

Symbolism of the Plains Indian Sun Dance

A lecture by **CHIEF JAMES TROSPER**



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Doors open at 6.15pm
Lecture begins promptly at 7pm
Concludes 8.15pm promptly

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Admission

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This talk will start by answering the question 'What is the source of the American Indians' reverence for Nature?' It will describe the central role of the Sun Dance for all Plains Indians and touch upon three other primary rites that are intimately connected to the Sun Dance: the sweat lodge purification ceremony, the vision quest and daily prayer with the sacred pipe. There will also be a discussion of the different roles of men and women in traditional Indian society, including the fact that the spiritual roles of men and women are equal. The talk will close by exploring the inclusive nature of the Plains Indian perspective toward other cultures and religions.

JAMES TROSPER is a Sun Dance Chief of the Shoshone Tribe on the Wind River Indian Reservation in Wyoming. He is from a long line of Shoshone Sun Dance chiefs and is a direct descendent of Chief Washakie, the most important Shoshone chief in history. Mr Trospers is deeply involved in developing and promoting programmes to preserve the Shoshone language, education and cultural heritage. In part Arapahoe, he is the Director of Family Services for the Arapahoe tribe, the Executive Director of the Chief Washakie Foundation and a Director of the Grand Teton National Park Foundation. He is a graduate and a two term Trustee of the University of Wyoming. He lives with his wife and family in Fort Washakie, Wyoming.

Advance booking recommended

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