

Many thanks...

We thank all involved in this effort to bring peace and healing to the lives of our Men and Women who have served and sacrificed for the good of the Nation. It is with respect and humility that we offer the traditional ways of our forefathers towards this purpose...

Credits:

- * Nisqually People
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- * Karl and Annette Squetimkin-Anquoe
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- * American Lake Department Heads
- * American Lake Grounds Keepers
- * American Lake Police Dept.

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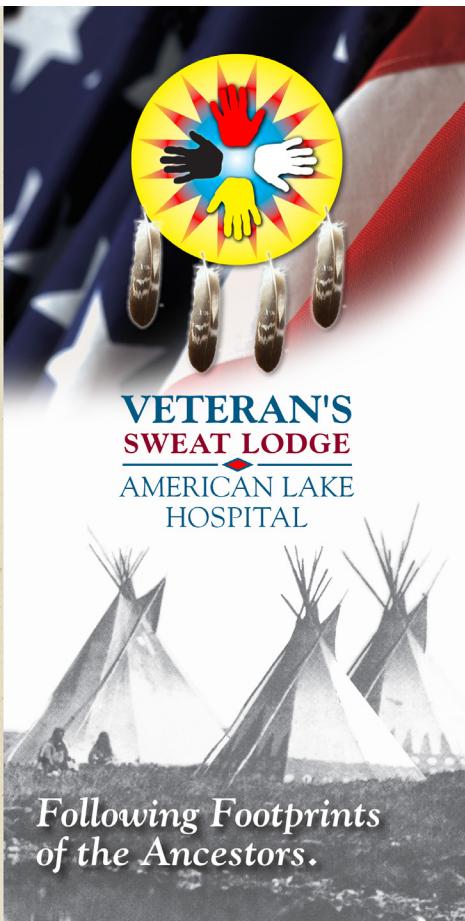


VETERAN'S
SWEAT LODGE
AMERICAN LAKE
HOSPITAL

Following Footprints
of the Ancestors.

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Front and Back



Bi-Fold Brochure - Veteran Sweat Lodge

Digitally Printed

Folded Dimensions

8.5" x 4"

Client:

VA Sweatlodge American lake
Hospital - Elder Council

The Origin of the Inipi at American Lake Veteran's Hospital...

In 2004 I went from American Lake Hospital to Camp Chaparral. On the way back from camp, after having experienced an incredible week with Tribal Veterans, and other VA employees, the van I rode in, carried several employees who had a Sweat Lodge ceremony for the first time. They told me there once was a sweat lodge on the American Lake grounds, and how nice it would be to bring it back, for both Veterans and employees. We also had similar requests from Veterans. It took a number of years to get things going. I believe a site was selected in 2008. We put together a work group of VA employees and Tribal Veterans. At that time it was Warren Gohl, Karl Anquoe, and his brother. In 2012, with Warren's continual support and the JAIVAC, (Joint American Veterans Advisory Council) we moved forward. In early Sept. 2012, an American Lake Native American Elders Council was formed. On Sept. 20th 2012 a vision was completed and a Sweat Lodge was placed on the grounds of American Lake Hospital. In collaboration with Warren Gohl (Seneca), Mike Lee (Blackfeet), A Lot of People, and myself, all legalities were completed.

Cathy L. Davidson
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“Inipi” the Sweat Lodge

There is only one “perfection” and
that is the Great Mystery!
The rest of us need a little help.

The Inipi (Sweat Lodge) is one place
to “seek” that help. In our way,
help is defined by one’s own needs
and purpose.

Whether you’re inside the Inipi Lodge
or a part of the ceremonial gathering,
you will find purpose, and it will be
meaningful and full of truth.

(Blackfeet Elder)

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