Guide to Respectful Interactions with Indigenous people

At this event, Indigenous elders, knowledge holders, and artists are generously sharing cultural teachings, healing practices, and traditional items. To honor this exchange, please keep in mind the following:



Practice Humility & Curiosity

- It's natural to have questions, but be mindful—some knowledge is not meant to be shared outside of community.
- If you are unsure, ask humbly or listen quietly rather than pressing for answers.

Respect Tribal Lineage & Identity

- Indigenous identity is rooted in community, lineage, and living relationships with land and people.
- Please avoid statements like "my great-grandmother was Native," which can feel dismissive or diminish the sacredness of living Indigenous identity even when the intention is to convey connection.

Honor Cultural Items as Living Energy

- Artwork, medicines, and other items are created with prayer, intention, and spiritual energy.
- Please honor this by remembering they carry more than material value.

Receive Words as Sacred Teachings

- What is spoken in workshops, circles, and ceremonies comes from ancestral lineages and spiritual traditions.
- Listen deeply and respectfully—these are not casual lectures but echoes of ancient knowledge.

Support With Integrity

- When you purchase items, attend workshops, or participate in healing circles, you are entering into a sacred exchange.
- Approach each interaction with gratitude, recognizing that your support helps sustain cultural survival and community resilience.

In Summary

Engage with openness, respect, and humility. Everything shared here—whether words, songs, or baskets—carries spirit, lineage, and meaning. Your role is to receive with honor.