

FESTIVAL OF THE WEST - PRESS RELEASE

Kalama Chamber of Commerce Sept 29th and 30th 2007 Fund Raiser

The Kalama Chamber of Commerce invites you to celebrate the first annual *Festival of the West* event held in Historic Downtown Kalama. This event celebrates the culmination of the western expansion into Cowlitz County, and Kalama Washington, where Highway, Rail and Water meet. Pioneer Ezra Meeker, was the first American settler in Kalama in 1853. Kalama held the first county seat in 1872 and held the first legal execution in the State of Washington, with the first public hanging in 1892. In September we will be recognizing our **Western Pioneering Roots**.

Activities include: Beginning Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. with Flap-jack breakfast and rounding out the evening with Western Concert starting at 6:00 p.m. and finishing up Saturday night at 9:00 p.m. Event begins again Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m and finishes the day at 4:00 p.m.

Western Reenactment, Bar-B-Q, Chicken Bar-B-Q, Kiebalsa on a Stick, Nachos & Cheese, Kettle Corn, Snow Cones, Merchandise Vendors, Costume Contests (\$50.00 prize), Crystal Panning, Baked Dessert Contest (\$25.00 prize), Hay Rides, Artifacts and Quilt Displays, The Turkey Creek Desperados, Bob and Nola Wills, the 50/50 Line Dancers, Guest Speaker-History Professor James Ho and much, much more.

Event Schedule available at Kalama Chamber Website and Kalama Chamber of Commerce. For more information contact: Shanara Schmidt 360-673-3363.

This is a Kalama Chamber fund raiser to benefit the local businesses and educate visitors and guests about the history of our western times in the early turn of the 19th century.

Want your pictures taken with the Desperados? Y'all Come Out Now.....Hear?!