

World Tribe Canoe Project descends on Lakeview Commons

On June 20, indigenous carvers from around the world will convene along the shores of Lake Tahoe to create a 70-foot Trimaran by blending ancient art with state of the art.

It will be under the direction of Maori Chief Wikuki Kingi and hosted by the Washoe tribe.

Upon completion, this “floating university” will travel the world sharing indigenous wisdom in service to protecting our world’s water. The goal is to launch at the 2013 America’s Cup in San Francisco.

Traveling 10,000 miles from Aotearoa, New Zealand, Kingi and Tania Wolfgramm (Tonga-Maori) will lead the indigenous protocols and ceremony starting the World Tribe Canoe Project at 3:30pm at Lakeview Commons in South Lake Tahoe.

It will be followed by live music and Liz Brosco leading a drum circle at 5pm featuring Washoe and fire dancers. The California canoe and tule boats demonstrations will be featured with carvings by Wikuki at the 4th annual Lake Tahoe Paddle Festival on June 23-24 from 9am to 5pm.