

Keepers of the Salmon for Time Immemorial: Salmon Homecoming Celebration Set for Sept. 14-15

The 26th annual Salmon Homecoming Celebration, featuring arts and crafts booths, cultural performances, a pow wow and salmon bake is scheduled for Sept. 14-15 at the Seattle Aquarium and Waterfront Park, 1301 Alaskan Way.

The celebration centers around the idea that we are “Keepers of the Salmon for Time Immemorial.”

“Whenever we make decisions, we need to look around to see who would be affected. If we change the course of a river, who or what will be affected?” said Salmon Homecoming Vice-President Justin Parker. “We need to become aware of the consequences of our actions. We are accountable to our children to leave the Earth in good shape.”

The salmon bake kicks off at 12 pm Friday, and there will be afternoon and evening performances by Aztec Dancers and the musical group Daisy Chain. A Canoe Welcoming Ceremony will be held Saturday at noon, followed by a Pow Wow at 1 pm, and Coastal Song and Dance at 2 pm.

The annual School Days on the Waterfront runs Thursday and Friday, teaching youth how to be “Keepers of the Salmon for Time Immemorial,” by ensuring a healthy environment.

Presented by the Salmon Homecoming Alliance in the traditional territories of the Muckleshoot and Suquamish tribes, the event honors the fall return of the salmon and invites the local community to learn about Native American traditional celebrations and participate in environmental educational activities.

For more information, visit salmonhomecoming.org or contact shcacoordinator@gmail.com.