



## **BMC 2023 Service-Learning Experience Taos, NM**

**Schedule** (as of May 2023)

### **Thursday, August 3**

5:00 pm: Arrival and meal (appx travel time from Boulder to Taos: 5-6 hrs)

6:30 pm: Initial Gathering Circle (Information and hearing from our weekend speakers)

### **Friday, August 4**

Breakfast

Morning Ceremony

Work & Learn with Dustin Freya (lunch on site)

Supper back at TiLT

Evening Ceremony (singing/prayer/reflection on the day)

### **Saturday, August 5**

Breakfast

Morning Ceremony

Work & Learn with Dustin Freya

Lunch and rest back at TiLT

Work & Learn @ Kevin Whitefeather's

Dinner

Evening Ceremony (singing/prayer/reflection on the day)

### **Sunday, August 6**

Breakfast

Worship/Ceremony

Work & Learn @ Kevin Whitefeather's

Closing lunch and depart

**On-Site Lodging information:** (on-site lodging at TiLT is **included** in the costs for the weekend)

#### **Sleeping Areas [up to 22 under a roof + optional tent & RV camping]**

- Two private studio apartments w queen beds with kitchenettes [sleep up to 4]
- Two private bedrooms with queen beds [up to 4]
- One open living room with foldout queen bed [up to 2]
- One private den with fold out single bed [1]
- Open living room to set up cots [see below]
- Comfortable cots w sleeping bags which can be added to any of the rooms above [7]
- Glamping cabana with electricity, comfy mattresses & bedding [sleep up to 4]
- Outdoor backyard tent camping available
- Backyard & driveway space for up to 3 RVs
- Note: *All bathrooms are shared*

***If you have lodging preferences or questions, please email or contact Brenda Fox  
([brendainboulder@yahoo.com](mailto:brendainboulder@yahoo.com))***

**Off-Site Lodging information:** (off-site lodging is not included in the costs for the weekend)

- Private accommodations are available at nearby [Taos Valley Lodge](#) (a five-minute walk from TiLT)
- Individuals are responsible for off-site lodging costs.
- Contact Brenda Fox (<mailto:brendainboulder@yahoo.com>) if you are interested in off-site lodging, and to get a group rate.

**Costs:**

- \$120 per person (not including travel expenses)
- Costs help cover lodging on-site, meals, and honorariums for speakers and facilitators.
- Scholarships are available. We want this service-learning opportunity to be available to all, regardless of ability to pay. If you have questions or concerns, please contact [Brenda Fox](#), [Carole Suderman](#) or [Pastor Randy](#).

**Can't attend but want to contribute?**

- Consider making a donation to help others attend.
- Consider sending along food and snacks to share with those attending.



**What:** A service-learning project alongside TiLT (Taos Initiative for Life Together), and Sacred Water Mountain Society (SWMS), both of New Mexico fame and labor. [TiLT](#) is a Mennonite-based incubator community for life-change focusing on sustainability, spiritual development, and social justice. [SWMS](#) is an indigenous society that focuses on providing basic community needs like education and health.

Our service-learning project would focus on the [Rio Grande watershed](#), learning about indigenous understandings and practices of [Water Planting](#)—a collaboration between land, people and water that honors and respects creation and Creator's way to live in balance. It will be an integrated time of **working, learning, serving, and celebrating together** as we work with the Sacred Water Mountain Society to study and assist in clearing and slowing water to encourage its natural and balanced flow.

**When:** August 3-6, 2023

**Why:** To **build collaborations** and lend many hands and hearts to **volunteer in service** to indigenous practices of restoration and balance related to water in the hills and forests around Taos, NM. To honor our own BMC mission and vision to “care for each other, for all people, and for creation” and to further our own repair work in supporting Indigenous self-determination and moving beyond education toward reparative justice.

**Who:** **Boulder Mennonite Church** and Mennonite Disaster Service Rocky Mountain Unit. All ages are welcome. Limit of 25 persons.

**Where:** **Taos, New Mexico** and the surrounding area

*Thank you for making service and learning part of your summer plans!*

