ʔuḥʔaƛḥasuu Citizens and Residents of hitaċu,

As part of our commitment to safety, and in preparation for a successful 2026 Canoe Journey, the Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government is announcing the following:

- Tentative dates for the Canoe Journey are July 15-22, 2026.

- Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government will be supporting the journey from hitaċu to Beecher Bay with return travel. Due to unrest in the United States, YG will not be supporting travel across the border.

- A minimum attendance of one-third of organized paddle practices will be required to participate in the journey (ex: 8 out of 24 practices).

- Each participant must attend a scheduled canoe flipping practice to participate in the journey

- Yuułuʔiłʔatḥ Government staff will be eligible for paid attendance on the journey (normal working hours, no OT), subject to completed practice requirements and at the discretion of their supervisor, conditional to emergency staffing requirements at YG.

- A Big Canoe Leader certification program is scheduled for April 27, 2026 to May 1, 2026.

  - This program is open to all those who are interested in skippering the nation's canoes, and for those who want more experience, knowledge, and confidence in paddling traditional "big" canoes.
  - The Big Canoe Leader course is hosted by Ridge Wilderness and will include two days at Kennedy Lake and a 3-day ocean endorsement.

- There is a capacity limit for both the canoe journey and the certification program, with priority going to citizens and last year’s canoe practice participants.

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