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Interpretive Artwork to Reflect the People and Environment of the Columbia River Basin.

## Confluence Project

**Saturday, August 24th, 9am-12pm**  
**The Vancouver Land Bridge**

Please join Confluence Project and Fort Vancouver NHS for a community celebration including family friendly activities and events in the Fort marking the Land Bridge's 5 year anniversary!

In 2008, the [Vancouver Land Bridge](#) was built as an interpretive installation that explores the unique environmental and cultural heritage of the site. Visitors encounter three themed overlooks on the Land Bridge - River, Land, and People.

A hub of European and American Indian cultures, [Fort Vancouver](#) was constructed in 1829 as a regional center for the Hudson's Bay Company's fur trading operations in the Pacific Northwest. Eventual construction of railways and Highway 14 disconnected the fort from the Columbia River.

### EVENT SCHEDULE

Please join us in [Old Apple Tree Park](#), on the south side of the Vancouver Land Bridge.

**9:00-9:30 am:** The N'chi Wanapum Canoe Family (Warm Springs) opens with fancy dancing, singing and drumming.

**9:30-10:00 am:** [Ed Edmo](#), traditional storyteller, shares tales of the Columbia River's origins and other stories.

**10:00-10:15 am:** Introductions from Tim Leavitt (Mayor of Vancouver, WA), Tracy Fortmann (Fort Vancouver National Park Superintendent), Antone Minthorn (Former Chairmen for the Umatilla and Confluence Project Board Chairman), and [Lillian Pitt](#) (Native American Artist).

**10:15 am- 12:00 pm:** The Northwest Indian Veterans Association Color Guard leads a procession over the Land Bridge.

Once over the bridge, guests can observe and/or join in a Ceremony Circle; visit the Fort's [Village](#), representing over 35 ethnic and tribal groups that lived and worked at the Fort from 1829 to the 1860's; tour the Fort's current [archaeological sites](#), including what was likely the home of [William Kaulehelehe](#), a Hawaiian preacher who worked for the Hudson's Bay Company; and stroll through the historic [Fort Garden](#).

**Torque Coffee** and **Absolutely Juicy** vendors will be on site.

Parking is available in the lots along SE Columbia Way and along E 5th St., in front of the Fort.

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