

TURN A **MOMENT** INTO A **MOVEMENT**...  
NEXT STEPS AFTER YOUR **PINE RIDGE EXPERIENCE**



# Re-Member

BUILDING A BETTER TODAY  
WITH THE OGLALA LAKOTA NATION  
PINE RIDGE RESERVATION • SOUTH DAKOTA

**POST-TRIP TOOLKIT**  
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### A Note Of Thanks.....

I am so proud of the work that so many have been a part of over 25+ years of service on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Thousands of projects completed, impacting countless lives. While it is important to acknowledge these accomplishments, I also understand that **our journey has only just begun**. That **we can and must continue to grow**. To evolve as we are meant to, as informed by the community we work alongside, the Oglala Lakota people.

**Growth can be challenging.** It pushes us into new and uncomfortable positions. It shifts our understanding of who we are and what we can be. In a place like Pine Ridge, where so often situations can seem hopeless and insurmountable, it is important that we inspire and recognize opportunities to grow. Encouraging the idea and displaying the reality that with mindful investment, people can rise above the limitations their circumstances seem to imply. We are here to uplift and to stand with the community, to listen and learn as the Lakota people determine the best path forward.

**Growth without support is not sustainable.** Re-Member exists to support the people of Pine Ridge and to create meaningful opportunities to serve and learn for our volunteers. To help facilitate growth in a humble, disciplined, and organic way. To cultivate hope, optimism, and inspiration in a community that has historically been informed that it has nothing of value to offer. To open the minds of those who walk through our doors and to open their eyes to so much that they might be missing.

**I hope you will join us again, support us as you can, and continue to be a part of our story.**

Will Paese  
Executive Director

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### Staying Connected.....

Departing from Re-Member does not mean you can't stay up-to-date on what's happening. We share regular updates, and enjoy staying engaged with you after your visit. After all, there is no word for *goodbye* in Lakota.

Provide us with your name and email, and we will add you to our mailing list. You'll hear from us roughly once a month about Re-Member, news from Pine Ridge Reservation, our work, and opportunities to donate and volunteer.

⇒ Sign up for [e-updates from Re-Member](#)

We regularly post to our social media accounts with updates from Pine Ridge. We love to hear from you, appreciate your engagement, and encourage sharing our posts with your *circle* of friends and followers.

⇒ Follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#)

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To stay up to date on what's happening across the reservation – and beyond – consider the following independent media:

⇒ [LAKOTA TIMES](#): “Truth and integrity with Lakota spirit.” Largest Lakota-owned and operated online and print independent weekly newspaper in the world.

⇒ [KILI RADIO](#): “The voice of the Lakota Nation.” An independent, Lakota owned and operated, 100,000-watt FM radio station located at Porcupine Butte on the Pine Ridge Reservation in southwestern South Dakota.

⇒ [ICT](#): An independent, nonprofit, multimedia news enterprise. Reaching audiences through our digital platform and as a broadcast carried via public television stations.

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### Supporting Re-Member.....

Support for Re-Member and for the Oglala Lakota people we serve comes in many forms, ranging from online donations to multi-year commitments to fundraising 5Ks and from \$5 to five-figures. All of the support, though, is deeply appreciated and serves to improve the quality of life on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Donations made via credit or debit card, cash, or check can be put to immediate use to help the Oglala Lakota Nation and advance our organization. Donations of any amount make a meaningful difference.

With your recurring gift of \$5 or more per month, you can become a member of our *Tiospaye Circle* — our extended family. Contributions are convenient for donors and allows us to focus on our work instead of fundraising!

⇒ Offer [monetary support](#)

Re-Member maintains an updated “wish list” of urgently needed tools, equipment, and supplies on Amazon. Simply visit our [Wish List page](#), select your gift, and, during the checkout process, choose “Re-Member’s Gift Registry Address” as your shipping address.

⇒ Pay it forward with a gift from our [Amazon Wishlist](#)

Join our supporters and volunteers from across the United States and around the world for a “Turtle Trot” 5K, 10K, half marathon, marathon (or any run/walk of your choosing) in support of Re-Member and the Oglala Lakota people of Pine Ridge.

Whether your event is sanctioned, or you map your own course, register with us to show your support for Re-Member and the Oglala Lakota people of Pine Ridge.

⇒ Fundraise by running (or walking) in a [Turtle Trot](#)

Our online store offers an always-changing selection of handcrafted Lakota crafts, paintings and more. New items, purchased directly from local artisans are regularly added, and are available for shipping nationwide. All purchases directly benefit Oglala Lakota artisans, and support Re-Member’s ongoing work across the Pine Ridge Reservation.

⇒ Shop our [online store](#) for Lakota arts, crafts, and more

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### Sharing Your Experience.....

Our greatest advocates and allies are you – our volunteers. Look for opportunities to share your story of visiting Re-Member and learning about Pine Ridge in your community.

There are many ways to engage your *circle* and share your Re-Member experience.

You have a week’s worth of experiences, pictures, knowledge and wisdom to share. Empower yourself by educating others with what you learned.

Speaking in front of friends and family can help you become more comfortable with a future larger – and more public – presentation if you wish to do so.

#### ⇒ **Host a conversation/presentation for friends and family**

**PRO TIP:** Make some *Unci’s Kitchen* frybread for your guests to sample! Have some pledge cards and envelopes available if anyone wishes to make a gift. Ensure any checks are issued to “Re-Member.”

If applicable, ask your affiliated institutions (schools/faith communities) if you can present about your experience. Explore local service clubs/organizations in your community, and ask if you can share a presentation about your experience.

#### ⇒ **Present to schools, faith communities, or local service organizations**

- Examples: Rotary, Knights of Columbus, Lions Clubs...

**PRO TIP:** Some organizations may offer an honorarium payment. Ensure any checks are issued to “Re-Member” if you wish to forward as a gift in support of our work.

Your local newspaper or television station might be interested in sharing your experience with their audience. Send a press release, and some photos if available, using our template. They may run the submission as-is, or reach out to you for additional information, or an interview.

#### ⇒ **Reach out to local media for an interview about your experience**

**PRO TIP:** Research your local print and broadcast media. Many will have contact information/submit a story options on their websites. Provide contact information so they can follow up with you!

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### Recruiting New Volunteers.....

Each year, from March through October, Re-Member brings hundreds of volunteers of all ages and backgrounds from across the United States and around the globe to Pine Ridge for week-long service-learning trips with a strong emphasis on cultural immersion. Working alongside our staff, volunteers complete various projects across the reservation, while learning about the culture and history of the Lakota people.

Many Re-Member volunteers return to Pine Ridge year after year, establishing lasting friendships with staff, other volunteers, and community members as they seek to heal the wounds of the past, to "Re-Member," by putting back together that which is broken, and building hope for the future.

We begin [accepting trip requests](#) for the following year on **September 15**. Have conversations when you return home with friends and family, or send a note to a community institution (school, faith community, service organization) encouraging them to learn more about Re-Member.

Key points to share:

- ⇒ **All Re-Member volunteer trips begin on Saturday afternoon and end on Friday morning**, giving volunteers five full days on the Reservation.
- ⇒ Re-Member welcomes volunteers **age 12 and up**.
- ⇒ **We welcome solo volunteers, as well as groups**. Come with your family, a school or college, faith community, youth groups, and more.
- ⇒ **Accommodations at Re-Member are simple and functional**. You'll sleep in one of our two bunkhouses in the same style of twin-size bunk bed we build in our workshop for families across the reservation. **We provide three meals daily**. Breakfast and dinner are prepared by staff in our kitchen, and served in the adjacent dining room. Lunch is packed in the morning and often enjoyed "in the field."
- ⇒ **We believe that forming relationships with the Lakota people, and learning about their history, culture, and spirituality — as told by the Lakota people themselves — are as important as the projects we undertake**.
- ⇒ Please **reserve spots only for volunteers who are firmly committed**.

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## Working With Us.....

Being a Program Supervisor is an intense experience that will require your full attention and commitment, but it is an opportunity unlike any other. Our Program Supervisors are critical to the operation of Re-Member.

This position affords individuals the opportunity to experience Pine Ridge and Re-Member for an extended period of time while assisting Re-Member in fulfilling its goals.

Re-Member will begin [accepting applications](#) for short-term staff for our 2025 season in November, 2024.

### Qualifications

1. You have previously volunteered with Re-Member.
2. You must be at least 18 years of age.
3. You must be at least one year out of high school.
4. You must possess a valid driver's license with a safe driving history.
5. You must be available to live on-site at Re-Member for at least four weeks during the program year, between February and October.

### Decision Timeline

Priority consideration will be offered to those applications received by March 1.

- ⇒ Applicants for spring (February-May) employment will be notified on a rolling basis as applications are received and reviewed.
- ⇒ Applicants for summer (June-August) employment will be notified by March 15, if all application materials were received by February 15.