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LIFE CREST DESCRIPTION

Hummingbird- Ahl-yeé Ggaw-sh

In Tsimshian mythology the hummingbird is spoken of as being the messenger of joy and spiritual healing. It is also the symbol of the musical gift from the creator.



This delicate little creature seemed to be a spiritual healer sent from the heart



of Mother Earth. Usually in the most harsh of situations or just the blessing of a true Love, the spirit of `delicate strength` appeared.

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Bear- 'Ol'

Aggressive, protective and strong spirited. Lover of the great outdoors. Good provider, very sensitive but mostly smells, tastes and sounds. Loves fishing and working hard.



Tsimshian traditions showed great respect towards the power of 'ol' and his independance. He was used to teach about transforming into the fearless warrior and into a successful hunter.



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Wolf- Gi-Baaw

Mysterious, night lover, family orientated; mate for life. Organized and motivated for the team effort. Loves a howling good time.



In our Tsimshian traditions the wolf is one our four main tribal life Crests.

As the watchmen of the night, the wolves travel in packs, like gangs and troops protecting their land or territory.

When `Gi-baaw` howls at the moon they are thanking and singing to Mother Earth.



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Orca- 'Naa-ck-hl'

In Tsimshian Indian traditions the orca symbolized contentment, strength in spirit and family unity. Protector of the sea and a passion for sushi. Very dedicated.



In our mythology the orca was called 'black-fish' and was said to be the creature who first gave his 'life crest' to a great warrior as a gift of peace and friendship, after many years of misunderstanding. also pledged to protect each other.



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Eagle- Ck-sh-geeg

A visionary and leader with a desire to fly up above any challenge. A mate and friend for life; sometimes serious but warm spirited . Loves the great outdoors, flying, sports and working hard.



In Tsimshian tradition the raven is the highest ranked of all the Life Crest creatures and the eagle is second. In a few stories the eagle had to guide raven towards fixing a mistake or to make a better decision. His wisdom was truly more mature and controlled.



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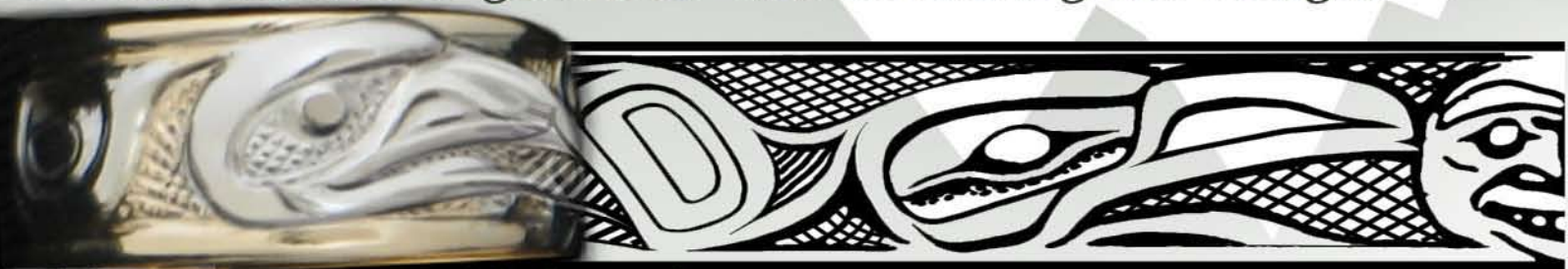
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Raven- Gaak

Raven was a beautiful white bird in the beginning of Tsimshian mythological time, which was only recognized by day and night and the change of seasons. He was sent by the Creator of the universe to design the creatures of earth and to help Mother Earth.

Gaak was blessed with amazing powers but also had an over active appetite which kept getting him into his silly predicaments.

His human characteristics were his sense of humor, creativity and of course his love for good food- whether making it or eating it.



Many stories are told about the Raven in many different parts of the world from thousands of years of storytelling. Our mysterious transformational hero has stood the test of time and always comes out on top of the world.

Even in real life the raven is an incredibly intelligent and mysterious creature with a powerful voice and presence. Tsimshian art pays tribute to and reflects the beauty of creation through nature.



“My Tsimshian Indian Life Crest and clan is the Raven”