

VISION QUEST



1 November – 8 November 2020

RURAL VICTORIA

SPIRIT OF THE EARTH MEDICINE SOCIETY



THE VISION QUEST

The Vision Quest is one of the most powerful and enduring experiences which is available to us in our contemporary society. It is an opportunity to step outside of all the routines of everyday life and see one's self and one's life through a new set of lenses. Drawing upon the ritual and traditions of indigenous cultures from around the world, and framed by the spiritual landscape of Australia, the Spirit of the Earth Medicine Society [SOTEMS] takes each participant into the wilderness to encounter the opening of a personal, spiritual pathway, a cleansing and renewal so that each may return regenerated. There are few opportunities like this within our contemporary society wherein we can step out of everyday life and submit ourselves to a process which clears our horizons. It is a peerless experience.

The Vision Quest involves:

- A meditation in nature, alone, within a medicine wheel
- It occurs in a place which speaks to you and you alone
- It spans five days and five nights
- It requires the discipline of fasting and diminished sleep
- It involves facing the east each morning as the sun crosses the horizon so that Spirit may speak and renew you
- You are given songs and meditations which enrich and focus your vigil and search
- It begins and ends with the traditional purification of the sweat lodge ceremony
- There is the opportunity to share your story and to have your personal needs for integration of the experience met.
- It is, overall, a ceremony of transition and renewal
- For one week before the quest proper begins, you will be required to do daily meditations. Once you are registered for the quest, the details of these practices will be supplied to you.

The Vision Quest will be facilitated by initiated shamans within the Spirit of the Earth Medicine Society (SOTEMS) traditions. Throughout and beyond the vigil, you are supported by highly trained personnel from SOTEMS.

THE LOCATION



The Vision Quest is held on private property in rural Victoria so that there is no contact with the circumstances of everyday life and immersion in nature is maximized. The quest will be held surrounded by the Pyrenees Mountains in Ampitheatre, near Ararat, just over 2 hours drive from Melbourne CBD.

Participants should arrange to be at the site no later than 12pm on Sunday 1st November 2020 and can leave on completion at 12pm on Sunday 8th November. SOTEMS staff will be on site until 9th November, so staying an additional night to integrate is welcomed for those that can.

Upon enrolment, a package of information will be sent which covers:

1. Preparation for the Quest;
2. What you should bring;
3. Travel and meeting arrangements;
4. Follow up arrangements;
5. A request for information on your personal health status and needs

SPIRIT OF THE EARTH MEDICINE SOCIETY

The Spirit of the Earth Medicine Society [SOTEMS] is a community spiritual organization which is nationwide. It is dedicated to the cultivation of medicine ways, the practices and philosophy which focus on healing healing ourselves, others, the community and our relationship with the environment.

SOTEMS is also profoundly committed to assisting in the creation of an Australian spirituality and has established ceremonial and healing practices which reflect this. The Society has been in operation in Australia for 20 years. Currently, SOTEMS operates in WA, SA, Victoria, Queensland and NSW

OPTIONS

The basic VQ involves a 5-day vigil with preparation and debriefing. To ensure proper attention to participant requirements, there are a maximum of 20 VQ spots available.

Costs:

The Vision Quest cost is \$1250. An Early bird discount of 15% is offered for those that register before 1 May 2020. SOTEMS members are offered a 20% discount.

A deposit of \$250 is required to register for the Vision Quest with the balance paid in instalments by no later than 4 weeks before the start of the Vision Quest

All participants need to be at the VQ site by 12pm on the start date mentioned on the website.

All participants will be sent additional information at least 4 weeks before the quest begins. This information will include the following:

1. Details of what camping items to bring
2. Details of Ceremonial objects to bring
3. A code of conduct for participating in the quest
4. Preparation requirements for the VQ: daily practices

CONTACT DETAILS

SOTEMS Vision Quest

Phone: Guy (0407-495-076) or
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SOTEMS 2020 VISION QUEST REGISTRATION



To register, please send the following details back to info@sotems.com.au along with details of your registration deposit. Original document can be found at <https://www.sotems.com.au/ceremonies/vision-quest>

Full Name:

City & State of Residence :

Age :

Phone Contact :

Email Address :

Date :

Emergency Contact Details

Name :

Contact Phone Number :

Relationship :

The Vision Quest cost is \$1250. An Early bird discount of 15% is offered for those that register before 1 May 2020.

A deposit of \$250 is required to register for the Vision Quest with the full balance paid in instalments (Max 5 monthly) by no later than 4 weeks before the start of the Vision Quest.

	Early Bird	VQ Cost	SOTEMS Members
Registration Deposit	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00
Instalment 1	\$ 162.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00
Instalment 2	\$ 162.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00
Instalment 3	\$ 162.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00
Instalment 4	\$ 162.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00
Instalment 5	\$ 162.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 150.00
Total Cost	\$ 1,062.50	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,000.00

Banking Details

Preferred method is EFT. To ensure we can track your payments, please include "VQ 2020 " + your Name to the description of the transfer and send an email notification of deposit to info@sotems.com.au

Account Name : Spirit of the Earth Medicine Society

BSB : 063-008

Account : 010031305

Full payment by 1 month prior, please. No refund on deposits after this date.