Who We Are

The American Indian Institute, as a 501c3 nonprofit organization, will act as the fiscal sponsor for the project. We are also in contact with various other faith-based leaders and indigenous cultural leaders from America and around the world. Beyond that we are every person that believes in a world where Mother Earth reclaims our Sacred reverence. We are every person that believes in Love over fear, Change over stability, Vulnerability over control, Forgiveness over revenge, Peace over war, and Unity over division.

How You Can Help

Join our alliance - We believe that war, oppression, racism, and environmental degradation are all symptoms of a greater dis-ease which stems from our disconnection with the Earth. Therefore, this trail acts as a wonderful bridge for the environmental, social justice, interfaith, indigenous, artistic and peace movements to unite our voices and re-establish our sacred reverence for Earth and each other. Currently we are creating The Sacred Door Trail Alliance (SDTA). The SDTA is a compilation of different faith based groups, indigenous groups and interfaith groups as well as social justice, peace, women’s, artistic and environmental organizations that believe in supporting such acts of unity and Earth reconnection. If you are a part of an organization that would like to add its name to our alliance list, which can be viewed on our website, please let us know.

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Donate - We are trying to raise $500,000 for the completion of this project. $100,000 will go towards the opening ceremonies, which will be free to the public. The other $400,000 will go towards the purchase of a parcel of land in the middle of the trail. On this parcel the opening ceremonies will be held, an altar for the land will be placed and interfaith gatherings will convene for the solstices and equinoxes of each year.

To mail in a donation please make check payable to:
The American Indian Institute
Include on Memo line - The Sacred Door Trail
The American Indian Institute’s Tax ID: 81-0339551

Send To:
The Sacred Door Trail, care of Weston Pew
111-C Gallatin Dr - Bozeman MT, 59718

Connecting Generations

Imagine a space where you could go to connect with your great-great-grandchildren knowing that one day they too will be able to visit the same land and hike the same trail to be able to connect with you! The Sacred Door Trail is not just for us in this time, it is for our ancestors and our descendants. It is a reminder that our ancestors lived and that we too are the ancestors of those yet to come – and how our actions will determine the world they live and thrive in.

About the Trail

The Sacred Door Trail is a 165 mile interfaith pilgrimage trail, located in western Montana, dedicated to spiritual unity, peace, and our connection to Earth and each other. It is a compilation of pre-existing National Forest Service trails which make a loop that explores some of the most beautiful mountains, valleys, lakes and rivers in the United States. The trail serves to reconnect people back to our original church, our original temple – Mother Earth.

The Sacred Door Trail

What is a Pilgrimage Trail?

The purpose of a pilgrimage trail is to connect the pilgrim or hiker to the faith that the trail represents. Through the outward journey one falls into an inward exploration of self, faith and beliefs. The Sacred Door Trail is not about connecting the hiker to one belief system or another; rather, it is about offering a sacred space where the hiker can explore and experience their own connection to self, others and Earth through exposure to and guidance from the natural world.

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Philosophy

Today, from the inside of our hearts to the outer borders of our great world, we are at war with ourselves. Millions of people are suffering, the earth weeps, and the spirit of humanity is sick with a cancer of division. As war, greed, environmental, political, and religious battles continue to separate us, degrading the human spirit, and placing fear and division into the collective consciousness of humanity, a trail is needed. Montana seeks to imprint the power of unity into our collective consciousness. It is called the Sacred Door Trail and it will be a shared sacred land, shared by as many people, faiths and indigenous cultures that care to support such a vision. The trail is a celebration of our connection to Earth and each other. It recognizes our rich spiritual diversity as humans, but more importantly, it honors the spirit that unifies all things, thereby turning the many into One.

The Heart of the Land

Within the 165 mile loop, we are currently raising money to buy a parcel of land where the opening ceremonies can be held and an interactive altar can be established. The altar will simply be an ever evolving cairn of sacred rocks brought from people's homelands which represent the prayers the people would like to leave on the land for the land, themselves, their families and the world. This land will also be for interfaith gatherings that will be held on the solstices and equinoxes of each year. Over these day-long gatherings we will share prayers and ceremonies from many different traditions that celebrate our connection to Earth and each other. These gatherings will be an important tool used in honoring, tending and feeding the spirit of the land and trail. This land will be used by people hiking the trail as a base camp before and after their time on the trail; it will also be used by different groups for rites-of-passage and nature re-connection work with youth and adults.

Opening Ceremonies

In mystical branches of many religions, as well as other spiritualities across the world, it is believed that an altar is a doorway for spirit to enter and that doorway is unlocked by blessings. Blessings carry the energy of the faith, people, and spirituality connected to the blessing. Our intention for the Opening Ceremonies is to create the largest altar in the world dedicated to spiritual unity, peace, and connection to Earth and each other. It is a seed if planted properly will spread into the hearts and minds of people all over the world. The pollinators will be the people who connect with this spirit or energy by hiking the trail or by simply connecting with the land. People will have powerful experiences on this trail. Seeds of unity will be planted that will be carried around the world and those seeds will spread to all the people they come in contact with. An altar made by one faith or one culture does not have the power to do this. But an altar created by all faiths and all spiritualities does. Through this collective unity, the true essence of humanity shall be revealed.

Opening Ceremonies for the Sacred Door Trail will be held in August of 2012. The ceremonies will be open to the public at no cost, however there will be a registration process so we know how many people to expect. The event will involve three full days of sacred ceremonies, blessings and celebration led by spiritual leaders from different faiths and indigenous cultures around the world. Please check our website for further information about the ceremonies, or send an e-mail to: Weston Pew (westonpew@yahoo.com) to be added to the mailing list for ceremony updates and registration.