

Talking Points for Montana Workshop 2008

Dates: Wednesday, July 30-Sunday, August 3, 2008

Fee: \$1495.00- Includes workshop, trail rides, lodging, meals, materials. You are responsible for travel costs and gratuities.

Deposit: Space is limited a deposit of \$700 is required to reserve your place. The balance is due by July 15, 2008.

Early Registration Discount: \$150 discount if your deposit is received by May 1 balance of \$645 due by July 15, 2008

Lodging Upgrades: Some private accommodations upgrades are available; these will be assigned on a first requested basis for an additional fee.

Transportation: You can fly into Great Falls, MT on Alaska, Allegiant, Delta, United and NW. Check for flights from your departing city. Confirm your registration before making travel reservations. The ranch offers shuttle transportation round trip to the airport for \$60.00.

Arrival: If traveling by airplane, plan to arrive at the Great Falls airport by 1:00 PM to catch the Blacktail Ranch shuttle departing at 2:00 PM on Wed, July 30. If traveling by car plan to arrive at Blacktail Ranch between 3:00 and 4:00 pm on Wed, July 30.

Departure: The workshop will close Sunday morning, August 3, to allow those taking the shuttle to arrive at the airport around noon to catch flights departing around 2:00 PM.

Great Falls Lodging:

Some participants choose to arrive the day prior to or depart the day after the workshop, there are several hotels in Great Falls that can facilitate these plans.

<http://www.greatfallslodging.com/>

Best Western Heritage Inn – near the airport, and offers shuttle service.

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Phone: 406-761-1900 Ask for Blacktail Ranch discount

800-548-8256

Offering: Information at www.TheEyeOfTheHorse.com or www.AdventuresInAwareness.com

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Heart Beats & Hoof Beats: Practicing the Art of Presence

This 5-day personal retreat is for anyone seeking to deepen his or her connection to their own personal Journey. Assisting us will be the amazing Blacktail Ranch herd. With their help we will find our most authentic self by working with Horse through contemplative trail rides, round pen work, and in shamanic journeywork. We will tap into our creative expression through different creative exercises. All experience levels with horses, shamanism, and creative expression are welcome.

*Participation in this workshop satisfies prerequisites for either **Adventures In Awareness** internship or the **Epona Apprenticeship**.*

Blacktail Ranch is the home of a Sacred Cave that calls all who visit to come and experience what it has to offer. We will spend ceremonial time visiting the cave as others have done for thousands of years before us. Blacktail Ranch is a third generation owned, 8,000-acre ranch that sits up against the eastern slope of the Continental Divide, between Great Falls and Helena. This incredible place is home to elk, bears, coyote, deer, as well as many species of birds. Eagle migratory paths are through this land. One fork of the Dearborn River meanders through and insists that you come back to your most instinctual self.

Testimonials:

I fell in love with the herd—they changed me. Every time I speak of them to my friends and family, I am filled with enormous love. They have all said that it is so strong that they feel it too.

Alina, New York

The interest, curiosity, honesty and gentle acceptance from the herds, both horse and human was truly magical and heartwarming.

Your choices of activities and incorporation of art, ceremony, group exchange, introspection, horse work, honoring nature and the divine was all so well thought out.

Margot, Montana

The workshop was an incredible adventure for me and gave me the hope that I really needed.

--Sprite, Washington

Very capable guides ... natural, helpful, honoring, and honest with both horse and human.

-- Jo, Arizona

Regional Opportunities:

Great Falls was settled around the mighty Missouri River, one of nature's most magnificent waterways. The Missouri River provides Great Falls with its name. As the Missouri cuts through the city it drops over 500 feet in a series of rapids and five breathtaking waterfalls -- the great falls of the Missouri. Great Falls, or the Electric City, lies near the geographical center of Montana, between two National Parks.

Great Falls proudly serves as the Gateway to the **Glacier-Waterton** International Peace Park - <http://www.nps.gov/glac/> and a main thoroughfare to **Yellowstone Park** - <http://www.nps.gov/yell/>.

Lewis and Clark Interpretative Center - <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/lewisclark/lcic/>

Charles Russell Museum - <http://www.cmussell.org/>