

Dear Community:

We are looking forward to being together again in a few weeks.

We will be gathering on the land of the Semiahmoo.

The Semiahmoo belong to a group of tribes called the Straits Salish, relatives of the Coast Salish. The Straits Salish lived by trapping the early runs of salmon. The resort takes its name from the *Semiahmoo* band which inhabited the Semiahmoo Spit, a crescent-shaped land mass surrounded entirely by water (Semiahmoo is a Salish language word that means “half-moon”). The Semiahmoo lived in family groups and, according to one account, established a central settlement on the sand spit where Semiahmoo Resort now stands.....

This gathering is the next step in cultivating our learning community. We began in Santa Fe by speaking about relationship and responsibility and the experience of those concepts within the context of an animate universe. Now in the coming days we will explore resonance, alignment, harmony and balance within the learning bundle that is Native Science.

We will continue with the work of building the capacity to hold divergent views as equal and we will study ways of learning within the Native paradigm.

There are some preparations to make before coming:

- Please review the hand-out you received earlier on Native Communication Styles. As you read, please think about and reflect on the principles that formed these ways of communicating.

For newcomers and anyone who has misplaced their copy, you can find it online at <http://www.oneearthoneuniverse.org/workshop.html> . If you need a hardcopy, please contact Jackie at jackiew@ssl.berkeley.edu or 510-643-0011. We'll be glad to mail it to you.

- As you reflect on coming together again, would you please think of a question that is important to you. One for which you hope to find an answer. This should be a question that has meaning for you, something you don't have to write down to remember.

For those **who were not at Santa Fe**, the workshop begins on **Monday, August 29, 1:00 PM**, with a preview intended to make you comfortable and welcome in the learning space and cover the work we did in the first workshop. **The preview will be from 1 – 4 PM.**

On Monday evening, August 29, at 6 PM we will begin with a formal welcome and blessing followed by dinner.

In the days that follow, members of the Native Science Academy, Sa'ke'j Henderson, (Chickasaw), Marie Battiste, (Mi'kmaq), Leroy Little Bear, (Blackfoot), and Lloyd Pinkham, (Yakama) supported by other Academy members will share their knowledge.

The needs and responses of the group dictate the order and form we follow for the time we are together, but for planning purposes:

If you are entering the community for the first time and did not attend the workshop in Santa Fe, you should arrive in time for the 1 PM pre-workshop gathering on August 29.

For everyone else, **we will begin on Monday evening at 6:00 PM and end on Friday, September 2 at noon. For those who can stay we will serve lunch.**

Although we are planning an audio recording of some parts of the workshop, (purely for archival purposes and only with the permission of each person) please do not bring computers or electronics to the room. Instead, as before, we will bring lots of art supplies so that you can envision and express your thoughts and energies as you wish.

It's understood that people have many responsibilities and duties in their lives, but since each person is part of the learning space and we build it together, bringing yourself as fully as possible is important. We will have regular breaks and mealtimes but they may vary according to the needs of the group, so attempting to schedule business calls during the day may not work very well.

We are grateful for this opportunity and look forward to seeing you soon.

with a smile and a howl.....

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