

Application for Haudenosaunee and Other Native Peoples to Paddle in the Symbolic Enactment

Albany to New York City: July 28 – August 9, 2013

Application Deadline: January 30, 2013



BACKGROUND

A focal point of the year-long educational and advocacy Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign will be a symbolic “enactment” of the treaty in the summer of 2013. We will bring the treaty to life with Haudenosaunee and other Native People paddling side-by-side with allies and supporters down the Hudson River from Albany to New York City. These two equal, but separate rows will demonstrate the wise, yet simple concept of the Two Row Wampum Treaty. For more information see www.honorthetworow.org.

We will begin with a cultural and educational festival in Albany on Saturday, July 27 and the flotilla will set off the following morning. We will paddle between 9 and 15 miles each day and camp along the route. There will be educational and cultural events along the way, some large and others small. The gatherings will feature talks by Haudenosaunee leaders and allies and cultural sharing. The itinerary is still being finalized. The current version is on the attached application, updates will be available on our website.

We will arrive in New York City on Friday, August 9 to participate in the United Nations International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples. The following day, Saturday, August 10, we expect to hold a larger festival to celebrate the success of the enactment.

The symbolic enactment and related events will draw thousands of people to the Hudson to learn and be inspired to create an equitable and sustainable future for all in the Hudson Valley and beyond. The events will attract tourists as well as residents. We aim to educate and inspire attendees to transform their relationship to the river and all parts of the natural world, incorporating a sense of historic responsibility for the environment and justice for the original inhabitants of this land.

PARTICIPATION

We are looking for Haudenosaunee people, other native people and allies who wish to support the goals of the campaign with their hearts, muscles, sweat and spirit. The paddling (in canoes or kayaks) will be strenuous at times (although we will be paddling with the tide), so participants need to be physically prepared to participate effectively. Paddling experience is recommended, but people who are willing to learn and train before next summer are welcome to apply. The Hudson River is a grand and powerful waterway, so we want to treat it with respect and assure the safety of all who participate.

Participation Fee: The fees for the participation of indigenous people will be covered by The Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign. However, we would warmly welcome any donation which you are able and willing to make to help cover the costs of the campaign.

We also assistance providing various forms of support along the way, set up for and assist at events, camping and meal sites, make food, help with security, conduct outreach to local communities and much more. If you'd like to assist with those tasks (or to spend some time paddling and some time assisting onshore), please contact us.

TIMELINE

Please fill out the application as completely as you can and submit it to us. While the application deadline is January 30, 2013, we would welcome receiving applications well before that time. You can submit the attached hard copy of the application or complete it online at www.honorthetworow.org.

We will review applications in early February and get back to people during that month with an update on developments. If you have questions, don't hesitate to contact us (315) 701-1592 or via email at: tworow@peacecouncil.net.

EXPECTATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

All participants must agree to the guidelines established for the trip and follow them during our time together. Failure to comply with these guidelines could result in being asked to leave the flotilla.

- Conscientious effort to abide by the Two Row Wampum during the trip and beyond
- Act respectfully to all we encounter
- No drugs or alcohol
- Work together cooperatively with the team
- Use the good mind to act to achieve the campaign's goals
- Follow the leadership team's decisions in the event of a need for last minute changes
- Follow the planned itinerary and design for the enactment
- Act in ways which enhance your safety and that of all participants
- Act as model environmental stewards in our practices for using energy, reducing consumption, reusing, recycling and not polluting

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Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (day) _____ Phone (eve) _____

Nation _____ Clan _____ Date of Birth _____

I am interested in paddling for the following dates (circle the relevant dates):

full trip from Albany to NYC

July 28 July 29 July 30 July 31 Aug. 1 Aug. 2 Aug. 3 Aug. 4 Aug. 5 Aug. 6 Aug. 7 Aug. 8 Aug. 9
Albany Schodack Isl Coxsackie Catskill Kingston Norrie Pk. Poughk. Beacon Garrison Stony Pt. Croton Tallman Inwood Hill NYC

Exact stopping spots are still being finalized. See www.honorthetworow.org for the latest information.

Why are you interested in participating in the Symbolic Enactment of the Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign?

Tell us about any relevant experience related to support for native rights and/or protecting the Earth)?

How would you plan to educate yourself on the issues to be able to participate effectively?

How might you help spread the word to publicize the campaign (social media, internet, media, friends, nation, etc.)?

How would you use your participation in the enactment to support of the Two Row in the months and years to come?

What relevant paddling/water experience do you bring to the event?

How would you plan to prepare/train to participate successfully in the paddling?

Do you have access to a suitable canoe or kayak for the trip?

Return by January 30, 2013 to: Two Row Campaign, 2013 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, NY 13210

Are there people or a group you would like to paddle with as part of the campaign? If so, please list them. (Each person needs to apply individually.)

Do you have additional skills to share which would be useful to the campaign (medical, video, media, public relations, mechanical, event planning, musical, safety training, water safety, cooking, etc.)

Do you have access to other equipment which would be useful to the campaign (marine radio, video camera, extra paddling or camping supplies)?

We will reserve camping sites as part of the overall planning. Would you plan to camp with the group or arrange housing on your own? (If you stay separately, you'll need to be able to meet up with us well before departure each day for briefings.)

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Do you think you can raise funds to support the campaign? If so, share your ideas.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us?

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By submitting this application you are agreeing to abide by the above guidelines.