

EMERGING LEADERS: A Native American Experiential Education Training Program

October 11 & 12: Opening Session: Experience the experience! Through games, problem solvers and ropes courses, we will begin to learn by doing. Building group cohesion and trust will give the participants the opportunity to share more openly. We will scratch the surface of defining experiential education and the various methods of teaching it. We will also give an overview of the program and all that it entails.

November 15 & 16: Philosophy/History of Experiential Education & Games and Initiatives: Participants will begin to discuss the various theories and philosophies of experiential education. We will explore different models and learning cycles that have been and continue to be utilized. We will also learn how to present and play games as well as discuss activity selection, sequencing, and group dynamics.

January 24 & 25: The Art of Facilitation: Participants will come to a deeper understanding of the structure of metaphors, reflections, and transfers; and how they all play an important role in experiential learning. Participants will start to think about answering questions like: "What is facilitation?" "What makes a good facilitator?" We will guide participants into finding personal voice and styles, as well as develop clearer judgments and competencies.

February 21 & 22: Risk Management and Cultural Competency: Experiential learning involves purposeful physical and emotional healthy risk taking. Participants will begin to examine individual and organizational philosophies and practices of risk management. We will learn how to take a humanistic approach to managing risks through models, scenarios, and application. Cultural competency goes hand in hand with risk management. With risk management it is important to consider the cultural aspects of a program. We will also learn how to adapt and implement games and initiatives to specifically fit Native American communities.

March 14 & 15: Decolonization and Social Change: We will expand awareness of colonization, intergenerational trauma and internalized oppression and examine how these conditions continue to affect Native and non-Native communities. We will provide a safe space to dialogue about issues of colonization and its physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual impacts. In addition, we will explore concepts of social change and how they can be used to interrupt the cycles of colonization, intergenerational trauma and internalized oppression.

April 17- 19: Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK): We will attempt to reconnect with the land and all it provides. By learning (or remembering) traditional subsistence skills, we will develop an increased sense of ethics and belonging to self, others and nature. Along with this comes an increased ability and confidence to move within many environments by applying new ways of observing and assessing pattern in our lives, be it the pattern behaviors of a deer, flower, ourselves, our family, or our communities.

May 9 & 10: Bringing It All Together: "Where do I go from here?" "How can I use what I learned?" Emergence staff will share their experience in implementing our Community Mobilization Project to provide an example of how all the knowledge, techniques, and resources acquired can be brought together. Participants will have opportunity to network and brainstorm ideas that can be brought back to their respective communities.

The cost for enrollment is \$150.00. Please email this form with a check payable to Santa Fe Mountain Center. Register ASAP! Space is Limited.

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Phone _____ (h) _____ (w) _____ (c) _____
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I will be attending the following sessions:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Opening (Oct. 11-12) | Emerging Leaders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Philosophy/History of EE& Games/Initiatives (Nov. 15-16) | Santa Fe Mountain Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Art of Facilitation (Jan. 24-25) | P.O. Box 449 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Risk Management & Cultural Competency (Feb 21-22) | Tesuque, NM 87574 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decolonization & Social Change (Mar 14-15) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Traditional Ecological Knowledge (April 17-19) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brining it all together (May 9-10) | |

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