


# Rewilding the Psyche: 2026 JSSS Conference Logistics Guide



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## Welcome and Logistics

**June 11–14, 2026 | Jungian Society for  
Scholarly Studies at Lewis & Clark**

We are excited to welcome you soon to the beauty of Portland, Oregon. 🌲

The 2026 conference, *Rewilding the Psyche*, invites us into an exploration of psyche, nature, imagination, scholarship, art, embodiment, and the living wildness both within and around us. Held on the forested campus of Lewis & Clark College, the conference unfolds among towering trees, garden pathways, chapels, and gathering spaces nestled into the hills above Portland. While we will have signage for you around campus to help navigate, here are more details to help you prepare for your journey and a successful conference.

**First, the conference opens at 9:00 am on Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> (registration will open at 8:00) and closes at 12:00 pm on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Our program should be out soon.**

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### Conference Location: Lewis & Clark College

615 S. Palatine Hill Road  
Portland, Oregon 97219 USA

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### Arriving in Portland

**Airport:** Most attendees will arrive through:

Portland International Airport (PDX)

The airport is approximately 25–35 minutes from campus depending on traffic.

### **Transportation Options from PDX to Lewis & Clark**

#### **Ride Share / Taxi**

- Uber and Lyft are readily available
- Approximate cost: \$35–60
- Recommended for direct arrival to campus or dorms

#### **MAX Light Rail + Bus**

A lower-cost public transit option is available:

1. Take the MAX Red Line from PDX
2. Transfer downtown to a bus heading toward Lewis & Clark College
3. Exit near Palatine Hill Road

Travel time: approximately 60–90 minutes. \*Please double check availability.

#### **Rental Cars**

Rental cars are available at PDX for those wishing to explore Portland, Mount Hood, the Columbia Gorge, the Oregon Coast, or forest lands before or after the conference.

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#### **Parking Information**

Parking on campus is **free for conference attendees**, and we will have signs to direct you.

Please look for signage reading:

- “JSSS Dorm” Parking
- “JSSS Conference” Parking

Parking is not only free but should be plentiful for:

- Conference day attendance and evenings at the South Chapel Reception and Banquet which is accessible by car (via super a very short drive) or a wooded trail.

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#### **Dormitory Accommodations Juniper Hall Dormitory**

Dorm accommodation includes:

- Single occupancy rooms
- Shared bathroom facilities
- Forested campus surroundings
- Walking distance to conference venues

### **Check-In Information**

- Dorm check-in will occur at Juniper Hall Front Desk / Registration Area on the 10th
- Check in is from 2-5:00 pm and afterwards with me, Heather. If you are arriving later, please check in with me to make arrangements in advance at 360-359-1522.

Please have:

- Your registration confirmation (though not essential)

Conference volunteers and staff will assist with:

- Room assignments
- Meal cards
- Campus orientation information
- Directions to conference spaces and more

### **What to Bring to the conference:**

- Refillable water bottle, layers for mornings and evenings, and your wild psyche.
- Comfortable shoes to walk the trails.
- Though it looks like it will be in the 70s with no rain, a light jacket is advised.

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### **Hotels** 🏠

Hotel attendees are welcome to fully participate in all scheduled events and meals (if purchased) as well as to congregate in the Tamarack lounge. We will have a paper to help coordinate ride sharing from the hotels at registration.

### **Meals & Dining** 🍽️

Conference meals will take place in the campus dining hall/cafeteria with times included in the upcoming program schedule. Individual meals can be purchased on site.

## **UAB Meal Cards**

Attendees staying in dorms will receive upon check in to the dorms (otherwise at check in):

- UAB meal access cards

Hotel attendees who purchased meal plans will receive meal cards during registration.

While meal plans are purchased, the evening Reception and Banquet are free with the conference. Please come get to know everyone and enjoy. Our annual dance will follow our Banquet meal with our Tech Guru and DJ, Bradley. Requests will be taken for music on site.

- Coffee/tea, juice, water and light snacks are available during conference hours

Vegetarian, vegan, and gluten-sensitive options are available to honor dietary restrictions.

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## **WiFi Access**

Campus WiFi will be available throughout conference spaces.

At registration you will receive:

- Network name
  - Password/login information
  - Troubleshooting support
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## **Presenter Information**

### **Technology**

Presentation rooms will generally include:

- Projector
- Screen
- HDMI connection
- Audio support
- Internet access

Presenters are strongly encouraged to:

- Bring presentation files on a USB drive

- Also upload presentations to cloud storage
- Arrive 15–20 minutes early
- Test audio/video in advance

Adapters for Mac laptops may be necessary.

### **Additional Notes from Bradley, our Conference Tech Coordinator:**

**Presenter tech information:** Presenters should bring their own laptop adapters, particularly USB-C to HDMI. Venues reliably provide HDMI cables; they rarely provide adapters. I'd keep that section in — it sets realistic expectations and reduces day-of scrambling.

**Workshop tech support:** Workshops get tech support only if the presenter has indicated a specific need in advance (video, audio, mic, etc.). Roundtables are no-tech by default. If any workshop presenter has room setup questions, they should reach out to me directly.

**Bradley:** [bradley@carolinacommons.org](mailto:bradley@carolinacommons.org)

### **Presentation Tech Recommendations**

- Go to your Tech Check!
- Pray to Mercury
- Embed videos rather than streaming when possible
- Bring backup copies of all media

Conference tech volunteers will assist presenters throughout the event.

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### **Campus Environment** 🌿

Primary Conference Venue (maps will be available at registration):

- Miller Humanities Building 101-104 (Conference Sessions)

Additional Conference Spaces:

- Juniper Hall Dormitory
- Tamarack Lounge (Informal Gatherings in the Morning and Evening by Dorms)
- South Chapel (Banquet & Reception)

- Agnes Flanagan Chapel (Musical Performance and Earth Art)
- Fields Campus Dining Hall & Cafeteria (Eating, of course)



Remember the campus itself is part of the experience...and not all who wander are lost, a la J. R. R. Tolkien.

Lewis & Clark College is known for its forested landscape adjoining Tryon Creek State Natural Area and for its integration of architecture, gardens, pathways, and natural beauty.

Participants are encouraged to:

- Walk the grounds slowly, including the outdoor labyrinth as a rewilding practice
- Spend time outdoors between sessions for integration
- Engage reflective and embodied practices (impromptu yoga can be held outside Tamarack (10 mats provided).
- Let Portland’s forests and green spaces become part of the conference experience

In many ways, the land itself becomes a quiet co-presenter and container for our gathering.

Thursday night is intentionally left open for you to wander and “land.”

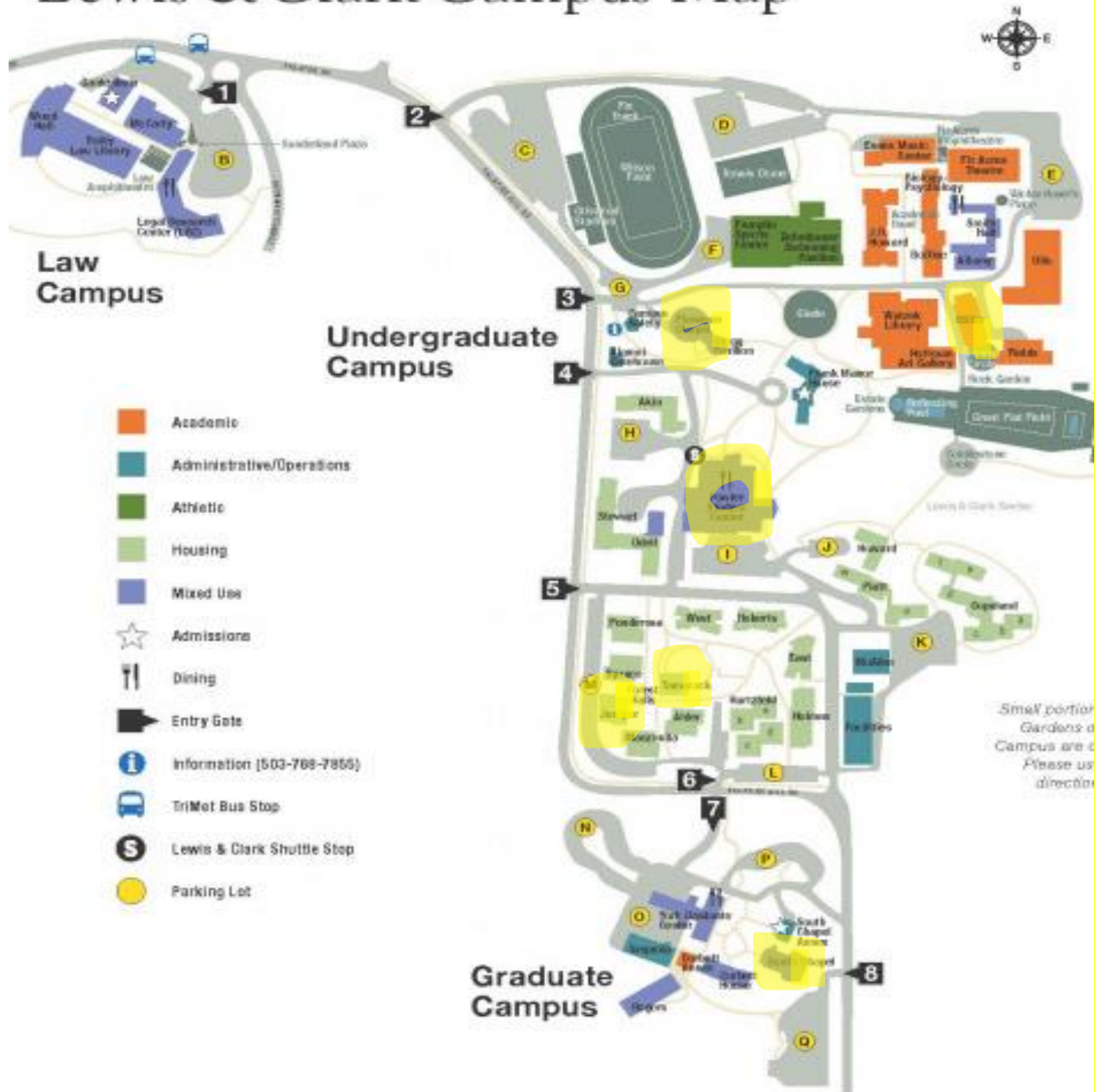
We look forward to rewilding together in Portland for scholarship, creativity, dialogue, community, and the ongoing rewilding of psyche and world. 🌲

### Rewilding the Psyche Conference Walking Map 🌲🌐

You can also access the official campus maps here:

- [Official Lewis & Clark Campus Map PDF](#)
- [Interactive Campus Map](#)
- [Terwilliger Trail: Lewis and Clark College to Tryon Cove Park, Oregon - 224 Reviews, Map | AllTrails](#) (2.6 mile hike from Lewis and Clark into the surrounding forest)

# Lewis & Clark Campus Map



Miller Building; B. Cafeteria; C. Juniper Dorm; D. Tamarack Lounge; E. Flanagan Chapel; and F. South Chapel highlighted in yellow. Please note that the interactive map is better.

**More about the Key Conference Locations (signage will help guide you on site) 🌲**

**Timing:** The internet says that it is 3-5 minutes walking from Miller to Flanagan Chapel and another 5 to the cafeteria and dorms. The South Chapel is a little further. (I will verify these times and give an updated estimate if it is different than this for you to time your walks.)

### **Miller Humanities Building (Miller 101-104 with 101 as our primary conference venue)**

This is where we have our presentations, panels, and round tables, serving as the scholarly heart of the conference. A large foyer joining these rooms is where our refreshments will be ready during breaks, **along with a table for author's books.** (No Rutledge this year, sorry.)

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### **Juniper Hall Dorms**

A central hub for on-site attendees with the following conveniences:

- Living room with a community refrigerator and kitchen. Please mark your food!
  - Natural places to walk and sit in surrounding courtyards and paths 🌙
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### **Tamarack Lounge (next to Juniper Hall)**

Casual community gathering space for mornings and evenings outside official programming. **EVERYONE is invited to come rest and relax here, whether you are in the dorms or not.**

- Community Time and Relaxation with **chocolate, snacks,** and comfy couches
- Morning Social Dream Matrix to share nocturnal images led by Greg Mahr and myself, informally from 8-8:45 am Friday and Saturday with a movement meditation by Elizabeth Nelson as special guest. Come relax and integrate in community.

\*Social Dreaming is a practice for sharing dream images to commune and communicate with psyche in community. It is a way to listen to the land and see through to underlying collective themes. Last conference I attended was cats. This time ...we can only imagine.

- Yoga mats for embodied self-care (These can be taken out as well. Please return!)
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### **South Chapel**

- Evening Location for: Conference Reception and Banquet (Friday and Saturday)
- This is in a separate but adjoining part of campus, check map and signage.
- Small LED candles will help us walk back afterwards under the trees and stars.

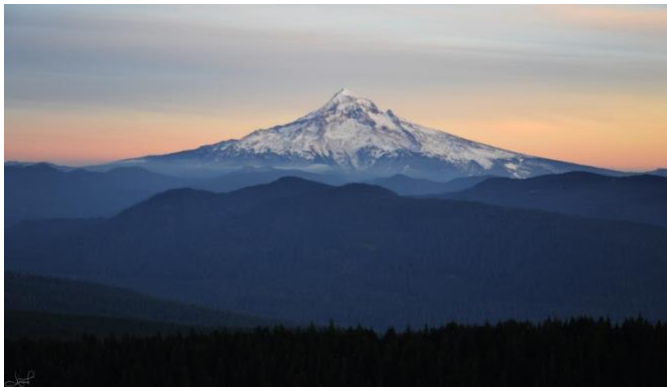
## Agnes Flanagan Chapel: Musical Response to the Land and Earth Altar Co-Creation



This remarkable sixteen-sided round chapel with stained glass and soaring architecture offers a powerful setting to close our first day and open the

conference. Guarded by native carvings echoing the eagle, lion, angel, and ox of the World Dancer Tarot card (and Bible), we will cross a threshold to land on site and in our bodies:

- Musical Performance and Embodied Integration in a Mandala Art Creation
- Rebecca Sabine Ramsey, a renown violinist, will play in dialogue with the land and ‘spirit of place,” followed by dinner and time on the land and in community.



## Land Acknowledgement

We gather here at Lewis & Clark College on the ancestral lands of the Multnomah, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Tumwater, Watlala, Cowlitz, Kalapuya, Wasco, and many other Indigenous peoples who have lived in relationship with these lands, rivers, forests, and

mountains since time immemorial. We honor the enduring presence, wisdom, and stewardship of the Native communities of this region—past, present, and future—and acknowledge that this land was never ceded.

As we enter this gathering on Rewilding the Psyche, we are invited not only into intellectual conversation, but into relationship—with place, with one another, and with the living world itself. The forests, trails, and pathways surrounding this campus are not merely scenery. They are teachers. The tall cedars and firs, the moss-covered Earth, the winding labyrinth, birdsong, rain, and river air invite us to slow down enough to remember another way of being. In Jungian language, the psyche is not separate from nature; rather, nature mirrors and participates in the soul’s unfolding.

We invite you throughout the conference to wander the wooded trails, sit beneath the trees, walk the labyrinth as a contemplative practice, and listen deeply to the more-than-human world. Let the land become part of the dialogue. Let the silence between sessions speak. Let Portland's wild edges—the rivers, mountain views, gardens, and forests—remind us that healing the psyche and healing the Earth are not separate tasks.

May this gathering become not only an exchange of ideas, but a living encounter with imagination, embodiment, reciprocity, and wonder.

**Welcome to JSSS 2026: Rewilding the Psyche.**

## Optional Depth Psychological Orientation to Embodied Eco Healing

Note: This is a resource to turn to before coming and throughout the conference as needed.

As we join with cedar, fir, moss, and mountains in quiet conversation, we are invited into an experience that is not only intellectual, but embodied, ecological, relational, and imaginal.

Land holds memory and calls us to remember a more primal embodied *epignosis*, a knowledge of the heart as both an ancient and emergent form of scholarship. This knowledge connects our human nature to nature, as Jung said in *The Red Book*:

**“Scholarliness alone is not enough; there is a knowledge of the heart. The knowledge of the heart is in no book and is not to be found in the mouth of any teacher, but grows out of you like the green seed from the dark Earth.”**

As the Jungian Society for **Scholarly** Studies, we are called to remember our ancestral roots in kinship with the more than human world. For, long before this campus existed, these forests and waterways were—and remain—the ancestral homelands of Indigenous peoples who lived in reciprocal relationship with the land for thousands of years, we are called to return to remember them and their more ancient kin, river, moon, and bear, in right relationship in kinship with all life. We are all children of the Earth.

While rewilding is beautiful and essential, we must honor the archetypal power of the numinous as awesome and, at times, overwhelming like a tsunami breaking upon shore.

As I danced this last weekend in Olympia, WA, connecting with bare feet upon the Earth, I felt the call of indigenous and ecological wounds in need of healing. As I was called to help heal a past massacre on my homeland, I was reminded of the collective power of unknown atrocities, whether the massacre of native people or trees. How can we prepare to connect with this in a way that is trauma-informed, conscious, and collective?

One primary remembrance is that the spirit of place carries both beauty and rupture: nourishment and displacement, belonging and fragmentation, reverence and colonization.

In this way, the land mirrors the human psyche in healing. The ancestors, again whether human or nonhuman, are here to help us not burden us. In service to the lament of the Dead, as Jung called his new commandment, we are to help answer the unanswered questions in a scholarship of deep compassion, witnessing, and quantum healing.

### **Trauma Warning**

**Just as entering the body, reawakens somatic memories and wounds in need of healing, when we connect to the Earth, we call ecological grief needing to be witnessed and transformed to us.** From a depth perspective, we know that healing is not merely personal. Trauma moves across generations through bodies, nervous systems, cultures, institutions, and landscapes. So does resilience but please be grounded and safe.

As we enter our time together, practice deep self-care, pause and breathe. Stay hydrated and consider treating this as a detox experience like healing when sick. There is a lot of trauma, known and unknown. Forest bathe, lie on the Earth, feel the breeze. When on break, consider cultivating a relationship with a tree (40% of tree species are on the verge of extinction). Listen. I believe that trees are the greatest healers on the planet...and we need to not only heal as a species but learn to become better healers of the world.

**The split between psyche and nature is one of the defining wounds of modernity.** To “rewild” the psyche is not to become less human, but more fully alive—reconnected to instinct, imagination, embodiment, relationship, and the living world.

Throughout the conference you might keep a dream journal, sketch nature to see more deeply, or do not only a body scan but draw a body map. Entering the world as a dream.

As Jung said: “To me dreams are part of nature” and “Entering the unconscious, entering yourself through dreams, is touching nature from the inside...things are put right again.”

### Considerations for Grounding in the Body and the Land upon Arrival

Many of us arrive carrying invisible burdens. The etymology of grief comes from the Latin ‘heavy’ or ‘weight’ and the French ‘to burden’. Consider what do you carry and want to carry? What can you let go of at this threshold? You are invited to do a body scan for:

- overstimulation,
- grief,
- burnout,
- trauma,
- political anxiety,

- ecological despair,
- disconnection from community,
- or simply the exhaustion of living in a disconnected, accelerated culture and time.

Before entering into conversation in presentations, we invite you first to arrive with the land. As Jung tells us, the land makes us clean. It grounds and purifies us. As you cross the threshold to “arrive” and “land,” say hello and touch in. As you meet a tree, consider how close you are “invited” to come. As you walk, feel the Earth beneath you, steady and stable.

Trauma-informed research reminds us that healing begins with safety, orientation, and connection. The nervous system cannot fully reflect, imagine, or integrate while overwhelmed. Without really landing, we cannot access the power to heal or learn.

**As you arrive and begin your conference you might:**

- Feel your feet touching the Earth.
- Notice the temperature of the air.
- Listen for birds, wind, rain (sun?), distant voices.
- Allow your breathing to slow naturally.
- Let your eyes soften and widen.
- Drink water slowly.
- Rest when needed.
- Move gently between engagement and solitude.
- Maybe lie down on the grass (yoga mat or not) and look at the sky

This conference is not about performance but presence. Just Be and Breathe.



**The Land as Co-Therapist and Container**

Throughout the conference, we encourage you to engage the campus itself as part of the experience, providing all that we need for our alchemical alembic.

Walk the forested trails slowly.

Visit the labyrinth contemplatively, allowing it to become not a destination but a process. In Jungian language, the labyrinth mirrors individuation: a winding return toward center.

Pause beneath a tree. Breathe with them, forest bathe...maybe give them a hug.

Notice where your body relaxes—or where it contracts. Where does it begin or end?

As we know, the psyche often speaks symbolically through place, image, dream, synchronicity, and sensation. Keep a journal of these images.

As Jung observed:

“Nature is not matter only, she is also spirit.”

The surrounding forests remind us that healing ecosystems depend upon relationship, diversity, reciprocity, decay, and regeneration. Forests heal through networks. So do people. Reach out to each other like roots and branches. Notice that there might be presences, birds or ancestors, animal spirits or memories that join in as well.

### **Intergenerational, Ancestral, and Ecological Healing**

Rewilding the psyche also asks us to recognize the wider field of suffering we inhabit together. **Many of our fellow JSSS members didn't or couldn't come because of international conflicts and politics. Let's make room for them in our circle.**

Many carry ancestral histories of:

- migration,
- war,
- colonization,
- racism,
- religious wounding,
- gendered violence,
- ecological loss,
- or cultural fragmentation.

These histories do not disappear simply because they are unnamed. They live in muscles, habits, fears, dreams, identities, stories, and institutions.

Yet trauma is not the whole story.

Healing does not mean erasing pain.

It means metabolizing it into deeper relationship and consciousness.

### **Guidance for the Conference Experience**

As you move through the days together:

### **Practice Rhythmic Participation**

Allow moments of:

- learning,
- silence,
- movement,
- solitude,
- dialogue,
- creativity,
- and rest.

The psyche grieves and integrates in waves, not through constant stimulation.

### **Let the Body Speak**

Notice (witness don't repress):

- tightness,
- tears,
- warmth,
- numbness,
- activation,
- resonance,
- fatigue,
- joy.

The body is not separate from psyche.  
It is psyche made visible.

### **Stay Curious**

When discomfort arises, ask gently:

- What is being touched in me?

- Is this old or new?
- What story am I carrying?
- What wants to emerge now?

### **Closing Reflection**

May this gathering invite us beneath surface identities and into deeper forms of truth:

- Ecological, Embodied, Relational, and Ancestral as Scholarship

May we leave not only informed but transformed.

More rooted. More connected. More alive.

And may the rewilding of the psyche help restore our capacity to care for one another and for the living Earth.

Excited and Honored to Rewild Together,

*Heather Taylor-Zimmerman,*

JSSS President and Conference Site Coordinator