

Paddling Oregon

Photos by Michelle Alaimo

Grand Ronde Canoe Family members and Tribal members Zoey Holsclaw, left, and Kayla Grijalva lead Paddle Oregon participants in a Blue Heron song dance during the family's cultural presentation at Bryant Park in Albany on Monday, Aug. 15.



Grand Ronde Canoe Family members carry Stankiya out of the Willamette River at Bryant Park in Albany after paddling there from Willamette Park in Corvallis as part of Paddle Oregon.



Grand Ronde Canoe Family member and Tribal member Dakota Ross, left, receives help from his mother, Canoe Family and Tribal member Sarah Ross, in finding a life preserver that fits him as he prepares for the Grand Ronde Canoe Family's participation in Paddle Oregon at Willamette Park.



Grand Ronde Canoe Family and Tribal member Zoey Holsclaw paddles with other Canoe Family members on the Willamette River between Corvallis and Albany during the 11th annual Paddle Oregon on Monday, Aug. 15. The Canoe Family participated in two days of the five-day paddle, organized by the non-profit organization Willamette Riverkeeper, which started in Corvallis and ended in the vicinity of Willamette Falls.