION • 360-391-7560



gathering overview

Celebrating Intergenerational Cultural Heritage

Summer 2024 begins with the six-island canoe journey of the Gathering of the Eagles with five canoes from Hawaii and the Salish Sea -- traveling the ancestral highways with *potluck-potlatch style gatherings of food, arts & crafts, gift-making and intergenerational cultural exchanges* with our visiting indigenous nations and islanders from around the world.

The Paddle • May 19-25, 2024

Five-canoes will begin at Washington Park on Fidalgo Island and paddle to Lopez, San Juan, Shaw, Orcas & Lummi Islands before returning to the mainland for potlatch celebrations at Lummi Nation. Canoe families include:

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| ① Carvers Camp Tacoma WA | <i>fourth-year</i> |
| ② Chief Leschi School Puyallup USA | <i>third-year</i> |
| ③ Hawaiian Voyaging Canoe Society Maui HI | <i>third-year</i> |
| ④ Hawaiian Canoe Crew II Maui HI | <i>1st year</i> |
| ⑤ Lummi Youth Canoe Lummi WA | <i>First year</i> |

Coast Salish Day at Squalicum Creek • May 25, 2024 • (tentive)

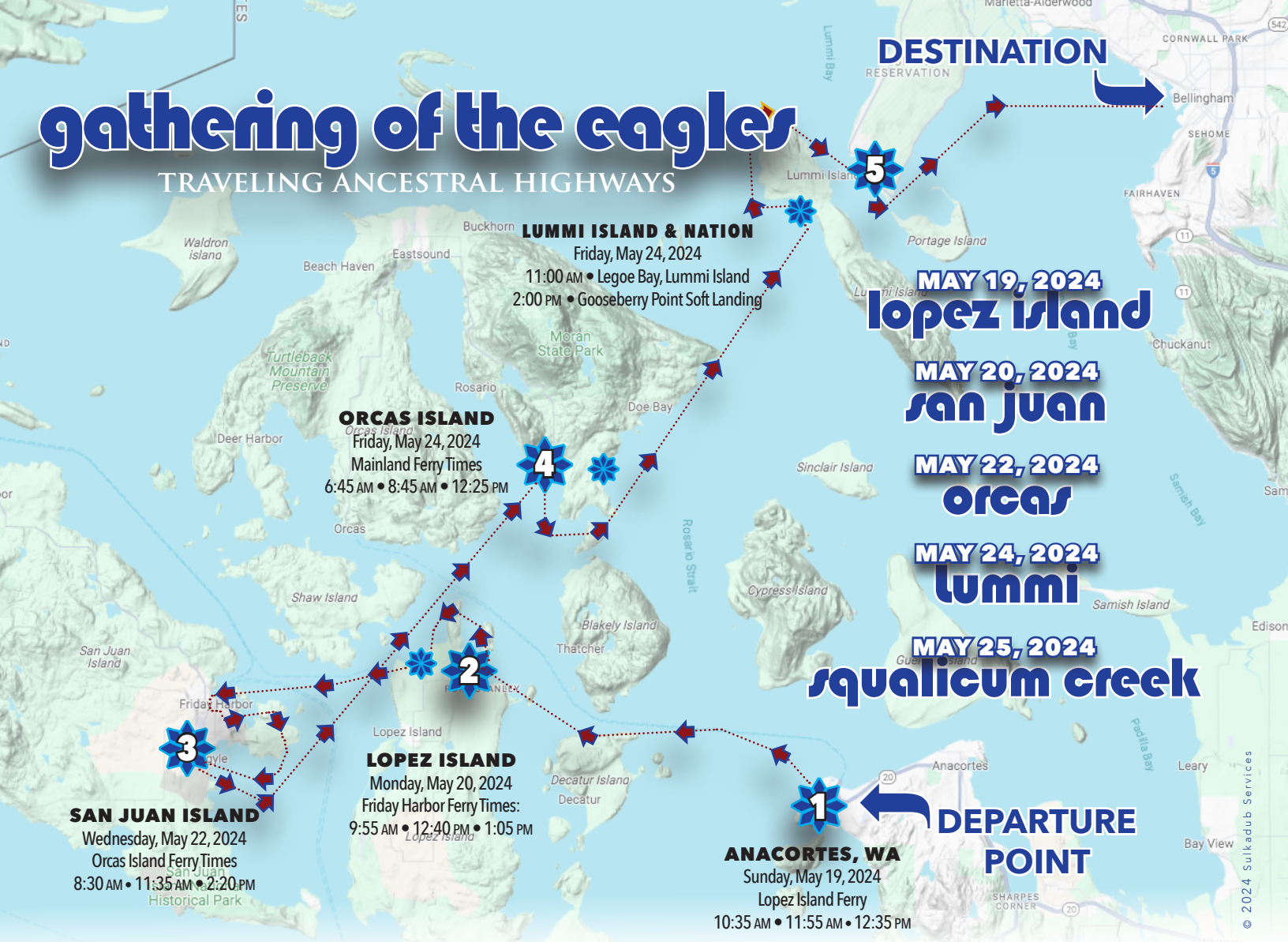
Our journey concludes with a 8-mile paddle from the Lummi Stommish grounds to downtown Bellingham for the Ski to Sea Festivities with a 12-noon welcoming ceremony, protocol and conclude with cultural exchanges, food, story-telling, music, sla-hal and a coastal jam.

Alliance of Protectors & Oyster Bake • May 26-27, 2024

Our traditions continue with the Alliance of Earth, Sky & Water Protectors Strategy Sessions with our speaker series of tribal and community leaders in panel discussions on indigenous knowledge and how to protect our lands, waters, and *our way of life*. All events are free & open to the public. Donations welcome. ✚

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TRAVELING ANCESTRAL HIGHWAYS



DAY 1



Sunday May 19, 2024

Washington Park | Anacortes WA
1.5 Low Tide @ 9:25 am



8:00am Skippers Meeting
8:45am Water Ceremony
10:35am Ferry to Lopez

Paddle to Lopez Island



Spencer Spit | Lopez Island, WA
1.5 Low Tide @ 9:25 am
5.7 High Tide @ 4:28 pm



12:00pm Soft Landing
1:00pm Official Canoe Landing
5:00pm Dinner & Protocol at Lopez Community Center

DAY 2



Monday, May 20, 2024

Spencer Spit | Lopez Island
0.5 Low Tide @ 9:56 am



7:00am Breakfast
8:00am Water Ceremony
10:00am Odlin Park Stop*

Paddle to San Juan Island



Jackson Beach | Friday Harbor
0.4 Low Tide | 10:11 am
6.0 High Tide | 5:56 pm



11:30am Friday Harbor - SOFT LANDING
1:00pm Official Canoe Landing
5:00pm Dinner - Pavilion
6:00pm Cultural Exchange
10:00pm Storytelling by fireside

DAY 4



Wednesday, May 22, 2024

Jackson Beach | San Juan Island
-1.1 Low Tide | 10:56 am



7:00am Breakfast
8:00am Water Ceremony
11:30am Shaw Island Luncheon

Paddle to Orcas Island



Buck Bay | Orcas Island
-1.0 Low Tide | 10:59 am
7.4 High Tide | 6:59 pm



3:00pm Official Canoe Landing
5:00pm Dinner - Olga CC
6:00pm Cultural Exchange.
8:00pm Fireside Storytelling

DAY 6



Friday, May 24, 2024

Buck/Doe Bay | Orcas Island
-2.0 Low Tide | 12:06 pm



6:00am Breakfast
8:00am Departure Blessing
11:00am Lummi Island Lunch

Paddle to Lummi Island & Nation



Stommish Grounds | Lummi Nation
-2.1 Low Tide | 12:20 pm
9.2 High Tide | 8:28 pm



1:00pm Depart Village Point
2:00pm Soft Landing @ Cove
3:00pm Landing at Stommish
5:00pm Dinner at Wexliem
6:00pm Protocol

Ferry reservation to the San Juan Islands required • All events are free and open to the public • * Tentative Event



schedule of events

Sunday, May 19, 2024 • Day I • Fidalgo Island • Paddle to Lopez Island
Departure: Washington Park, Anacortes WA • 1.5 Low Tide @ 9:25 am • Anacortes tides

- 7:00 am Arrival to Washington Park
- 7:30 am Skippers Meeting • *Mandatory for all canoes & safety vessels*
- 8:00 am Water Blessing Ceremony & Departure Blessing Protocol
- 9:25 am 1.5 Low Tide
- 11:30 am Soft Landing • Point of Spencer Spit • Bring your own chair & lunch
- 1:00 pm Official landing at Spencer Spit State Park
- 2:00 pm Lopez Island Street Fair • Lopez Island Community Center (*unconfirmed*)
- 5:00 pm Potluck Dinner, Protocol & Skippers Meeting • Lopez Community Center
- 8:00 pm Sla-hal (bone) Game Exhibition • Jim & Sandra Bura, Lummi (*unconfirmed*)
- 10:00 pm Closing Prayer • Conclusion & Clean-up

Monday, May 20, 2024 • Day II • Lopez Island • Paddle to San Juan Island
Departure: Spencer Spit State Park • 0.5 Low Tide @ 9:56 am • Upright Head tide guide

- 7:00 am Continental Breakfast
- 8:00 am Water Blessing Ceremony & Departure Blessing Protocol
- 9:56 am 0.5 Low Tide
- 10:00 am Odlin Park stop-over (*unconfirmed*)
- 10:30 am Vendors begin set-up for Arts & Culture Street Fair (*unconfirmed*)
- 11:30 am Soft landing • Friday Harbor Long Dock
- 1:00 pm Official landing at Jackson Beach, San Juan Island, WA
San Juan Island Arts & Culture Street Fair (*unconfirmed*)
- 5:00 pm Potluck Dinner • Protocol & Skippers Meeting
- 8:00 pm Sla-hal (bone) Game Exhibition • Jim & Sandra Bura, Lummi (*unconfirmed*)
- 9:00 pm Fireside Storytelling

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Tuesday, May 21, 2024 • Day III • San Juan Island • 2nd Annual Ocean & Canoe Festival
Jackson Beach, Friday Harbor WA • -0.4 Low Tide @ 10:32 am • Friday Harbor tide guide

- 7:00 am Breakfast • Canoe Families
- 8:00 am Arts Vendors Set-up *(unconfirmed)*
- 10:00 am Opening Ceremonies & Water Blessing Ceremony
San Juan Island Arts & Culture Street Fair *(unconfirmed)*
Exhibition canoe paddles offered to community *(unconfirmed)*
Whale Watching Cruises (canoe families sign-up) *(unconfirmed)*
Cedar Rose Weaving & Crafts making *(unconfirmed)*
- 10:32 am -0.4 Low Tide • Friday Harbor Tides
- 11:00 am Paddle to 4th of July Beach
- 12:00 pm Picnic at 4th of July Beach • American Camp (optional)
- 2:00 pm Lighthouse Tours • Limn Kiln State Park *(unconfirmed)*
- 5:00 pm Potluck Dinner • Protocol & Skippers Meeting
- 7:00 pm Sla-hal (bone) Game Exhibition • Jim & Sandra Bura, Lummi *(unconfirmed)*
- 9:00 pm Star Traveling with the Hawaiians • Conclusion & Clean-up

Wednesday, May 22, 2024 • Day 4 • San Juan Island • Paddle to Orcas Island
Jackson Beach, Friday Harbor WA • -1.1 Low Tide @ 10:56 am • Friday Harbor tide guide

- 7:00 am Breakfast • Canoe families prepare for ferry to Orcas Island
- 8:30 am Departure Blessing & Protocol
- 10:56 am -1.1 Low Tide • Friday Harbor Tides
- 11:00 am Lunch • Shaw Island South Beach
Olga Arts & Crafts Street Fair begins *(unconfirmed)*
- 2:00 pm Official Canoe Landing • Olga Dock
Buck Bay, 321 Point Lawrence Road, Olga WA
- 5:00 pm Potluck Dinner • Protocol & Skippers Meeting • Olga Community Center*
- 6:59 pm 7.4 High Tide • Orcas Island tides
- 7:00 pm Sla-hal (bone) Game Exhibition • Jim & Sandra Bura, Lummi *(unconfirmed)*
- 9:00 pm Storytelling by Fireside

Thursday, May 23, 2024 • Day 5 • Orcas Island • Paddle to Doe Bay *(unconfirmed)*
Buck Bay, Olga WA • -1.6 Low Tide @ 11:30 am • Orcas Island tide guide

- 7:00 am Breakfast • Olga Community Center
- 9:00 am Water Blessing Ceremony
- 9:15 am Departure for Doe Bay *(unconfirmed)*
- 10:00 am Prayers at the Top of Mt. Constitution
- 11:30 am -1.6 Low Tide • Orcas Island tides
- 5:00 pm Private Canoe Family Dinner • Orca Center *(unconfirmed)*
- 7:00 pm Sla-hal Exhibition • Jim & Sandra Bura, Lummi *(unconfirmed)*
- 8:00 pm Closing Prayer • Conclusion & Clean-up

schedule of events

Friday, May 24, 2024 • Day 6 • Orcas Island • Paddle to Lummi
Buck Bay, Olga WA • -2.0 Low Tide @ 12:06 pm • Orcas Island tides

6:00 am Breakfast
8:00 am Departure Blessing
11:00 am Lummi Island Lunch • Legoe Bay
12:20 pm -2.1 Low Tide • Gooseberry Point tide
1:00 pm Depart for Lummi Nation
2:00 pm Soft Landing at Gooseberry Point
3:00 pm Official Canoe Landing • Lummi Stommish Grounds
5:00 pm Potluck Dinner • Wexliem House
6:00 pm Protocol: Hawaii • Carvers Camp • Chief Leschi School • Lummi

Saturday, May 25, 2024 • Day 7 • Lummi Nation • Paddle to Bellingham *(unconfirmed)*
Lummi Stommish Grounds • -2.4 Low Tide @ 1:00 pm • Gooseberry Point tides

7:00 am Breakfast • Wexliem House
9:00 am Water Blessing Ceremony & Departure Blessings • Stommish Grounds
10:00 am Squalicum Creek Arts & Culture Street Fair set-up • Old Town Bellingham
12:00 pm Official Canoe Landing in Bellingham • Maritime Heritage Park *(unconfirmed)*
Protocol: Coming ashore
Mayor, County Executive, Port Officials, Tribal Leadership
Ski to Sea Partnerships & Acknowledgements
12:15 pm Chief Leschi Schools request permission to depart for Tacoma *(unconfirmed)*
1:00 pm -2.4 Low Tide • Gooseberry Point tide
Cultural Exchanges • Amphitheater at Maritime Heritage Park *(unconfirmed)*
Food • Arts & Crafts Vendors • Frybread Contest • Lummi Chili Cook-off
5:00 pm Dinner at Wexliem House

Sunday, May 26, 2024 • Day 8 • Wexliem House • Alliance of Protectors Strategy Talks

8:00 am Breakfast
9:00 am Alliance of Earth, Sky & Water Protectors
12:00 pm Lunch & Fire Building for Oyster & Clam Bake
Traditional Teachings & Indigenous Knowledge Talks
Clam & Oyster Bake • Potluck Style