



Tribal member and Grand Ronde Canoe Family member Amanda Grijalva, 15, waves to the crowd as the Canoe Family enters Cowichan Bay in Duncan, British Columbia, Canada, on landing day of Paddle to Cowichan 2008 on Monday, July 28.

Photo by Michelle Alaimo



Photo by Joe Martineau

Above, Tribal member Kyoni Mercier, 10, front, leads Grand Ronde Canoe Family members in a dance during Grand Ronde's protocol for the Paddle to Cowichan 2008 on Wednesday, July 30, in Duncan, British Columbia, Canada.

At right, Polk County Sheriff's Deputy Dustin Newman, far right, paddles as he participates in the Paddle to Cowichan 2008. Newman was on the journey from Suquamish, Wash., to Shaw Island, Wash. The Canoe Family welcomed his participation and partnership with the Sheriff's Department to further positive relationships with youth and families. It is believed that this is the first time that the Sheriff's Department has chosen to become so involved in a cultural activity, which shows their commitment to the community and its members.



Photo by Dave Fullerton

On Monday, July 28, more than 100 canoes, including the Grand Ronde Canoe Family, arrived at Cowichan Bay in Duncan, British Columbia, Canada, for landing day of Paddle to Cowichan 2008. The Canoe Family started its journey on Sunday, July 20, in Suquamish, Wash., and they paddled more than 200 miles through the San Juan Islands and Haro Strait. Each Tribe that participated in the journey had protocol; Grand Ronde's occurred on Wednesday, July 30.



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Photo by Michelle Alaimo

Above, thousands of people line the shore of Cowichan Bay to watch the landing of more than 100 canoes that participated in the Paddle to Cowichan 2008 on Monday, July 28, in Duncan, British Columbia, Canada. This canoe journey was the largest ever of the Tribal journeys.



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Tribal Elder Dolores Parmenter takes photos of canoes arriving in Cowichan Bay in Duncan, British Columbia, Canada, on landing day. Parmenter traveled with the ground crew on the entire journey and other Tribal Elders made a trip to Canada for landing day and protocol. Also at landing day were Tribal Elders Kathryn Harrison, far left, Floriene Hoff, second from left, Rusty Hobbs (Cherokee), waving, and Tribal Elder Violet Folden.



Canoes from the Eastern route, which includes the Grand Ronde Canoe Family, are lined up and wait in Cowichan Bay to paddle in for landing day of the Paddle to Cowichan 2008 on Monday, July 28.

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