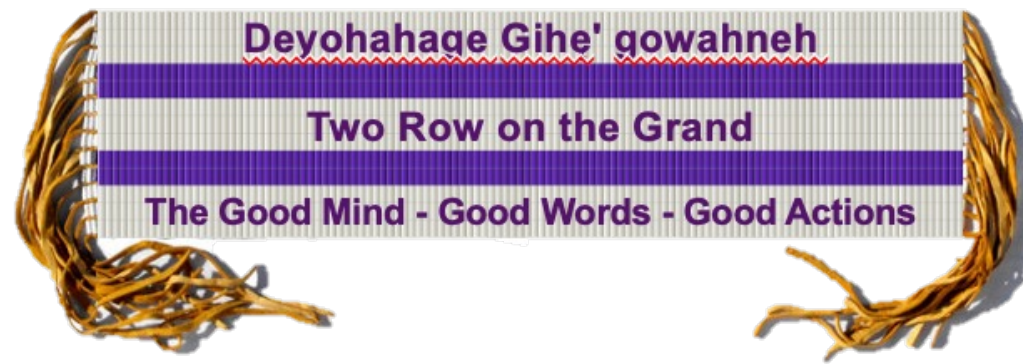


TWO ROW ON THE GRAND

Presentation to Haldimand County

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Two Row on the Grand Committee



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- We are a diverse group of Native and non-Native paddlers united in our mission to promote and honour the Two Row Wampum tradition.
- Inspired by the success of the Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign in 2013, we organize an annual paddle down the Grand River to strengthen community bonds and foster healing.
- Our initiative aims to rekindle the spirit of friendship among neighbors while providing an opportunity for transformative experiences through shared journeys.

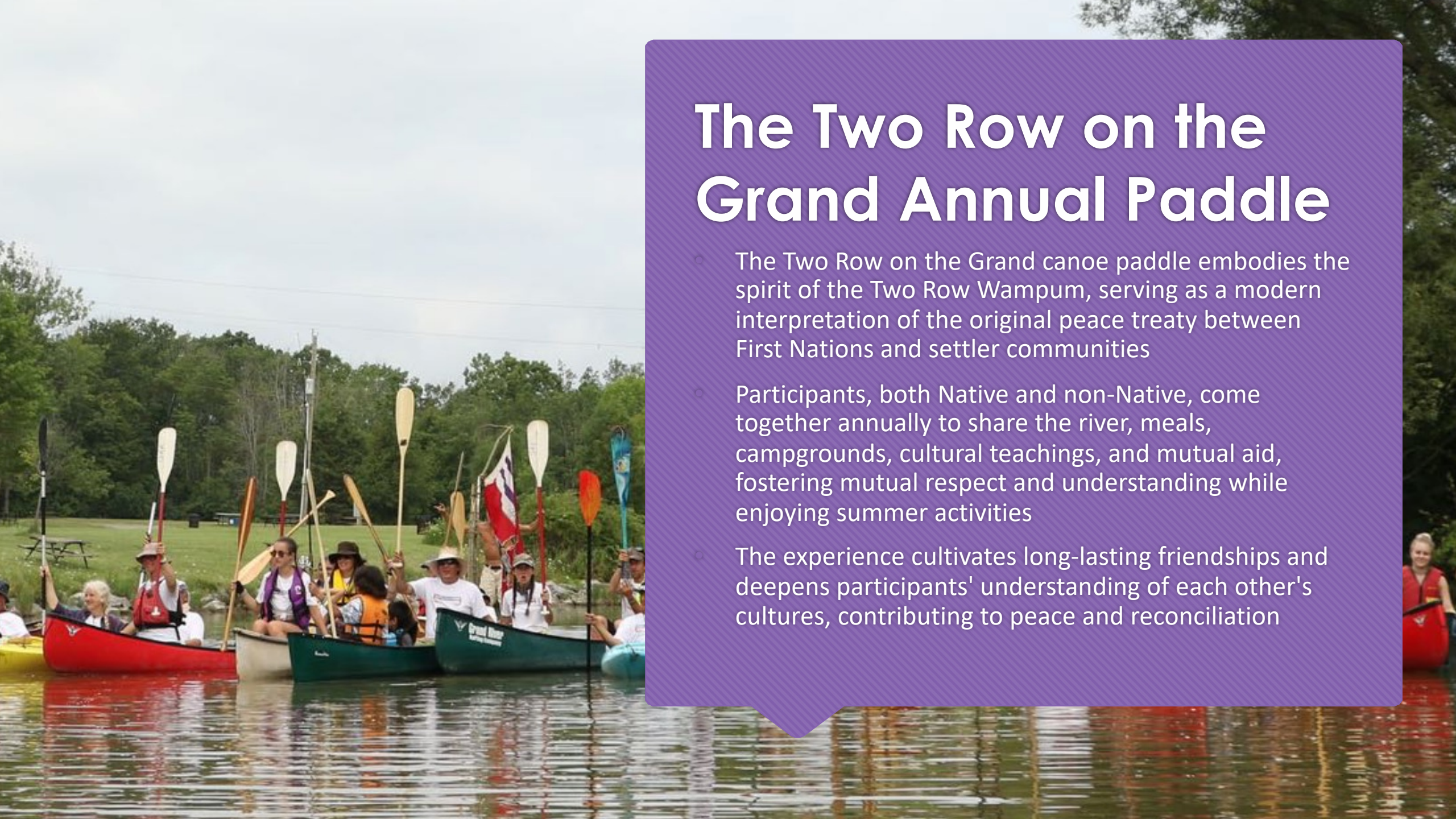


About Us

- **Non-Profit Mission:** We are a non-profit organization driven by a collective commitment to honor and embody the Two Row Wampum
- **Organizational Structure:** Our approach is unique; we embrace a non-hierarchical structure where every member contributes equally. There's no president, chair, or central authority. Instead, we operate as a unit, making decisions collectively—a model inspired by the circular structure of Haudenosaunee tradition
- **Community Focus:** One of our main objectives is to give back to the Six Nations of the Grand River community. We prioritize local hiring, engaging speakers, vendors, caterers, and other resources from within the community. This ensures that the economic benefits of our initiative remain within the community, fostering sustainable growth and prosperity
- **Environmental Stewardship:** We are also committed to environmental sustainability. Throughout our events, particularly the annual paddle down the Grand River, we operate as environmental stewards. This includes implementing a zero-waste policy, encouraging participants to bring their own mess kits, and providing wash stations at every meal. Additionally, we utilize compostable materials whenever possible, minimizing our environmental footprint and preserving the natural beauty of the Grand River

The Two Row on the Grand Annual Paddle

- The Two Row on the Grand canoe paddle embodies the spirit of the Two Row Wampum, serving as a modern interpretation of the original peace treaty between First Nations and settler communities
- Participants, both Native and non-Native, come together annually to share the river, meals, campgrounds, cultural teachings, and mutual aid, fostering mutual respect and understanding while enjoying summer activities
- The experience cultivates long-lasting friendships and deepens participants' understanding of each other's cultures, contributing to peace and reconciliation





The Two Row on the Grand Annual Paddle

- Educational events are held daily, covering topics such as treaties, cultural teachings, dance demonstrations, storytelling, and environmental concerns, enriching the experience for all involved.
- With approval from all municipalities along the Grand River, the paddle stops in each community to host cultural events open to local members, fostering connections and friendships across surrounding communities. The culminating event commemorates the strengthening of the bond between Canadians and Six Nations community members.
- If you are interested in learning more:
<http://www.tworowonthegrand.com>

This Year's Annual Paddle

- Scheduled to occur from July 24th to August 2nd, 2024
- We will be passing through Haldimand County on
 - Day 6, July 29th: Lunch at lower La Fortune Park -> paddle to Caledonia Fairgrounds
 - Day 7, July 30th: Cayuga -> paddle to Sun Retreats RV Resort
 - Day 8, July 30th: Sun Retreats Resort -> paddle to Willoway Park
 - Day 8, July 31st: Willoway Park -> paddle to Port Maitland



How Can Haldimand County Help?

1. Mayor and Council cheer us on at the annual Two Row on the Grand paddle
 - Cheer us on as we paddle the Grand River alongside Haldimand County anytime between day 5-8
 - There are numerous opportunities for spectators (i.e., bridges, parks, docks)
 - Join us for a celebration at Port Maitland (Aug 2nd as paddle ends)
2. Sponsor a meal (lunch or dinner)
3. Communications support (for example, perhaps; photographer/videographer support, social media posting)



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