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SMITHSONIAN TRAVELING EXHIBIT TOUR ANNOUNCED:

Nine Washington State Communities Selected to Host Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America in 2019-2020

SEATTLE—Humanities Washington is pleased to announce the cultural institutions that will host the Smithsonian Exhibit *Hometown Teams: How Sports Shape America*. The exhibit, which will tour Washington State from March 2019 through May 2020, examines sports not just as a vehicle for exercise and competition, but as a reflection of our nation’s values and character.

The organizations hosting *Hometown Teams* were selected based on their plans to reach diverse communities as well as the strength of proposed ideas for accompanying local exhibitions and at least three public programs. *Hometown Teams* is touring as a part of Humanities Washington’s Traveling Exhibits program and is made available at no charge to participating institutions thanks to support from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Hometown Teams explores the many roles that sports play in American society. “Hometown sports are more than just games—they shape our lives and unite us and celebrate who we are as Americans,” explained Julie Ziegler, executive director of Humanities Washington. “The influence of sports on American culture can be seen in most everything—from the lessons we teach our children about fair play and ethical conduct, to the products we consume.”

The exhibit’s core themes include: sports as a reflection of American values and ideals; sports and commerce; sports and popular culture; equality in sports; and the future of sports. More information on the exhibit can be found at humanities.org/hometown-teams.

Hometown Teams will be displayed at the following institutions:

1. **Moses Lake**, March 16 – April 28, 2019
Moses Lake Museum & Art Center
2. **Auburn**, May 4 – June 16, 2019
White River Valley Museum
3. **Spokane**, June 22 – August 4, 2019
Spokane Public Library
4. **Tieton**, August 10 – September 22, 2019
Tieton Arts and Humanities
5. **La Conner**, September 28 – November 10, 2019
Skagit County Historical Museum
6. **Ilwaco**, November 16 – January 5, 2020
Columbia Pacific Heritage Museum

7. **Lynden**, January 11 – February 22, 2020
Lynden Pioneer Museum
8. **Hoquiam**, February 28 – April 10, 2020
Polson Museum

9. **Renton**, April 16 – May 28, 2020
Renton History Museum

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