Wicouncage Program

Presented by Oglala Lakota elder, and Oglala Lakota College adjunct faculty member Cornell Conroy, Wicouncage (Way-of-Life-Self-Actualization) will offer a study of the O’Ceti Sakowin Nation’s principals, theories and applications of social, political, economic and spiritual structure.

Saturday: Volunteers will participate in any regular programming offered by Re-Member – including an evening visit to a Powwow if available.

Sunday: Introduction and distribution of instructional materials. Studying the origins of the Lakota, Dakota and Nakota, including how other First Nations were an intricate part of the O’Ceti Sakowin.

Monday: Study of self-actualization through a symbiotic relationship with earth and all living things. Origin stories, myths, legends, values, beliefs, philosophies, food, clothing, shelter, belief systems and spirituality.

Tuesday: Travel to specific/relevant cultural sites

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Thursday: Wicouncage participants will tour the reservation with Cornell, designating their preferred stops separate from our regular program’s tour. All groups will stop at Singing Horse Trading Post and Bette’s Kitchen for lunch.

Friday: Volunteers depart

Additional information:

- Wicouncage participants are asked to bring note-taking materials with them for the program.

- All volunteers will participate in morning "Wisdom of the Elders" meetings and evening speakers as part of the regular Re-Member volunteer program.

- There is no additional fee for participation in the Wicouncage program. All class materials (including texts) must be returned to Re-Member at the conclusion of the program week.