

BEYOND BOUNDARIES

A SERVICE PILGRIMAGE

People Place Planet

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Intention

Sustainable, holistic, regenerative...many adjectives today are attempting to describe a commitment that is in some ways very old and simple: to live in awareness of the generations to come, to live with care for the earth and all beings, to live with heart and truth, to live in remembrance of the gift that is to be shared. This is not religion or politics but common sense. It goes beyond definitions of class, culture or nation, beyond boundaries.

The values of coexistence with all our relations are ones that need to be experienced, learned and practiced. In whatever ways we can, in the spirit of council, we, the team making up Beyond Boundaries, want to bear witness, to join and support those living and working in this way. These are the stories we want to tell, to grow, to continually water, the ones that so rarely make the news. And too there are the stories of struggle that we want to become more aware of, the ones hard to hear, the stories that we need to bring home to become part of their transformation

and healing. And there are the ones we want to co-create, the places where collaboration and partnerships can truly make a difference.

Our intention is to go and listen, to give away our simple time and labor along with the best of life practices and skills we know, as appropriate and as requested to do so, while opening ourselves to learn from others, and to deepen into a spectrum of cross-cultural community living. Our task will then be to incorporate the journey into our lives in numerous ways. We go with the intention of being part of strengthening the “field”, as part of growing the healthy web of life that is so needed in our time.



“I’ve found any true vision is not ‘ours’ ...it is not new or isolated but emerges in different styles, different ages, different places...we are not alone...we join with many others. We pilgrims will be just a few, but if held or seen as acupuncture then much can come of that...ripples throughout the entire earth body. “ —GG

Background (Gigi Coyle)

Beyond Boundaries is a culmination of many years’ work and relationships. There are ideas, experiences, connections and opportunities that I truly want to catalyze, share and give away as part of planting seeds of partnership that I believe will carry us through some challenging times ahead.

Over the past 30 years when invited to work in other countries as a citizen diplomat, rites of passage guide and council leader, my intention has been to offer our ways, while supporting the local cultures to reawaken their own indigenous and modern ‘best practices’ in socially and ecologically sustainable living. Working in the 70’s in so-called development programs, it became clear to me that exporting Western ways was not in anyone’s best interests. Some Polynesian women leaders confirmed this for me at an impressionable age, thanking me for coming and being in dialogue and then doubly thanking me for attending to the change needed within my own culture and country, rather than on attempting to fix or even help them. I returned to my own land and focused again on connection here, on healing in ‘my people’ and myself through quest, council and community--only leaving when strongly invited or called.

We hear so much NGO talk about helping others on the brink of disappearing and their need for support and education. Perhaps this is so, though another truth, now more evident, is that we humans are all an endangered species and many of us in the developed world are the ones in need of a different kind of education--a kind of education that comes through slowing down, showing up, listening, and bearing witness, allowing for cross-pollination and collaborative activity to truly grow out of mutual care and respect. It is this kind of social justice, environmental, political and spiritual activism and education that Beyond Boundaries is hoping to offer, foster and embody.



“When I left everything behind and went into the wilderness, I did what people have done for generations in countless cultures. The force of all those who had gone before entered me, not because I was worthy, but because I was human” –Steven Foster, co-founder, School of Lost Borders

Program Overview

In June 2009, a small group of leaders of different ages and backgrounds came together to begin a nine-month pilgrimage of service to places, programs and centers that are creatively exploring the frontiers of regenerative community life. We began with a wilderness quest¹ in the high desert of the Inyo Mountains in California, forming a small community with the intention and commitment to serve. Following the quest, we joined together as a council to support another quest, a youth quest--younger pilgrims marking their passage to adulthood. Listening to the concerns and hopes for the future of this next generation we were reminded of those yet to come and rededicated ourselves to ‘all our relations’.

With the youth in our hearts and minds we set off on our own pilgrimage, joined in different ways by many others asking to stay connected. We will focus on learning from and with those we meet while offering our service and skills. We expect to find many areas of collaboration and exchange, which we trust will benefit the people and places we visit, as well as the many we will encounter upon returning home.

Given what is happening on the planet, there is something especially important in networking in service, in the spirit of inquiry and collaboration. There is some importance to going as a team, a small community ourselves, and having that be part of the learning and the gifting. There is something important, particularly as Americans, to going and listening, to practicing council with the land and its people and letting the exchange emerge.

It seems a bit odd to set off on a pilgrimage when we are simultaneously called to further limit our travel as we become even more aware of the importance of using scarce resources wisely. This wise use has always been needed, but is surely needed even more so now. And so we are called and committed, knowing it is right to go, to make our journey count on many levels, given its carbon footprint, and literally and metaphorically, plant trees all along the way.

We hope to elicit the voices of both youth and elders in council, and bring those voices home, back to our people. We also have the intention of refining our own ideas of community and bringing these back to our current home bases, which include the Ojai Foundation, the School of Lost Borders, Three Creeks, the Biosphere Foundation and the many affiliated and collaborating organizations listed below.

Our outreach will expand through our network of sponsors and base-camp supporters and

through the communiqués and materials we will produce along the way. The impact will reach as far as all the members of the team, as active leaders in their generation, are able to carry it.

Near the end of our journey in the Pacific we will be part of a long-term dream, setting up one more unique “watering hole” on the planet that will serve as a Biosphere Center for Education and a land base for the Planetary Coral Reef Foundation and the work of their “sea people”. We trust this group, along with all of the others we will work with worldwide, will continue to grow as educators and models, as explorers and pioneers (or more appropriately Bioneers) of the way forward.

And last but not least, we are dedicated to the work and prayer of reconciliation and healing that has been and will continue to be part of our work wherever we go.



“Without collaboration the right inspiration will not be effective.” —The Mother

Beyond Boundaries Participants

The dream of this pilgrimage came originally through a quest and then grew in definition over a two-year period June 2007 to June 2009. A number of people who learned of it during that time were interested and it was through a process of council that the core team chose to come and was chosen.

We have a committed intergenerational team of eight Americans. Their bios and ‘letters of intention’ are attached. We are excited to be a team that grows out of quest and council experience, a multi-talented bunch with a unique set of skills. As a predominantly white Anglo group often privileged in the cultural matrix, we will be exploring our heritage, lineage and parts to play in the healing between peoples so needed in our world. Opening to understand our relationship to and the impact we have on others, as well as that of our ancestors, is one step in this process. Then there is living our lives as a continual training in diversity. With difference reflected in our ages (19 to 66), our socio-economic backgrounds and our cross-cultural experience, we are committed to more learning in this area as we travel in the US as well as in international communities.

Some of our sponsors and collaborators, many of whom are community leaders themselves and also have council and quest experience, will join us for part of the journey. We have the fiscal and administrative support of Sally Silverstone, Board member and CFO of our umbrella organization, the Biosphere Foundation. The young people who came to quest have been invited to stay in touch with us, as will many who came to community councils and joined us in our work before our departure. And there are a number of volunteers already working in support in a variety of ways. We will do our best to be ambassadors for the many organizations and communities to which we are all connected.

We see all involved as pilgrims sharing responsibility, time, energy, creativity and finances to make the journey happen. Director Gigi Coyle and associate director Win Phelps (see bios below) will take the responsibility as guides and mentors, and in the spirit of council, look to everyone in the group to be leaders together in service. We see ourselves as witnesses and earth ambassadors, students and teachers, researchers and documentarians, questers and guides—participants in our version of an “Earth Corps”, devoting our time, skills and resources in support, in service to some of the best “earth cherishing” communities, projects and peoples we know.

This program is envisioned as a win/win for all. All participants will receive an extraordinary experience and education; participating organizations and communities will benefit both from the volunteer services rendered, the exchanges that evolve and the funding they’ll receive for helping to host the program; and each participant is committed to giving back in some way to their home communities upon return.



“We must become like samurai,

poised and ready to move in response to each situation as it unfolds.”

Joanna Macy, Teacher of Environmental Ethics,

Buddhism and Systems Theory

Program Purpose

- To offer an international walkabout, a leadership training, a cross-cultural, eco-community education and collaboration, a flow-fund site visit, a pilgrimage of service
- To model and seed a unique education for “glocal¹” activists and community leaders
- To inspire international and local action that comes out of listening, bearing witness, ceremony and prayer (as well as those already coming out of science, politics, art and social exchange)
- To form long-term partnerships with specific communities and projects by being in service and exchanging information and experience first hand

¹ Referring to thought and actions that hold both local and global perspectives simultaneously

Training

In this unique journey, each of us will have the opportunity to further develop life values, skills and practices including:

- Diversity & cross-cultural awareness & sensitivity
- Community building and co-existence
- Exploring the meaning of being Bioneers, the new Biospherians, and ‘global citizens’
- Council, non-violent communication, bearing witness as a practice
- Permaculture and sustainable land, building & energy practices; environmental ethics
- Earth-based community art, music and ceremony
- Individual & group spiritual practices
- Relationship and reconciliation
- Health and healing practices

Through the opening and closing wilderness quests the participants will enter into a deep understanding of and relationship to the power of intention, prayer, and ceremony. We will honor the importance and elements of contemporary rites-of-passage, launching into new chapters of our lives no matter what our ages. We will explore how we are part of what some are describing as a global rite of passage at this time on the planet. We will offer to meet with other youth and elders in each of the communities/projects/centers that are visited, introducing and offering council and exchanging other practices, activities and ceremonies throughout the journey. We will be in the investigation of the roots of council and rites of passage as they appear in each of the cultures we visit. And all participants have their own specialized areas of interest and exchange to be shared as the journey unfolds. (Bios and Letters of Intention attached)

Our Gifts being offered

- Council (youth and elders, men and women, community) and other group meeting forms
- International, cross-cultural connection, exchange of ideas, practices, and information
- Financial contribution to each place
- Music, movement and theater exchange
- Exchange of spiritual practices/perspectives/ceremonies
- Specific gifts and individual projects from each participant that may include skilled labor, photographs and film footage, music, etc., all as might be useful and appropriate to the local culture
- Witnessing/listening/referencing/mirroring/referrals/networking
- Unknown, yet-to-be-discovered contributions, during and after our visits

Likely service work: Permaculture, gardening, farming, eco-building, school teaching, media and technical assistance, translation, everyday community labor, i.e., cleaning, cooking, office assistance, child-care...

Places To Be Visited

Spiritual traditions have often told of places of light, visionary beacons of a future that are essential to sustain and guide life. Practically we know, as the Dalai Lama and the Council of 13 Indigenous Grandmothers say so strongly, “both prayer and action are needed.” There is much work to be done. How do these places, these seeds of wholeness, growing by themselves as well as collectively, offer a pearl necklace of sustainability, inspiration and hope, circling the planet? This journey to such places will be an exploration of wholeness, offering in and of itself a kind of integrated learning that we feel is vital to our becoming more effective world citizens. And in turn, as world citizens, we feel it’s vital to go to such places that are a small sample of what is happening, what is possible, and to offer our support in any and all ways we can.

The places we have selected are outstanding centers devoted to sustainability, spirituality, education, creativity and peaceful co-existence. Tamera in Portugal, Auroville in India, Findhorn in Scotland, Damanhur in Italy and the Biosphere Foundation in Indonesia are five serving as cornerstones. In the US we will spend time at The Ojai Foundation and Three Creeks in preparation and, on return, for incorporation. We will also visit with Native people and places that have been carrying an earth-cherishing view of regeneration for centuries somehow surviving imperialism and genocide around the world. So many are still under continual threat from the developing world, and we want to acknowledge, honor and do what we can to support the First Nations Peoples. It is apparent they have held, and still hold, so many of the ancient seeds and knowledge needed in these times. During the journey’s independent travel study-time (see schedule) each participant will design and explore volunteer projects in different cultures and countries with a particular focus on ancestral roots and listening to where they feel deeply called to serve in the modern age.

There are additional connections and invitations that we are responding to as well as some we will be initiating. There is a song line we are listening to and following, which will be updated continuously as we continue to put it all in place. And there will be flexibility to our plan, realizing that it is a time of big changes and we want to be free to respond as well as to commit to a path.



“Our great nations were built on our ceremonies of thanksgiving for Earth. We must ensure that all our people pay attention to our ceremonies and languages. Our native languages contain many instructions about how to survive. We need to work with the natural world like we have always done, through ceremony, dance, prayer, and meditation.” Onondaga Faithkeeper, Oren Lyons

All Our Relations: Exploring the Ingredients for Holistic Societies/Cultures

Below are areas of focus that we feel are essential to relationships in a healthy, whole, and sustainable community. Each participant will be tracking, learning about, and gaining experience in each of these areas at the respective sites. Some may pick one area of interest for focused study and/or keep all of them in awareness. In addition to observing and learning how the locals regard these specific relationships, participants hope to contribute directly to their host communities through hands-on work. They will also be asked to evaluate the locals' relationships to these areas, learn from them while also offering specific recommendations based on their studies and experience. For example: how does the local community relate to health and wellness issues and what old and/or new perspectives, approaches and skills are evident? Are there ones that might help improve the standard of overall individual and community health?

Areas of interest/relationship to:

Ancestors Art/music/craft/creativity/dance/theater Birth/death Children
Community, inside and surrounding Conflict, violence, crime Education Elders,
youth, partnerships and family Energy Food/nutrition/health/fitness Housing, home,
architecture Indigenous knowledge/rights Land & water, agriculture Love/sexuality
Mindfulness, "beauty way", care Money, finance, markets, commerce Passages,
ceremony, ritual, celebration Spirit/God/divine Wild, nature Work

There will be **weekly check-in councils and reports** on topics by each participant, as well as written/creative/artistic submissions for some final combined story/report/presentation. Two of our participants will be working for course credits with their college and graduate school programs.



"You can never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete." R. Buckminster Fuller

Impact/Outcomes

It would be dishonest to offer or guarantee products up front when the nature of our program is pilgrimage...by definition to allow, to discover, to see what co-arises. So we are asking people to dare to support the process (not so much the product) and to have faith in us as ambassadors. To look at this journey of eight somewhat like acupuncture, touching a few places on the body of the earth that will then have many positive ripples throughout. There are known impacts--information exchange and many co-creative enterprises--that naturally arise from this form of citizen diplomacy. And there are some simple things we can say at this time.

-Eight people will receive training in the areas mentioned and return to their families, their communities, their work in the world more experienced and more whole, and will

have, we believe, heart/minds, as well as additional skills and knowledge, that lend themselves to embody, inspire and create true co-existence.

-Earthworks, art, council, rites-of-passage, and cross-cultural community practices that we feel contribute to healing relations and building regenerative sustainable societies will be exchanged and (re)seeded in us and the many cultures we visit.

-Seven (and with independent study projects, possibly many more) truly visionary international centers, three indigenous communities and projects, and the new Biosphere land base will have been given tangible hands-on support by a dedicated team of Americans.

-Two university programs, at Hampshire and at Prescott, have accepted Beyond Boundaries as course work for both undergraduate and graduate programs, which will seed similar possibilities for future experiential education.

-Unseen and undocumented goodwill, healing and reconciliation with many peoples from our willingness to show up, to listen, to work, to learn, and to exchange our knowledge and skills.

-Unseen and undocumented effect from cross-cultural ceremonies and prayer that will take place throughout the trip



“The coming global earth community will emerge from a network of Healing Biotopes, communities, and peoples, who have entered into a state of trust and cooperation with all fellow creatures.” Dieter Duhm, co-founder, Tamera “With the act of seeing creation begins. Presently the Earth is pregnant with a new idea. Those who tend it carefully will be able to bring it to birth.” Sabine Lichtenfels, co-founder, Tamera

Potential Productions

Though we do not know what form our official documentation will take, we are collecting photographs, conducting interviews, maintaining blogs, writing collaborative songs and capturing film footage on our journey. Additionally, we will conduct councils with youth and elders throughout the journey asking for stories, concerns, dreams and visions of the future. Any ensuing footage could be made into short documentaries that might be distributed for example throughout the Ojai Foundation’s youth council program in the US (over 8000 kids sit in council weekly in LA schools alone). However, filming will not become the focus of our journey. It will be a possibility, an offering, and a focus if the participants all see the benefits and together make it happen.

We do not want to ‘over commit’, and first and foremost we will allow the journey itself to

generate the value and the gifts. And we will maintain the possibility of generating a report, film, book and/or artistic expression on current practices of holistic communities and on new ideas for sustainable futures being explored around the world.

We expect we will, from our first-hand experience, be able to contribute to a list of many service project/visions being enacted, offering opportunities for all ages to join and/or provide support for them.



“We believe our collective future will be free and just, only if those of us who long to see it so, support one another in our efforts to bring it into being.” –Elias Amidon & Elizabeth Roberts, co-founders of the Boulder Institute for Nature and the Human Spirit

Future Possibilities

This is seen as a pilot program for those who may feel called to continue it in a modified form. We are aware of other programs that may be interested in having this journey be connected, or incorporated as part of their larger leadership/education program in the future. At this point, however, we will make the initial journey, as a project of the Biosphere Foundation, and we will administrate this trip ourselves. Other organizations will be represented but all foundation support can come through the Biosphere Foundation 501(c)3. (See below)

Budget

Income: To date we have raised \$155k from a group of individual sponsors and foundations who have generously expressed interest and support. We are looking for additional sponsors for \$55k still needed, as well as donations in-kind and air miles. We are working with participants to help in their individual fundraising efforts as part of their participation and learning. We are also seeking sponsors for filming and other productions, both individually and collectively.

Expenses: BB will cover the basic expenses for all eight pilgrims and each will be responsible for any ‘extras’. We foresee these basic expenses to be approx. \$25,000 per person (comparable to costs for a year of school), which includes air travel and payment to host sites, etc. All participants will carry their own medical and liability insurance, join us in a safety vow, and sign release forms.

Administrative Costs: \$20,000. This includes a non-profit project percentage for fiscal management, accounting, all bank and credit transactions, plus travel services, postal service, correspondence with sponsors, communications throughout the journey, BB prep meetings, etc., and a small stipend for any administrative assistance at \$10/hr...estimated 100 hours time.

Materials: \$3000. This includes stationary, reports, selected books, and any necessary supplies.

Travel: \$40,000. Eight participants. This includes transport by car, bus, train and plane over 10-months, beginning and ending at Three Creeks.

Site Visits: \$106,280. Fees are set by each of the sites for lodging, in most cases food, and in some cases program expense. (A site-by-site budget is available upon request.)

Three Creeks for nine weeks \$10,800

Ojai Foundation for two weeks \$4,000

Tamera for four weeks \$22,000

Damanhur for eight days \$5,480 (Site fee \$2,800, food and transport \$2,680)

Lodging/food in between centers/programs @\$100pp/pd x 10 days x eight people = \$8,000

Findhorn for four weeks \$10,000

Auroville for four weeks \$15,000

Planetary Coral Reef Foundation for four weeks \$26,000

Independent Project/Study: \$36,000. \$4,500 per person for three months, times eight participants (Some participants will also be earning and /or raising money during this time to contribute to their trip costs.)

Miscellaneous/Contingencies: \$5,000. This is a reserve fund to cover unanticipated costs that inevitably arise on such a pilgrimage: hotels, food, health, equipment, rising prices between now and 2010. (All participants provide their own health and liability insurance.)

Total budget: \$205,280

Raised to date: \$155,000

Remaining amount needed: \$50,280

Still seeking:

- Equipment for the incorporation project time.
- Air Miles: We are looking into this for independent study travel.

Once we have covered our basic costs, **extra funds** could be raised for: **Film, Music and Book Productions**

Donations in-Kind

Tom Jenkins, Lola and John Long, Doug Adrianson, Bruce Deboskey: travel assistance

Also many hours, days, months of travel and time preparing the sites, and making arrangements for this journey, Coyle and Phelps serving as Project Director, Associate Director throughout,

and all participants personal fundraising work, and offering their leadership and gifts gratis throughout the journey. Participants are also using their earnings and savings to cover any costs at home while away.

DONORS – To Date

Donors \$25,000 and above

AnJel Fund, Rudolph Steiner Foundation (RSF), Krystyna Jurzykowski, Roger and Margo Milliken

Donors \$10,000 and above

Grant Abert, (RSF) Ginny Jordan, Ron & Tova Claman

Donors \$5,000 and above

Lynnaea Lumbard and Rick Paine, Schick Foundation, Julia Butterfly Hill

Donors \$500 and above

Max Milton, Peter Scott, Aaron Frederick, Chloe Scott, Catherine Scott, Praveen Mantena, John Clausen, Lynn Shaffer, Rosenthal Family Foundation, Andrew Beath, Lynne Twist, Stone Foundation, Molly Stranahan, Slifka Foundation, James & Laura Whitney, Marilyn Bronzi, Andrew Lafleur, Peter & Lee Vendermark, Madeleine Corson, Nick & Leslie Reynolds

Well over 100 people have contributed with smaller donations to this journey.



“We see our money as a blessing, which we hold as stewards to be utilized for the care of the planet and its inhabitants, and we commit to explore appropriate relationship between our own comfort and the welfare of the world.” --Threshold Foundation Board 1991

Donations to: [Beyond Boundaries](#), a project of the Biosphere Foundation.

Checks can be made out to Biosphere Foundation (w/note incl., “For: Beyond Boundaries”)

Attn: Sally Silverstone, PO Box 808, Big Pine, CA 93513. (760) 938-2949 <sierra@pcrf.org>

Tax ID No. 86-0686472

Project Director:

Gigi Coyle - 30 years' work in international relations/citizen diplomacy, council, wilderness rites-of-passage, organizational development and community building, co-author of The Way of Council; and The Box, Remembering the Gift. (760) 938-1177 <gigicoyle@earthlink.net>

Associate Director:

Win Phelps - 30 years award-winning work as director of TV and film; council leader, and rites-of-passage guide and trainer, School of Lost Borders; twenty-eight years a student of the Integral Yoga of Sri Aurobindo. <winphelps@earthlink.net>

Throughout the journey we will be sharing different jobs and areas of responsibility amongst the group. We will co-create, co-facilitate, and both teach and become students exploring co-intelligence as well as co-existence.

Advisory Group/Collaborating Organizations

Andrew Beath: Earth Ways Eric Utne: Earth Corps, Utne Institute Meredith Little: School of Lost Borders Roshi Joan Halifax: Upaya Foundation Jack Zimmerman: The Ojai Foundation Krystyna Jurzykowski: Fossil Rim/High Hope Jeff Cooke: Environmental internship consultant Roger Milliken: Conservationist/businessman Robert Gass: Social Action Agent Peter Shenstone: Planet Ark (Australia) Marlow Hotchkiss: Council trainer, elder of the Ojai Foundation Jim Hickman: Co-Founder of Esalen Citizen Diplomacy, USSR Abigail Alling: Biosphere Foundation and Planetary Coral Reef Foundation Bruce Deboskey: Lawyer/activist, as and if needed Elias Amidon and Elizabeth Roberts: Boulder Institute for Nature and the Human Spirit Vance Martin: The Wild Foundation

Associated Organizations

Regenerative Design Institute, Wilderness Within, the Shikari Tracking Guild, Pachamamma Alliance, Golden Bridge, Ripple Effect, Ocean Revolution/Native Oceans, Global Passageways, Bioneers

Our offer is to share our experiences throughout the journey and be available to inform those we meet about the relevant work of these groups. We are open to add to this list as we go.

Three Creeks, Base Camp, the Owens Valley, California

Just visible in the valley below is Three Creeks, our small five-acre oasis in the Eastern Sierra, a sanctuary, a home, a place to mark transitions, to heal, to strengthen one's care and commitment through quest, council, retreat and service. It is owned and stewarded by guides from the School of Lost Borders and The Ojai Foundation along with founders and members of the Biosphere Foundation.

Biosphere Foundation (BF) Fiscal Sponsor for Beyond Boundaries

Biosphere Foundation's primary goal is to inspire intelligent stewardship of our earth's biosphere. Its projects aim to contribute to the existing body of knowledge about the biosphere and to inspire individuals to get involved through either "hands-on" fieldwork or virtual-education outreach programs.

Biosphere Foundation was formed in 1991 by several 'Biospherians' who lived for two years inside a 3.15-acre miniature world called Biosphere 2. This life enhancing and transforming experience, whereby each human was integrally a part the ecology and well being of the system, served as the inspiration to initiate and support similar programs around the world. BF approaches projects and tasks from a combination of angles including science, adventure and art. It teaches apprentices a way of life; to "learn by doing"; and to inspire leadership and stewardship of our earth's biosphere.

Of the ecosystems within Biosphere 2, the 1 million gallon coral reef was the most responsive to changes in the environment, and with this in mind, BF commenced its first project under the name of Planetary Coral Reef Foundation. PCRf's unique approach back in 1991 was to view the coral reef as the indicator for the health of our oceans, and thus our biosphere. To learn more about the planetary state of coral reefs, PCRf launched an expedition onboard a sailing ship from the years 1995 to 2008 to map and monitor coral reefs and provide unique education-outreach programs.

Additionally, Biosphere Foundation has developed an ecological wastewater treatment facility called Wastewater Gardens®; supported a rainforest ecological educational project in Puerto Rico; pioneered a space-based project to map and monitor reefs from satellites using spectral imagery as a demonstration project for planetary stewardship of our oceans; built a 12' diameter sealed system to grow plants and study soil, water and atmospheric dynamics in support of the design for a space-based human life support system; and initiated "Studio of the Sea", a film studio dedicated to featuring films about ocean challenges, sea creatures and island cultures.

(For more info please see www.biospherefoundation.org and www.pcrf.org.)

Pilgrimage Calendar

Phase 1: June to October 2009

June 7 - July 14 *Three Creeks*, Big Pine, Calif. Vision Quest ceremony/setting intention/connecting to the land.

June 21 - July 2 Youth Quest led by Gigi, Will Scott and Win with others in SOLB Training and participating as part of the Elders council.

June 15 - 19 and July 4 - 9 Three Creeks Training in rites of passage, council, and related

practices that will be shared throughout the journey. Trip preparation and community service project with the Paiute people

July 9 - 19 *The Ojai Foundation*, Gathering of Council Leaders and service project with the Chumash

July 20 - Aug. 20 *Tamera, Portugal* Summer University in peace work, sustainability, gender and community relations, and the creation of healing biotopes; Service Areas: permaculture/solar village and peace work projects

Aug. 21 – Aug. 29 *Damanhur, Italy* Tours of their eco-village, art and temples, service work.

Sep. 4 - Oct. 4 *Findhorn, Scotland* Immersion in eco-village and spiritual practice of Findhorn, service work in the local environment, and Gaia network. One week council work, tree-planting project or another project of choice, one week incorporation/farming on Erraid Island.

Phase 2: Oct. 5 – Jan. 15, 2010 (with 10 day Christmas break)

Independent Projects, individually chosen

USA.... Europe.... Middle East.... South America.... Africa

Assistance with design and planning, as well as self-generated focus on areas of interest and ancestral roots (See below.)

Phase 3: Jan. 15 – Apr. 21, 2010

Jan. 15 - Feb. 15 *Auroville, India*, Convergence Program, or open work-study in one of many cross-cultural, eco-spiritual communities

Feb. 15 - Mar. 15 *Anambas, Indonesia* Planetary Coral Reef Foundation, working with the Biosphere Foundation and the Sea People helping to establish new land/sea base and marine sanctuary.

Mar. 21 - Apr. 21 *Three Creeks, Big Pine, Calif.* Incorporation: through council and Quest and work on the land back at the place we began and with the Paiute, looking at and setting intentions for next steps in education, careers, life, community, work, relationship, citizen diplomacy, and how/if to carry Beyond Boundaries forward.

Independent Study/Travel/Projects: Oct. 15, 2009 – Jan. 15, 2010

The Independent Study is to be designed individually with the support of the group. Some emphasis during this period is to be spent on connection to ancestral lineage, place and story. As well there are many volunteer opportunities at places and projects which Gigi and Win can help

arrange. Then there is also each participant's personal call to travel, work, or study. We will sit as a council to assist each other with plans. Each participant will be responsible for fiscal accountability, making the relationships, travel, and evaluations as part of the learning. An example of the connections/suggested projects and places we have and offer at this time are:

USA

Working for/volunteering on a Bioneers project Work study/exchange at the Ojai Foundation Service /support for an indigenous effort/community/network Continuation with work initiated at Three Creeks on land, film, writing, etc.

Middle East

Council project internship: Center For Council Training and Ma'agal Hakshava, Israel Healing Biotope (see Tamera website)

Central/South America

The Wild Foundation/World Wilderness Congress in Mexico and indigenous peoples project ... Pachamamma Alliance, Ecuador Brazil: Healing with John of God, Abadiania; "visit" with Grandmother Maria Alicie, and others Political/social activism in an indigenous village, i.e. Colombia (see Tamera IGP Initiative)

Africa

Visit and service at three different community/centers: South Africa Kufunda Village Learning Community, Zimbabwe Global Youth Council work at Ghana refugee camp Our Generation Voluntary Organization, Ghana