

Connecting with the Land: Insights from Cree Elder Ken White

Sunday June 16, 6 - 9 PM

Workshop Description:

Join us for a workshop led by Cree Elder Ken White, where he will share Cree teachings and explore our connection with Mother Earth. Ken will initiate the workshop sessions with a traditional pipe ceremony, setting the tone for a meaningful experience of listening and learning.

Throughout the workshop, Ken will share insights into Indigenous medicinal plants, allowing us to begin to know and understand their significance and the importance of preserving their natural habitats. He'll also discuss the impacts of modern society on the Earth and its plants, emphasizing the need for responsible exploration and protection of natural resources.

The workshop sessions will conclude with fostering a sense of community and reflection on our collective responsibility to the land. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from Cree Elder Ken White and deepen your connection with the natural world. Please register for this Sunday evening workshop when you register for the conference.

Due to space and time constraints this workshop we may need to limit the number of participants. This workshop may require travel by charter city bus to the location after the Welcome BBQ. Please register for the conference at (<https://ceea.wildapricot.org/event-5597535>)

Ken White, a Cree Elder from the Louis Bull Tribe, is a proud member of one of the four nations situated in Maskwacis, Alberta, under Treaty 6. He shares 48 years of marriage with Lorraine White and is blessed with 3 children and 13 grandchildren.

Certified as an Environmental Monitor, Ken possesses a deep knowledge of Cree culture, language, and traditions. He serves as a pipe carrier and lodge keeper, carrying forward important spiritual practices. Over the past 48 years, Ken has dedicated himself to community service, particularly focusing on the

well-being of children, youth, and families. He draws upon traditional practices and wisdom passed down through generations in his bloodline.

Ken is passionate about people and healing the elements of Mother Earth—air, water, land, and resources—including addressing issues like climate change through ceremonies and prayer. Ken advocates for a collaborative approach, where all disciplines and sciences work together to protect Mother Earth.

Elder Ken White is a descendant of Joe White, a well-known and respected healer, interpreter and leader. Joe White was the last known Pony Express Rider who rode between Canada and the United States.