

RE-MEMBER

Working with the Oglala Lakota Oyate
on the Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota

Hello, and thank you for your support of Re-Member, and the Oglala Lakota people of Pine Ridge Reservation. On behalf of our entire organization, I extend my gratitude for your commitment to serve, and learn with Re-Member. I look forward to sharing a week with you in the year ahead!

I am humbled and honored to assume the role of Executive Director in 2019. Pine Ridge has been an important part of my life since my first trip in 2008. After a two-year staff position in 2009-2010, I returned to the east coast, but Re-Member and Pine Ridge have been a second home ever since. With previous experience as a construction supervisor and Program Manager, I am excited to now serve as your 'head volunteer' for years to come.

For those of you who have joined us over the past nine years, our Executive Director *Emeritus*, Ted Skantze, has assumed two new roles in his retirement. Ted will serve as Re-Member's roaming ambassador, fostering relationships and financial stewardship across the United States and around the world on behalf of the organization. Ted will also continue to be closely involved in the 'Feather II' project, coordinating the continued development of the site, and eventual transition of our program to the new property.

Here at Re-Member, we provide a service-learning experience, giving our volunteers not only the chance to work across Pine Ridge with our Lakota friends, but the chance to be immersed in Lakota culture as well. We believe that forming relationships with the Lakota people and studying their history, culture, and spirituality as we grow in our understanding about their lives and their culture is as important as the work we do.

In the year ahead, we will continue along our path to build relationships with the people on Pine Ridge. Come out and be a part of this important work. Come and experience the Lakota people, make new friends and have the time of your life. We'll be waiting to welcome you with open arms.

Sincerely yours,

Cory True
Executive Director
and The Re-Member Board of Directors and Staff

OVERVIEW OF RE-MEMBER'S RESERVATION PROCESS

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Re-Member. Email trips@re-member.org. Our Trip Coordinator will respond to your questions promptly.

Reserve a Spot.

Booking for the coming season opens on August 1st of the current season. There are 2 ways to book a trip:

1. Go to our website at www.re-member.org/register to request a trip. Upon receipt of your trip request, the Trip Coordinator will check for availability and will either complete your booking then email confirmation with further instructions or – if your desired week is booked full – will email with an offer of alternative weeks.
2. Call or email our trip coordinator, Paula Sibal, to discuss and select a trip date. For trips with 2 or more volunteers, please choose a Group Leader and provide their name, phone number, and email. When trip dates have been agreed upon with the Trip Coordinator, she will send our Terms & Conditions form for the Group Leader to complete, sign, and return. *Only one of these, completed by the Group Leader or individual booking the trip, is required.* Once this is received, the Trip Coordinator will finalize the booking and send confirmation with further instructions via email. *It is very important that this email be read through and the instructions be followed!*

NOTE: Trips need to be booked for an accurate number of volunteers. We understand that situations can occur to alter the number by one or two; however, being a non-profit, our budget, staffing, and project projection for the season is dependent upon trips being booked accurately.

Make Payment.

When the trip booking has been finalized and confirmed, our Accounting Department will generate invoices and email them to the Group Leader or individual booking the trip. Payments are due as follows:

1. Deposit within 30 days of trip confirmation (depending upon date of booking & confirmation).
2. First payment approximately 4 months prior to trip date (depending upon date of booking & confirmation).
3. Final payment approximately 2 months prior to trip date (depending upon date of booking & confirmation).
4. Payments are to be made with ONE check / money order / credit card only. We cannot accept individual checks from large numbers of volunteers, as such payments can get misdirected. Checks or money orders should be made payable to Re-Member.

Send Group List.

Create a Group List of your volunteers, designating gender and whether they are adult or youth. This will allow us to cross-reference the online volunteer forms against the names on your list and connect the volunteers with the appropriate trip. The Group List form will be sent to the Group Leader along with the trip confirmation email. **This list is due to the Trip Coordinator no later than 1 month prior to trip date.**

Complete Online Volunteer Forms.

Ensure that all volunteers have completed their online forms by 1 month prior to trip date** and have read through the Volunteer Preparation Packet. The Trip Coordinator will send a Trip ID + a link for completion of these forms as part of the trip confirmation email. Upon submission of the volunteer forms online, the volunteer will be directed to a link to download the Volunteer Preparation Packet, which will provide all the information necessary for them to prepare for their trip. ****We are unable to admit any volunteer into our facilities or vehicles without the required volunteer forms on file in our office.**

****NOTE: Except for schools/colleges/universities that are tax exempt, all trip fees are assessed a tribal excise tax of 4.5%. All other organizations, regardless of having tax exempt status in their home states, are NOT tax exempt on the reservation.**

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Group List

Re-Member requires one contact list for each group.
This form is due no later than 1 month prior to trip.
Please print clearly and spell names correctly.

Trip Date: _____ Trip ID (as provided in trip confirmation email): _____

Group Leader Information:

Name: _____

Phone (home): _____ Phone (work): _____ Phone (other): _____

Email: _____

Group Information (Please list ALL trip participants):

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VOLUNTEER TRIP TERMS & CONDITIONS

Payments are due on date specified on invoice. For groups of 2 or more, payments are to be collected by the Group Leader and submitted via one check/credit card/ACH, rather than multiple checks from individual volunteers

Age Restriction: Volunteers must be age 12 or older. Exception: Kids' Week Program admits children ages 8-11.

Documentation: Each volunteer must complete online forms. Instructions for completion will be provided by the Trip Coordinator. ***No person (adult or youth) will be admitted to the facilities or in Re-Member vehicles without these documents on file. Documentation is due by no later than 1 month prior to trip date.***

Cancellations:

A. For cancellations prior to 1st payment due date: The deposit is forfeit and the remaining balance will be recalculated to reflect the reduction in numbers.

B. For cancellations after the 1st payment due date: The deposit and the first payment are forfeit and the remaining balance will be recalculated to reflect the reduction in numbers

C. For cancellations after the 2nd payment due date: There will be no refund or reduction in outstanding balance due.

Substitutions and Additions: Substitution is permissible. Additions are possible, if space is available. Forms for substitutions/additions are due at once.

The Experience at Re-Member: Re-Member serves many different individuals and groups, as well as schools and universities. Re-Member's responsibility is to provide access to work experiences, exposure to Lakota culture, and most importantly, opportunities for relationship with the Lakota people. ***Re-Member insists that all volunteers adhere to our policy against any proselytizing whatsoever during the course of your stay.*** We will lead a morning session after breakfast, where we share wisdom from elders of various indigenous groups. Each evening, your group will have the opportunity to process the events of the day, followed by a question and answer period with our staff. We also provide free time each evening, which groups may use for journaling, reflection, or further processing. Content and leadership of these components will be the responsibility of the group leaders.

Group Leaders: A specific person should be identified as the leader of each trip of 2 or more individuals. Group Leaders are responsible for remitting payments and all Volunteer forms to be submitted within guidelines. Group Leaders are responsible for ensuring all in their group have insurance and emergency contact info with them at all times. Group leaders will make decisions about whether groups or individuals within the groups will participate in activities that could involve some measure of risk. Leaders are responsible for maintaining the order and discipline of the group. **In youth groups, we require a ratio of 1 adult (21 years or older) for each 6 young people. If the group is mixed gender, there must be a minimum of one adult of each gender.**

Smoking, Drug and Alcohol Policy: Smoking is not allowed in Re-Member vehicles or buildings, and only in designated smoking area. Any use of alcohol or illegal drugs is strictly forbidden.

I have read and understand the mutual responsibilities of RE-MEMBER, our group, and our group leaders:

Signature and date

Printed name

Trip name

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PRE-TRIP INFORMATION

*****PLEASE prepare your group for their trip before you depart!*****

This packet of information was put together to provide volunteers with everything needed to prepare for a trip to Re-Member. Please make certain all volunteers download and read through this info.

Our experience has been that groups benefit greatly from advance preparation by their group leaders. Please utilize the materials sent in this packet and meet as often as you deem necessary in order to prepare your volunteers. Be sure to include EVERYONE (adults, youth, and chaperones) in these preparations. We have found that these advance meetings help to introduce group leaders and also to smooth over group dynamics. It also helps for groups to have some idea of what to expect once they are here. Once you arrive, there will be some “free” time during the evenings for individual group activities and personal reflection. This is also a good time for journaling. If you wish to take advantage of these times, it will be your responsibility to lead such sessions with your group. You are welcome to bring whatever materials you wish.

How to Find Us:

In this packet of information, you will find a map of where Pine Ridge Reservation and Re-Member are located. **DO NOT RELY on OnStar, or other satellite mapping programs!** There is no “grid” here on Pine Ridge, and we hate to say it, but we can pretty much guarantee that **you will get lost**. These mapping programs also tend to direct people to interstate highways which could add up to three hours to your trip. Re-Member is now listed on Google Maps, however, and the routing is accurate if you would like to print off a map to follow. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding directions and we will gladly help you find the most direct route. **If you are flying or taking the bus, Rapid City, SD (RAP) is the closest airport and bus depot.** We do provide a shuttle service from Rapid City for an additional charge. Please contact our trip coordinator to make arrangements.

Arrival and Departure Times:

It is *very* important that you arrive on time. Please make travel arrangements to arrive at Re-Member **between 2 and 4 p.m. Mountain Standard Time** on Saturday. **Please note that if you arrive prior to 2 p.m. we may not have staff on site, as our “weekend” is a 24-hour period ending on Saturday at 2 o’clock.** Dinner is at 5 p.m. on the evening of your arrival. If you are unable to be here by that time, you will have to make arrangements for you/your group to eat on the road. If you absolutely cannot arrive by **6 p.m.** please let us know prior to the day of your arrival so we can adjust our schedule accordingly.

Plan to leave Re-Member on Friday morning by 9 a.m. If you must leave earlier on Friday morning, please let us know ahead of time.

NOTE: If you cannot arrange your trip to fit within these time frames, we suggest you reschedule for a time when you can. Every moment of your week with us is an important part of the experience and we don’t want you to miss anything!

Donations:

You are certainly welcome to bring donations with you. Please call or email to see what our current needs are. We always have a need for twin-sized bedding, blankets or quilts, and personal care items, as well as work gloves, safety goggles, dust masks, and earplugs. If you would like to contribute equipment, construction materials or lumber, please contact us.

Emergency Information

Important Phone Numbers: Please provide this information to parents/contacts back home.

In case of emergency: Re-Member Office: (605) 867-2282 | Paula Sibal, Trip Coordinator: (308) 638-4500

Emergency Medical Information: In case of medical emergencies or illness during your stay, we utilize the clinic and hospital at Gordon, Nebraska, which is 22 miles from our site. We are unable to utilize Pine Ridge Hospital, which is run by Indian Health Service, unless it is an extreme emergency.

Medications for youth should be handled by group leaders, or the youth's parent(s), whichever is appropriate.

Any emergency resuscitation medications, such as an EpiPen, or nitroglycerin, and HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION MUST be brought by the volunteer and carried with them at all times!

SOME NOTES ABOUT OUR SCHEDULE

We have a busy week planned for you! **A sample itinerary** is included in this packet. Before you arrive, we want you to know that EVERYTHING on the schedule is of equal importance! If it is part of our schedule, it is there for a reason. *Wisdom of the Elders* (morning) and *Roses and Thorns* (evening) are a crucial part of your experience with us, as they provide insight as well as an opportunity to process. The days here at Re-Member are exhausting, and it is imperative that you have a chance to talk through what you see and hear. It is also important for you, your fellow group members, and our staff to have the opportunity to draw strength or knowledge from the experiences and insights of others. Therefore we ask you to be present and engaged at both *Wisdom of the Elders* and *Roses and Thorns*. This means we want our volunteers to “de-tech” and put aside social media for the week. Similarly, when we are on Tour, we request that you participate fully in all of the activities planned for the day. We specifically select our tour locations and expect you to completely immerse yourself into the culture that you will also be working in. During every moment of every day, we expect you to be willing to learn about life on the Rez both in the past and in the present.

BASIC SAFETY GUIDELINES

Of utmost importance to a successful and productive service-learning trip is the safety of all volunteers. The nature of volunteer activities, i.e. construction work, entails manual labor with ever-present risk of injury. Most volunteers perform some activities that are unfamiliar to them, and many experience more physical exertion than that to which they are accustomed, and this tends to increase the risks.

Re-Member coordinates the workweek activities of many volunteers each year and has done so for many years. During this time, very few serious injuries have occurred, although minor scrapes, cuts, sunburn, etc. happen occasionally. This good safety record is due, in part, to the experience that the Re-Member staff brings to the task. We attempt to match work assignments to the skills of the volunteers, but we are also mindful of the fact that many of our volunteers are unskilled in many construction-related tasks.

During the work day, volunteers are encouraged to take breaks and to **consume adequate liquids. Due to conditions on the Rez, the risk of dehydration is very high, and we encourage our volunteers to have a water bottle with them at all times.** Our staff will provide direct hands-on guidance and instruction in construction techniques as often as possible. However, **volunteers and group leaders are ultimately responsible for their own safety.**

Re-Member cannot know all of the volunteers' skills and limitations well enough to prevent all risks to health or safety, and is only able to provide enough advice and supervision at the job sites to supplement that provided by the volunteer's own leadership. **Please be prepared for: physical exertion, weather-related risks (hot and dry weather, cold weather, windy conditions), chemical exposure (cleaning products, paint), and construction projects (lifting, power tools, safety equipment including gloves, goggles, and masks).** Given the wide range of volunteer skill levels, Re-Member endeavors to involve all volunteers in its projects.

Sometimes, volunteers with little experience are “shut out” of work by more experienced volunteers who may feel that they should take over. Group leaders are encouraged to discuss this with their volunteers and help prevent this from happening. Re-Member encourages all of its more experienced or skilled volunteers to mentor those with less or no experience, and help our staff bring all volunteers into the work day. This will enhance the experience for all our volunteers, whatever level of skill they possess.

PACKING LIST

How Much to Pack: You will be with us for six nights. Be prepared for three work days, two tour days, and at least two days of travel depending on where you are traveling from. Please pack light- bring enough clothes for the week and no more- as storage space in our bunk rooms is limited.

Packing for the Weather: The climate in South Dakota varies extensively.

Spring or Fall Volunteers: It may be cold and snowy, or it may be hot. Bring layers! **We also recommend bringing slippers or foot covering to wear inside the bunkhouse. If we have “mud” you will be asked to leave your shoes at the door.**

Summer Volunteers: If you are coming in the summer, chances are it will be hot. It is not uncommon for temperatures to reach upward of 100 degrees during the day but drop to the 50s-60s at night. We recommend packing one set of long pants along with a light jacket or sweatshirt. No matter what time of year, be sure to bring a **hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, and a water bottle**. Our area averages 300 days of sun a year and you can easily get sunburned no matter the season.

Packing for Work: Keep in mind that you may be painting, sanding, staining, or doing any other number of work projects. Do not pack your favorite t-shirt! Bring clothes that can get dirty or even ruined!

Shoes: We *insist* that all volunteers have shoes (sneakers are fine) for our work projects and workshop. Sandals are fine at other times. Again, please also bring slippers or footwear for inside the facilities in case we have “mud”.

Tools and Safety Equipment: You do *not* need to bring tools, as we have a very good assortment of all the tools you will need. It is recommended that you bring your own work gloves. We have safety goggles, ear plugs, and dust masks.

Meals: We provide three meals daily, and do our best to provide nutritious meals; however, other than lactose intolerance or a basic, lacto-ovo vegetarian diet, **WE ARE NOT ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE SPECIALIZED OR RESTRICTIVE DIETS. VOLUNTEERS WITH SPECIFIC DIETARY NEEDS WILL NEED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN SUPPLEMENTAL/ALTERNATIVE FOODS.** We will provide refrigerator and pantry space as needed, as well as kitchen access for meal preparation.

Sample weekly dinner menu (Salad & toppings available every night)

- Saturday: Buffalo Stew (veggie stew)
- Sunday: Spaghetti (w/ & w/o meat)
- Monday: Hamburgers (veggie burgers)
- Tuesday: Baked potato bar
- Wednesday: Pulled pork BBQ
- Thursday: Taco salad

Breakfast consists of cereals, eggs, toast, fruit. Lunch consists of sandwiches, fruit, finger veggies, and snack foods.

Sleeping and Personal Care: We have two bunkhouses. In our large bunkhouse, all female volunteers are in one room and all male volunteers are in another. The bunk rooms are on opposing sides of a great room, where we gather for morning wisdom and evening speakers. There are separate shower and toilet facilities for men and women. Our smaller bunkhouse is divided into four rooms with eight bunks per room. There is a common area for seating, and separate shower and toilet facilities for men and women.

While we do provide a clean fitted sheet, so you are making your bed on a clean bunk, we do not provide bedding. Please pack:

- Sleeping bag OR sheets and blanket, and pillow. Some of our volunteers like to sleep outside, under the stars. If you choose to try this, it's also suggested that you bring a tarp, or other form of ground cover, with stakes to hold it down.
- Towel and washcloth.
- Toiletries and sunscreen.

Money: While all meals, accommodations, and transportation during your stay are included in your trip cost, there are opportunities to purchase crafts from local crafters and artists. This is entirely optional. For many residents on Pine Ridge, the sale of crafts is their sole source of income. If you think you may be interested in purchasing crafts, please bring some cash with you as we do not have easy access to banks or ATMs and artists are unable to cash non-local checks, or process credit/debit cards.

Other: Camera; reading/writing material.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Clothing or items with "Indian" logos of any kind, or "Indian-type" apparel. These may be viewed as offensive by the residents of Pine Ridge. Similarly, we ask that clothing with wording / pictures which could be construed as overt proselytizing be avoided too.

Also, in keeping with cultural beliefs, we respectfully ask that you **do not wear clothing of a revealing nature (i.e. spaghetti strap or low-cut tops, crop-tops, short-shorts, etc.) while out on a work crew.** This, too, may be viewed as disrespectful and offensive by some of the residents. In general, **the rule of thumb is modesty and respect.**

Cell phones unless used as a camera. Do not bring iPods / MP3 players / CD players; video games; laptops or tablets (volunteers **will not** have internet access.); or any other valuable items that cannot be carried with you.

PINE RIDGE RESERVATION STATISTICS

The Pine Ridge Reservation is home to the lowest life expectancy, and a number of the poorest communities in the United States. The South Dakota Department of Tribal Relations reports a **total tribal enrollment of 38,332**, with **19,639 living on the reservation.**

An **89% unemployment rate** was identified in a 2005 Department of the Interior report. With a labor force of 29,539 in the tribe (not specifically the reservation), just 3,131 were employed. The Department of the Interior has since ceased producing estimates of "unemployment."

Per capita income for American Indians living on Pine Ridge is \$7,773. The average for all reservations is \$10,543. The United States average is \$27,599.

The median household income is \$26,721 for American Indians living on Pine Ridge Reservation. The United States average is \$53,482.

Oglala Lakota County ranked 59-out-of-60 counties in South Dakota for overall health outcomes in 2017.

One in four children born on Pine Ridge are diagnosed with either Fetal Alcohol Syndrome or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder.

Statistics produced by the Oglala Sioux Tribe paint a bleak picture about the health of the reservation:

- Tuberculosis: 800% higher than America as a whole
- Infant mortality: 300% higher than America as a whole

- Teen suicide: 150% higher than America as a whole
- Approximately 85% of Lakota families are affected by alcoholism
- Approximately 58% of grandparents of Lakota families are raising their grandchildren
- Approximately 50% of adults over the age of 40 have diabetes

CULTURAL INFORMATION

Four Basic Tenets of Native American Spirituality:

- Recognition of the interconnectedness of creation and the responsibility of humans.
- Belief that all life is equal and contains the spiritual.
- Primary concern with the long-term welfare of life - all life.
- Spirituality is undergirded by thankfulness.

MITAKUYE OYASIN (WE ARE ALL RELATED)

While there are cultural differences between Lakota culture and that of our prevailing western culture, do not be overly concerned about it. Being *too* cautious can sometimes make relationships more uncomfortable than evolving naturally. Although the Rez is remote, there *is* satellite TV, and the folks here are bombarded with pop culture just like we are.

Talk of differences typically leads to generalizations, so it varies with the individual. However, there *are* differences and it can be helpful to be aware of them.

The people on Pine Ridge Reservation are *Lakota*, and, for the most part belong to a subset of that Nation called the *Oglala*. It is no more politically correct or incorrect to refer to them as *Indians* or *Native Americans*. Those are, after all, terms that we have applied to them. On Pine Ridge, people will refer to themselves as Lakota, or Indian. The name Sioux, which is the official name (Oglala Sioux) of the tribe, was also one that was given to them by the French who shortened an Ojibwa epithet (*nadouessioux*, meaning “little snakes”) for their traditional enemies, the Lakota. To be correct, just refer to them as Lakota.

When meeting them you may notice that many do not readily meet your eyes at first; some for a long time after you’ve known them. Like many other cultures throughout the world, their eye contact is less direct. Their handshake is gentle and brief. This is a way of being respectful.

Their understanding of time is different than ours. Our approach to time is quite regimented. Time exists to solve problems, to accomplish goals, and we surround ourselves with clocks, watches, calendars, date books, day planners, PDA’s and smart phones. We eat and sleep when the clock tells us it’s time. The Lakota understanding of time is that it exists at the pleasure of the individual and the community. It is more important to stay with an important human interaction than to hurry to an appointment. The focus is on the quality, rather than the quantity of time. Sleep is for when you’re tired; food for when you’re hungry.

Our culture values accomplishing goals, where the Lakota culture values relationships. For us, relationships are often based on what that relationship will help us accomplish and our definitions of success tend to be based on objective, measurable standards. The Lakota relationship exists *for* the relationship, rather than what can be accomplished with it, and success is subjective and consequently, less important.

“Western” culture values reasoning and the ability to present a cogent (and winning) argument, while traditional Lakota decisions were reached more intuitively and through consensus. With them, the emphasis is on maintaining a relationship over accomplishing a goal. They have a high tolerance for ambiguity, where we prefer things to be clear cut, yes or no, problem solved and goal achieved.

There is a strong emphasis in the dominant U.S. culture on honesty and clear and direct communication. We value following the rules and living up to expectations. In the Lakota culture the worst thing you can do is cause shame or dishonor to your family, your people, to another person. They prefer to approach conflict indirectly and confronting someone is considered rude and disrespectful.

SAMPLE ITINERARY

This Itinerary most accurately reflects our summer months. **Please note that this is a sample only and is subject to change. However, it will give your group a good idea of what to expect.**

Saturday

Arrive at Re-Member between 2:00 and 4:00 P.M.
4:30 P.M. Orientation
5:00 P.M. Supper
6:30 P.M. History I
7:00 P.M. Travel to Powwow (**If Available**)*
9:30 P.M. Quiet Time, Reading, Bathroom/Showers
10:30 P.M. Lights Out

Sunday

7:00 A.M. Wake Up, Bathroom/Showers
7:45 A.M. Breakfast
9:00 A.M. Wisdom of the Elders, Begin Story of Wounded Knee – History II
9:45 A.M. Wounded Knee Cemetery – History III and Reflection
12:00 P.M. Lunch
1:45 P.M. Site Work at Re-Member
5:00 P.M. Dinner
6:30 P.M. Cultural Program**
8:00 P.M. Roses & Thorns (Reflection of the Day)
9:00 P.M. Free Time, Reading, Bathroom/Showers
9:30 P.M. Quiet Time
10:30 P.M. Lights Out

Monday

6:30 A.M. Wake Up, Bathroom/Showers
7:00 A.M. Breakfast at Shelem
8:00 A.M. Wisdom of the Elders
8:30 A.M. Work Day
12:00 P.M. Lunch either at Re-Member or on the job
1:00 P.M. Work Day, cont'd
5:00 P.M. Supper
6:30 P.M. Cultural Program**
8:00 P.M. Roses & Thorns
9:00 P.M. Free Time, Reading, Bathroom/Showers
9:30 P.M. Quiet Time
10:30 P.M. Lights Out

Tuesday

6:30 A.M. Wake Up, Bathroom/Showers
7:00 A.M. Breakfast at Shelem
8:00 A.M. Wisdom of the Elders
8:30 A.M. Work Day
12:00 P.M. Lunch either at Re-Member or on the job
1:00 P.M. Work Day, cont'd
5:00 P.M. Supper
5:45-6:00 Midweek Cleanup
6:30 P.M. Cultural Program**
8:00 P.M. Roses & Thorns
9:00 P.M. Free Time, Reading, Bathroom/Showers
9:30 P.M. Quiet Time
10:30 P.M. Lights Out

Wednesday

6:30 A.M. Wake Up, Bathroom/Showers
7:00 A.M. Breakfast at Shelem
8:00 A.M. Wisdom of the Elders
8:30 A.M. Work Day/Tour Day****
12:00 P.M. Lunch either at Re-Member/job/tour
1:00 P.M. Work Day/Tour Day, cont'd
5:00 P.M. Supper
6:30 P.M. Cultural Program**
8:00 P.M. Roses & Thorns
9:00 P.M. Free Time, Reading, Bathroom/Showers
9:30 P.M. Quiet Time
10:30 P.M. Lights Out

Thursday

6:30 A.M. Wake Up, Bathroom/Showers
7:00 A.M. Breakfast at Shelem
8:00 A.M. Wisdom of the Elders
8:30 A.M. Work Day/Tour Day****
12:00 P.M. Lunch either at Re-Member/job/tour
1:00 P.M. Work Day/Tour Day, cont'd
4:30 P.M. Final Cleanup
5:30 P.M. Pizza Supper
6:30 P.M. Finish Cleanup/Packing
7:00 P.M. Final Sharing /Sunset & Sundaes
9:00 P.M. Free Time, Reading, Bathroom/Showers
9:30 P.M. Quiet Time
10:30 P.M. Lights Out

Friday

6:30 A.M. Wake Up, Bathroom/Showers
7:00 A.M. Breakfast
8:00 A.M. Packing/Final Sweep/Mop
9:00 A.M. Departure

* We will travel to a powwow if there is one happening locally. This is much more common in the summer months.

** Cultural programs may include: speakers, Lakota singing and dancing, and making Lakota crafts.

*** The Community Dinner occurs on Wednesday evenings from approximately Memorial Day through Labor Day.

**** Our Tour Day may include: museums, cemeteries, the local tribal college, and area craft outlets. **Returning volunteers may be provided an alternative to touring, if available & if requested at orientation.**

Our work projects consist of bunk beds, outhouses, trailer skirting, wheelchair ramps and entry steps, structural repairs, and hauling/splitting/delivering firewood.

RECOMMENDED READING

- On the Rez** by Ian Frazier: A contemporary book about life on Pine Ridge from a white man's perspective. You will enjoy reading about and then encountering many locations.
- Neither Wolf nor Dog, The Wolf at Twilight and The Girl Who Sang To The Buffalo** by Kent Nerburn: Well-written books about the author's encounters with Lakota people; provides insight into present day thoughts on Pine Ridge.
- The Earth Shall Weep** by James Wilson: A history of North American Indigenous peoples, written from *their* perspective. It provides great insight into the effect of the European invasion of the Americas.
- Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee** by Dee Brown: For decades, this has been the definitive book about the Western Indian tribes generally and the Lakota particularly, and covers their history from the mid-1850's to the massacre at Wounded Knee in 1890.
- The Moon of Popping Trees** by Rex Allen Smith: This is another account of the 1890 Wounded Knee Massacre, and provides a slightly different take on the event, with references to many articles and documents of the day.
- In the Spirit of Crazy Horse** by Peter Matthiesson: The story of the 1975 shooting of two FBI agents on Pine Ridge and the subsequent trial of AIM activist Leonard Peltier.
- Crazy Horse and Custer** by Stephen E. Ambrose: Written by the noted historian, tells the story of both men and the events that drew them together.
- God is Red: A Native View of Religion** by Vine Deloria, Jr. – A comparison between Native religion and both Judaism and Christianity, although he paints both with broad strokes, it presents a powerful challenge to some Christian doctrine.
- Custer Died for Your Sins: an Indian Manifesto** by Vine Deloria, Jr.: Covers both Native spirituality and the anger that permeates the lives of many Native Americans today.
- Gift of Power: the Life and Teachings of a Lakota Holy Man** by Chief Archie Fire Lame Deer: A story of transformation from anger and survival to redemption as a holy man.
- Black Elk Speaks**, transcribed by John C. Neihardt: This is a very famous text by the most famous Lakota Holy Man, as transcribed by John Neihardt. Re-Member's volunteer groups eat at the restaurant owned by Black Elk's great granddaughter, near the location where this text was dictated.
- Wounded Knee II** by Rolland Dewing: A thorough history of the events of 1973 when the American Indian Movement (AIM) occupied the village of Wounded Knee. The effects of this period are still evident on the reservation today.
- Travels In A Stone Canoe: The Return to the Wisdom Keepers** by Harvey Arden and Steve Wall; **Wisdom Keepers: Meeting with Native American Spiritual Elders** by Steve Wall; **Wisdom's Daughters: Conversations with Women Elders of Native America** by Steve Wall; **Noble Red Man: Lakota Wisdom Keeper Matthew King** by Harvey Arden: The authors write extensively about their encounter with contemporary Native American spiritual elders.
- Meditations with the Lakota** by Paul Steinmetz: Prayers, songs and stories of healing and harmony.
- The Sacred Pipe: Black Elk's Account of the Seven Rites of the Oglala Lakota**, by Joseph Epes Brown: An explanation of the sacred rights of the Lakota religion.
- Walking in the Sacred Manner / Madonna Swan / Of Uncommon Birth** by Mark St. Pierre with his wife, Tilda Long Soldier. The 1st is about Lakota women, spirituality and healing. The 2nd discusses an exceptional Lakota woman; and the 3rd tells the story of two South Dakota soldiers during the Vietnam War; one Lakota, one white.
- The Lakota Way** by Joseph M. Marshall III. Stories and lessons for living.
- Not For Sale** by Kevin Hancock. A journal about a personal journey of discovery in the land of the Lakota.

RECOMMENDED FILMS

- Smoke Signals**: Gives you a sense of life on a reservation.
- Skins**: By the same director as *Smoke Signals*, it is about Pine Ridge and was primarily filmed there.
- Incident at Oglala**: Produced by Robert Redford, this is an outstanding documentary about Leonard Peltier and events during and immediately following the occupation of Wounded Knee in 1973 by the American Indian Movement.
- Thunderheart**: This is loosely based upon the events detailed in *Incident at Oglala* and was filmed here on Pine Ridge. Jerome High Horse, our Construction Manager, was an extra in this film.

Dances with Wolves: This is a beautifully filmed movie and very well done. Some of the residents on Pine Ridge say that they got the dialect wrong in the movie. This is also typical of Hollywood, in that the focus of the movie is on the love affair between two Euro-Americans who ride off together, leaving the Native people to their fate.

American Indian Homelands: Matters of Truth, Honor and Dignity-Immorial: Narrated by Sam Donaldson, an excellent documentary about land issues on Indian Reservations. Can be hard to find.

The West, 500 Nations, and ***Into the West:*** These three series, by Ken Burns, Kevin Costner and Steven Spielberg respectively provide multiple historical perspectives, each for different reasons.

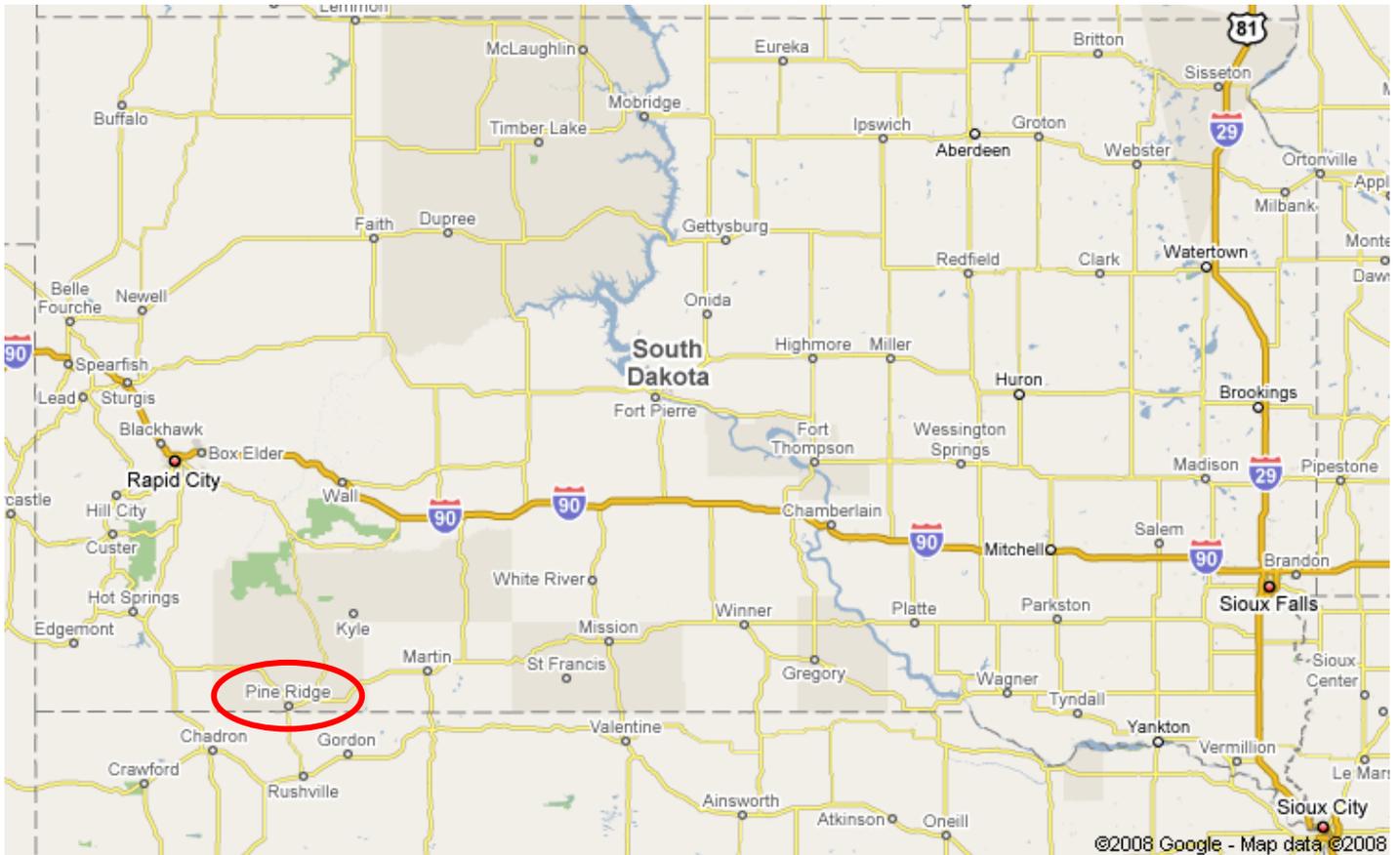
Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee: Produced by HBO in May 2007, this film focuses on Henry Dawes, the allotment of land for farming by Indians, and the Massacre at Wounded Knee.

Dreamkeeper: A 2003 film about a Lakota Elder and Storyteller and conflicts with his grandson about traditional vs. contemporary ways and life on the Rez.

NOTE: *Some of these movies may contain violence and content which, although culturally relevant, could be difficult or inappropriate for young viewers. We suggest that Group Leaders pre-screen movies before showing them to the entire group.*

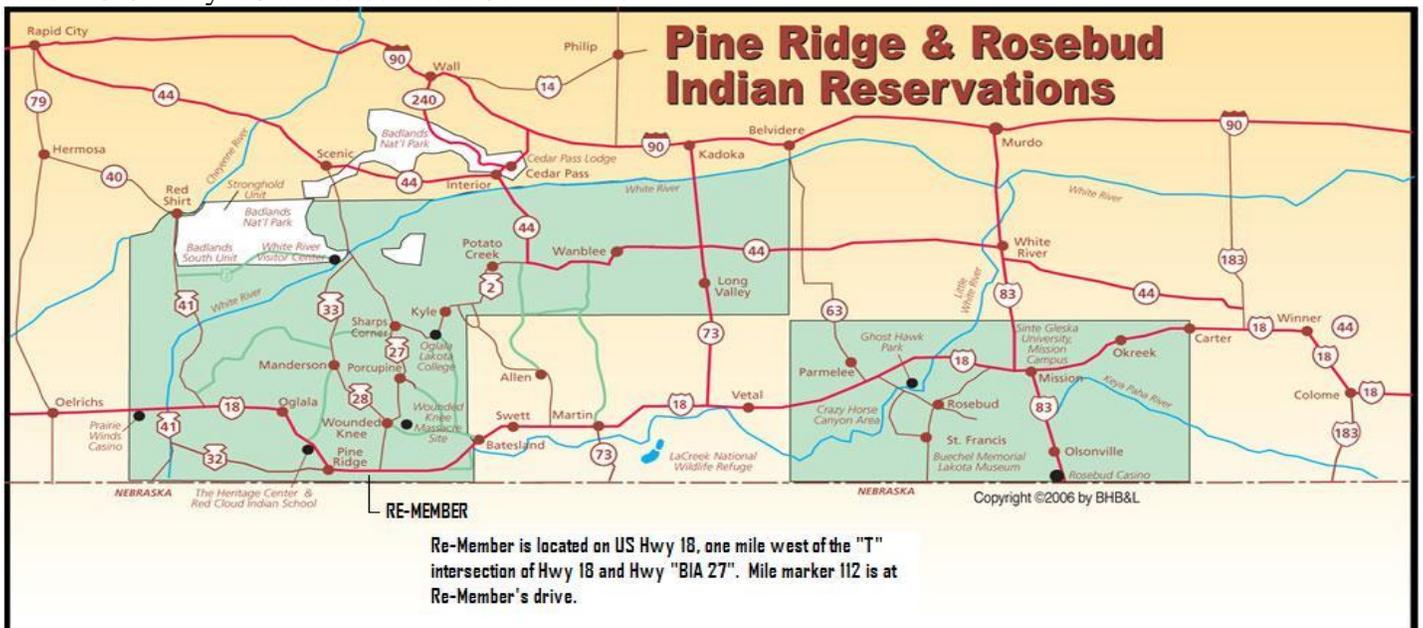
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(Truth is power) – Lakota adage

DIRECTIONS TO RE-MEMBER



Re-Member is located on U.S. Highway 18, 9 miles east of the Village of Pine Ridge at mile marker 112. This is one mile west of the intersection of highway 18 and BIA 27.

If you are driving from the East or Southeast of South Dakota, we have found that the quickest route is to exit I-29 at Vermilion, follow Highway 50 to Yankton, continuing on Hwy. 50 to Hwy 46 and then U.S. Hwy 18. Follow U.S. Hwy. 18 across southern South Dakota.



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