

Council Circles and the Art of Mirroring

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we become drawn deeply into our quietly pulsing soul story...

There are many forms of council circles... from the basic Council Circle, to The Council of Elders, the Response Council, the Fish-Bowl Council, Coyote Council, and the Council of All Beings, to name a few. Each form addresses a specific need, but predominantly they all employ Deep Listening skills. What a sweet world we create and inhabit when we listen with love ears to the mystery that each one of us is. Sacred Listening. Whole body listening. The kind of listening where we become curious, enchanted, and drawn deeply into our quietly pulsing soul story always rippling in the undercurrent of our consciousness. This kind of listening brings us into full presence, and what a gift this is to offer one another in fellowship living on this planet together. One of the earliest records of council is in the Iliad, when Agamemnon and Achilles hold a “gold studded wand” between them to settle a dispute. The League of the Iroquois used a talking piece to respectfully hear what everyone had to say. It is an ancient communication form that allows us to speak deeply the truth within the intelligence of our heart and mind – a truly democratic practice. With careful construction of the council circle by the staff carriers, we follow the 4 tenets of council and seek to create the

space for everyone to open into an intimate exchange. In our days together we will explore the different council forms that arise from this exchange.

With tasks suggested by the guides, you will be wandering on the expanse of the Awapa Plateau, a landscape with spring creeks, ponds and lakes surrounded by ancient ponderosa, tall spruce and dancing aspens. Each person will tell their story and experience how mirroring assists in fleshing out their story to further illuminate the hidden gems. In the practice of mirroring we receive the gift of someone’s attentive listening and the healing of generations occurs, the scaffolding to “see” one’s destiny is erected, and the world does a little happy dance because hearts open in compassionate witnessing to each person’s unfolding story, and we dwell for a time in the greater web that connects us.

Sacred Listening.

Whole Body Listening



Details:

Must Register By: April 30, 2020

COST: \$700

All camping includes camp fee Non-refundable deposit of \$200 to register. Registrations and final payments due 30 days before the program. Meal cost not included. Sharing in food preparation will be part of our community practice, more details on meal logistics will be included in the prep materials. In the event that we find it necessary to cancel the program you will receive a full refund.



Accommodations:

We will be camping at the Aquarius Ranger Station on the Awapa Plateau — an old station now converted for public use, with a fully equipped kitchen, outdoor toilet, potable spring water, and beautiful grounds to camp on next to spring creeks coming down off the mountain.

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“When someone deeply listens to you, your bare feet are on the earth, and a beloved land that seemed distant, is now at home within you.” ~ John Fox



Annie Bloom has been a wilderness guide to soul for 30 years. She has been an initiator to hundreds of people crossing over the threshold of mystery into the Dreaming Lodge of the World, seeking a sacred vision for their lives. Annie was a senior guide and trainer at Animas Valley Institute for 20 years. This is where she met Peter Scanlan and they began their 17 year guiding partnership. Annie now stands on the doorstep of Buffalo Dreaming Lodge www.buffalodreaminglodge.com with her husband Niles and beagle healer Sadie, where they welcome people into their home and gardens on deep dream retreats. They are both devoted to listening for the heartbeat of the holy in all beings.



Peter Scanlan was a clinical psychologist in private practice for 34 years in Nashville, Tennessee. He trained with Animas Valley Institute and with School of Lost Borders as a vision quest guide and was a lead guide for the Animas Valley Institute for 16 years. He works to facilitate the transformation of personal story into the mytho-poetic story that each of us inhabits. He is dedicated to guiding people to the edge of the deepest mysteries, holding sacred space while they plunge into those depths, and then honoring the unique power and truth of the stories that they bring back from those journeys. He brings heart presence and a playful spirit to his work. Website: www.peterscanlan.com.