

OCETI SAKOWIN CAMP *Seven Council Fires Camp* ***Seven Lakota Values***

Prayer. Respect. Compassion. Honesty. Generosity. Humility. Wisdom.

*Winterization Meetings are held daily at 10pm and 4pm at the Meeting Hall
All winter campers are strongly encouraged to come.*

Everett Iron Eyes, Sr. - Camp Leader

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Prayer

- This is a ceremonial camp. Act accordingly.
- Practice Lakota values: Generosity, Humility, Fortitude, Caring & Compassion, Praying & Respect, Honesty and Truth, Wisdom.
- If this is not your home territory, remember that you are a guest.
- Do not cultivate fear or doubt-- it works against our cause.
- Before helping yourself to food, allow for the spirit plate to be served. Elders, women, and children eat first.
- Women who are on their moon must avoid the Spirit Fire and the kitchen areas where food preparation is happening. Women who are on their moon must also avoid sweat lodges and other ceremonies. Try to remain at your camp during your sacred time.
- Men and women do not sweat together. If you don't wish to be in spaces that are arranged according to gender binaries, you are able to politely decline ceremonies if invited.

Respect

- Listen.
- Step back and step up.
- If you are new to camp and staying for the winter, please attend several winter camp meetings and just listen.
- When an elder or mobility-impaired individual arrives in the meeting, offer your seat.
- We do not disrespect anyone, especially women and children.
- Never interrupt anyone when they are speaking. Withhold from back-and-forth conversations.
- As we are a prayer camp, we ask you to dress in a respectful manner. Women should wear long dresses or skirts during ceremony. For daily dress, we ask that women cover their shoulders and we discourage revealing clothing. It is always appropriate to wear long skirts if you would like (even over your pants).

Compassion

- We expect everyone to look after each other and to ensure community safety.
- If you see someone that needs something, help them. Don't wait to be asked.

- We are accountable for the things we do, and for things we don't do.

Honesty

- If you have an idea or suggestion for the camp, consider whether you are going to stay here long enough to implement.
- Withhold from offering ideas or suggestions that you cannot commit to working on.
- Be comfortable with receiving feedback.

Generosity

- If you are with the camp on a short-term basis, we ask that you give more than you take.
- If you have something to offer or share, including special skills, please check into the Volunteer Booth.
- All community matters (ideas, needs, wants, donations) should be written down, and include your contact information, and taken to camp meetings for community agreement. This includes financial donations.
- All supply and material donations should be taken to the supply tent. Please write down a list of the items you are donating, bring it to a camp meeting, and give it to the Finance Secretary for checks and balances.

Humility

- Be present in a state of Humility and Grace.
- If you recently arrived, please withhold from sharing your ideas right off the bat. Chances are, your idea has already come up and been addressed.
- Before speaking, consider whether your question or comment needs to be addressed to the whole group, or whether you can speak to one or two people directly outside of the meeting space.
- Respect silence. People may be praying. Do not rush to break the silence.
- Before deciding on where to stake your tent or structure, check in with those camping around you. Make sure you are respecting their space. Get to know your neighbors.
- Drugs, alcohol, and any type of substance use are not allowed, in camp or in us.

Wisdom

- Remember why you are here: to stop the pipeline as a ceremonial camp.
- If approaching an elder for Wisdom, always make that person an offering, such as tobacco.
- We are in a constant state of Prayer and Ceremony.