

The InterNational Initiative for Transformative Collaboration (INITC)

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An InterNational Gathering



A Sharing of experiences and insights from Oceti Sakowin Camp, Standing Rock, North Dakota. Continuing the conversation and discovery process of what it means to be a Human Being, how to work together for Cultural, Social and Environmental Equity.

An invitation

To our relatives, allies and friends: join us for a two-day Intercultural, Interfaith experience. A distinctive

opportunity, looking deeper into and discussing the profound social, cultural, economic, legal and environmental issues reflecting the impacts to the health and well-being of our planet and the implications for our collective Nations as were experienced at Oceti Sakowin Camp.

Of the many insights arising from the various camps and efforts has emerged a growing recognition of the need for collective strategies; no single individual, organization or nation can bear the cost or responsibility; emotionally, mentally, physically or spiritually, when facing such overwhelming environmental, cultural and social injustice.

Through our collective experience, cultural and educational exchange, presentations, workshops and discussion, this convening offers insight into a growing recognition for the need to define what it means to work together, with emphasis on the growing awareness of our understanding of where Earth Rights and Human Rights converge.

At this collective convening, we invite you to investigate and consider:

- * What makes genuine Transformative Collaboration?
- * How do we understand and practice Cultural Safety?
- * What are Decolonizing Conversations?
- * A collaborative effort for an InterNātional Summit Inquiry Summer/Fall 2018.

We hope you can join us!

Dates: Friday Mar 16 - Sunday Mar 18

Location: Cedar Canyon Camp and Retreat Center 5130 Memorial Rd, Rapid City, SD 57702

Approximately 30 minutes from Rapid City Regional Airport 1 mile from Rapid City **Accommodation**: 2-4 person bunk share w/private bath (Total room cost: \$64/night) **Meals:** Br - \$6, Lunch - \$7, Dinner - \$8 (vegetarian meals available please indicate)

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Introduction Sessions for Newcomers Friday March 16 (all are welcome)

INITC foundations for working together

For those who will be attending for the first time, and for those newer to our convening and wanting to review or continue our conversations it is highly recommended that you please attend our introductory session for investigating what it means to work together as Human Beings, Inter-Nationally and through Councils structure. W/Johnnie and Karen VF - 1pm start



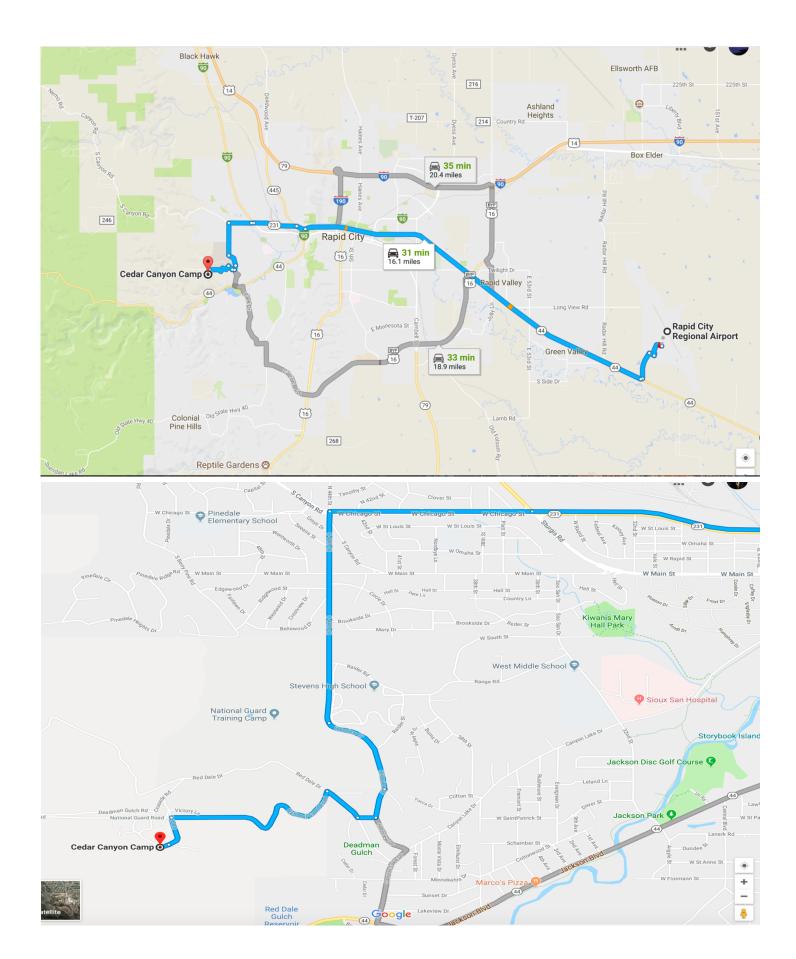
An Introduction to Mindfulness - Mindfulness is an innate human quality and begins with cultivating awareness and compassion to observe the intricacies of our present moment experience. It enables us to make discerning choices with implications for the health and wellbeing of ourselves, our relationships with each other and the planet. This session will introduce the practice of learning from the inside out as a process to decondition elements of the conditioned mind and return to a natural state of clarity and presence. W/Australian Psychologist and Licensed Mindfulness Practitioner Lisa B - 4pm start

Lighting of the Fire - The Opening Prayer and lighting of the Fire takes place on Friday night before the evening meal

Other Important Considerations

We ask all participants to please consider arriving on Friday and Departing either Sunday evening or Monday in order to facilitate and maintain continuity for the weekend retreat.

Please RSVP reservations for place at the lodge to Karen or Johnnie. There is limited space. Please describe yourself as individual or group booking and how many. Tell us with whom you would be comfortable sharing or other cultural considerations for accommodation. Generally, men will be assigned spaces with men and women with women unless otherwise indicated.



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