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SACRED RUN 2006

All Life is Sacred - Running for Peace, Mother Earth, & Hurricane Recovery

Sacred Run 2006 will conclude on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2006, after nearly 4,400 miles on foot, from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. The international interfaith group of about 35 runners and walkers will arrive at the Lincoln Memorial at 11am. Closing ceremonies and song will take place at that time, and Dennis Banks, co-founder of the American Indian Movement, will offer a State of the Environment address. For day-to-day details, please see <http://www.sacredrun.org>.

Background

On February 11, 2006, the 28th Annual International Sacred Run left from San Francisco, California to cross the country on foot to Washington, D.C., a distance of about 4,400 miles. The 71-day run will cover 12 states before arriving at the nation's capital on Earth Day, April 22, 2006. Runners and walkers have been through the Gulf Coast territory with those who are rebuilding after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Originally organized in 1978 by Dennis Banks and AIM (American Indian Movement), the purpose of Sacred Run is to promote international peace and understanding for all people and to honor and recognize the sacredness of Mother Earth and everyone who lives here.

The Sacred Run team includes international long-distance runners and walkers who are running and walking shifts to cross 12 states and over 4,400 miles as this year's route. At this point in their journey, they are in Virginia. To locate the run on its journey, consult the Route and Schedule on www.sacredrun.org (<http://www.sacredrun.org/Route&Schedule.html>). Beginning Wednesday, April 19th they are expected in Charlottesville, VA, Fredericksburg, VA, Alexandria, VA. Sacred Run 2006 concludes with ceremonies and song at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. at 11am on Saturday, April 22.

The theme of every sacred run is "All Life Is Sacred." With every step, runners deepen their own commitment and vision, and at the same time they call America to a deeper sense of vision and responsibility. All across America, Sacred Runners and Walkers are listening, calling, and engaging in conversations with those they meet in search of a deeper sense of consciousness and responsibility for all life on this planet. In addition, they share their experiences in discussions about Mother Earth: clean air, soil, water; sacred sites, burial sites and other issues of concern to Native Americans; and about the ways of the People in peace and war.

Press inquiries are welcome. **Interviews with Dennis Banks**, co-founder of the American Indian Movement can be arranged through Tony Baugh (808) 936-1229.

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