



Canoe Family is cultural education and prevention program for the tribal community. Each year we participate in the annual Canoe Journey where we travel in our hand-carved canoes and practice protocol in the form of song and drumming. During the year we continue to teach and learn about traditional, cultural knowledge and we invite you to join us.

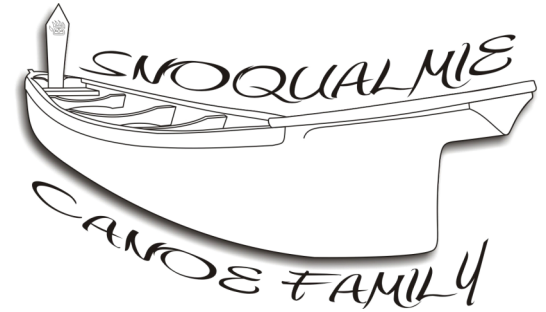


Our classes are held at the Canoe Family Headquarters at the Carnation Tribal Offices in downtown Carnation.
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Culture Classes & Programs



Canoe Family is primarily sponsored by:



Canoe Family Culture Classes

Tuesday Night Language
Lushootseed Revitalization Project
5:00– 8:00 Most Tuesdays
Dinner and Transportation Available

Beginning to intermediate Lushootseed language classes, with a focus on the Southern Lushootseed Snoqualmie dialect as documented by Ernie Barr and others. Classes are designed to be interactive with games, activities and daily use words. All ages, with a focus on youth, tribal members and families.

We are also working on creating web-based online resources, digital flashcards and dictionaries for use on handheld devices, printed materials and more, for easy access by tribal members.

We hope to expand our program to visit and participate with other tribal programs such as the carving, elders and children's daycare programs.



Language instructor, Angela Wymer, talking with a Snoqualmie elder about the language and life-ways.

Wednesday Night Adult
Traditional Skills Classes
5:00– 8:00 Most Wednesdays
Potluck Dinner, Adults only

This is a time to explore, gain skills and share knowledge about traditional native arts such as basketry, leatherwork, drum-making, beading, carving, wool weaving and more. It is also a time to practice and gain other important traditional skills such as food gathering, hunting, fishing and preservation, traditional foods recipes and herbal medicines.



Traditional foods basket of foods from class.

Participants can work on the class project, or bring in other projects to work on and share skills with others. Supplies are typically provided at no charge to tribal members and the tribal community.

We seek instructors or mentors with traditional skills to share, and can offer honorariums where appropriate. We are currently (11/11-2/12) working on a cedar bark basketry series which will culminate with a cedar bark hat workshop to be announced.



Friday Night Culture Class
Language, Traditional Skills and Drumming
5:00– 9:30 Most Fridays
Dinner and Transportation Available

This is a full night of cultural activities for all ages; especially geared for our canoe family community and tribal members who want to learn and share about culture. Food is provided, often with traditional foods. This is the time the Canoe Family learns and practices Snoqualmie language, traditional skills, drumming and song, which we use at tribal gatherings and on Canoe Journey. It is a major component of our drug and alcohol prevention program, providing a cultural alternative for youth and families.

We sometimes go on excursions to important cultural sites, nearby farms or gathering places, or to other Canoe Family events such as Canoe Jams. We may also offer additional activities at other times such as Saturday excursions, Canoe Family picnics or campouts huckleberry harvests, or youth camps during school breaks.



Joanne Dominick in regalia

These classes are for tribal members and community who want to visit, learn and share about the Snoqualmie culture, past and present. We also hope you will join us for Canoe Journey where we practice what we have learned.