

The Community



A permanent council comprised of elders from many different

tribes has been established. This council will guide daily life and share their wisdom with people from all backgrounds.

The Native people who have come together to enrich Nanish Shontie with their traditions come from many varied tribes. By bringing together many tribes we focus not on one tradition but rather on the underlying way of life, the way of the Mother Earth.

We will be working with organizations like the Shundahai Network, Poo-Ha-Bah Healing Center, and Mucherla Global School; saving songs, stories, seeds, crafts, and ways of understanding, in order that they may help save our Mother Earth.

Besides having established a council of elders, Nanish Shontie has gained 501(c)(3) status from the IRS, has located and is purchasing a piece of property in Oregon and is coordinating a capital campaign to develop it.

Now we need your help

We have long been searching for a place that would not only meet the needs of the community and healing center but would feel healing from the moment that you set foot upon the property. The property that we have moved onto recently, has such a quality. It is so peaceful that it starts healing the spirit just being there.

The property is in Western Oregon in the Willamette valley area within the coastal foothills. It has some forest and a few buildings including a country home on it all in excellent shape. There is two year around creeks on it with plenty of spring water.

We are raising funds to start construction of the healing center and other needed improvements. We are seeking corporate and foundation grants, individual donations of money or volunteer time as well as loans. We strongly believe in the potential of this property and the vision of Nanish Shontie and invite you to be a part of its creation.

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Nanish Shontie: Building Bridges

Nanish Shontie is a Western Shoshone phrase that means "Asking the creator for a blessing".

In the ancestral tradition of many tribal people all over the Mother earth, respect for all creation was one of the most important teachings handed down from elders.

Today some of their leaders and elders are working together to recreate a place where traditional ways and healing methods may be lived and shared with all who seek to help the Mother Earth.

Their efforts have become the vision of Nanish Shontie, a native phrase meaning "to ask the creator for a blessing." It is an **inter-tribal, inter-racial native guided community and healing center** led by a council of Native American elders. We will be learning to use earth-friendly technologies combined with ancestral wisdom to help bring things back in balance.



The Vision

Nanish Shontie will build bridges between

- Traditional wisdom and modern Knowledge
- People of different cultures and backgrounds, helping to further understanding and openness.
- Between people and the Mother Earth.

The community will combine new methods with traditional teachings of hunting gathering and agriculture involving respect, offerings & ceremony.

- **Native Values** will guide the use of earth friendly technologies.
- Native ceremonies will happen whenever appropriate to help bring back the balance in all things.
- **Native Healers will guide a free holistic clinic** working with everyone from dentists to acupuncturists.
- There will be **no charge for healing**
- Workshops & gatherings will be held on topics such as permaculture, activism, crafts, & herbal healing methods.
- Spirituality will be taught only by daily life, as it has always traditionally been.

It is a model to show how things could have been and still could be, by combining wisdom and knowledge of both cultures.

At Nanish Shontie healing opportunities will occur on both an individual and a community level.

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Imagine a place where every morning the people gather together to pray for the healing of the earth at sunrise. A place where, from the moment a seed is planted in the ground, until it

is served -- at every point-- it is prayed over. Our thoughts are prayers and becomes energy put into the food. By the time food is served on the table it has been transformed into medicine.

In such a place, people gather together to decide what needs to be done in the community that day. Building wickiups or wooden hogans with earth-friendly technology, we pray over the area to ask for the Mother Earth's approval of the site.

In this place, the little people's education involves interaction with the elders and the community as they grow up. On a daily basis, they learn from all the people, understanding that tending the animals, or chopping wood has as much to teach as a sweat lodge, or a healing session at the free clinic.