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HEALING THE SACRED CHILD THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF THE HORSE WORKSHOP

Third Annual "Healing the Sacred Child through the Spirit of the Horse" workshop will be held on October 7th, 2011 at the Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn in Rapid City South Dakota. This workshop is sponsored by the Medicine Wheel Model to Natural Horsemanship®, based in Lame Deer, Montana.

The Sacred, Beautiful Horse has been an integral part of Native Culture since the beginning of time. Today more than ever there is a great need to re-introduce our youth, back to their traditional life-ways to help them deal with the issues of alcohol & drug abuse, gang violence, increasing suicide rates, and the effects of historical trauma.

The healing powers of the horse, and the direct connection it has to Mother Earth; the sun; moon; and stars, will be discussed. The workshop participants will learn how the horse's silent language and use of its super senses, help the participants to understand the natural laws of gravity: like how the rivers flow; and how the seasons change; This understanding gives people clear direction as they travel the four stages of life.

Since the horse is a right brain circular thinker, it sees and understands things in its silent language. Native people are right brain circular thinkers as well. As a society we have lost that connection, this workshop will reconnect and remind us using the "mirror concept" and "circular thinking" which states, what goes around, comes around and every action has a reaction. This workshop will address ways in which the horse can be a tool to heal our youth, families and communities and help create balance where there is unbalance.

Spiritual Leader, Floyd Hand will offer the Opening Prayer and the opening Presentation will be done by Spiritual Teacher, Sundance Leader, and Lakota Language & History Instructor Albert White Hat. He will be sharing a presentation "The Horse is Our Relative". Keynote Speakers include Phillip Whiteman Jr. who is the Founder of the Medicine Wheel Model®, he is a Cultural Consultant, Traditional Storyteller, Indian World Champion, and Master Horseman; and Bill Smith, 3 Times World Champion Saddle Bronc Rider, PRCA Hall of Fame Inductee and Horseman. Their presentation will be a personal conversation between the two discussing the transition from rodeo to horsemanship; and communicating with the spirit of the horse

Kansas Carradine, Professional Horsewoman, Trick Rider, Trick Roper and member of Carradine Acting Family. Kansas will share her personal journey with the horse from Hollywood to Rodeo Arenas and Horse Events World-wide and will give a lasso performance.

A roundtable discussion addressing how communities are utilizing the Medicine Wheel Model in their communities, this will be done by a panel consisting of the following: Jessica White Plume, Ph.D, M.P.H. & Marty Young Bear, Horse Power Program Three Affiliated Tribes, Hugh Baker, MSW, Instructor Fort Berthold Community College, Misty Thomas, MSW, Director Dakota Tiwahe Service Unit, Lorene Thomas, Domestic Violence Advocate, and Teresa Remick, Community Social Worker, all from the Santee Sioux Nation. Lemuel "Arnie" Harlan & Jacinda Begay of the Omaha Nation Community Response Team will address suicide prevention and drug and alcohol prevention.

The sessions are from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm each day. Anyone who works with children, families and horses should attend this workshop: Program Directors, Justice System, Tribal Council, Colleges, Social Workers, Providers, School Administrators and Counselors, Teachers, Parents, Youth, Equine Therapists, etc.

The Healing the Sacred Child registration fee is \$350 for adults, free for students and elders, call for scholarship availability. Make Check payable to Medicine Wheel Model LLC, PO Box 1138 Lame Deer Montana 59043.

For those interested in implementing an Equine based therapy program and becoming certified in the Medicine Wheel Model, a Medicine Wheel Model Certification training will be held on Oct. 6th, 2011, call for more information.

For more information or online registration visit www.medicinewheelmodel.com or call Event Coordinator Lynette Two Bulls, Medicine Wheel Model at 406.477.8781, or email spiritseeker@rangeweb.net.