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# **A Contemplative Experience Workshop...**

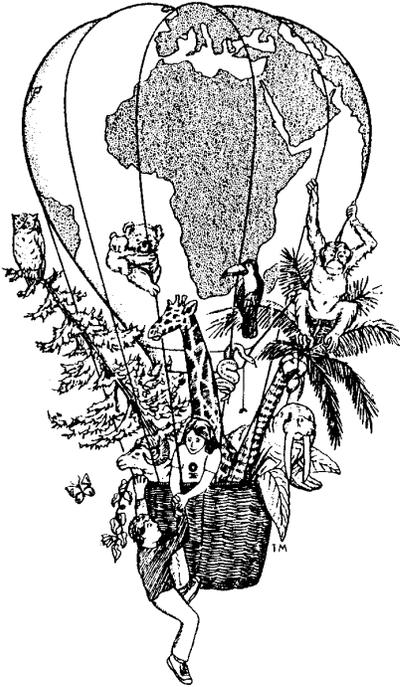
**in service of the earth**

**With Steve Van Matre**

**January 17 – 18, 2015**

at

*Cooper Center for Environmental Learning  
Tucson, AZ*



The environmental movement is the largest movement in human history, cutting across all geographic, political, and spiritual boundaries. So where do we fit into that movement personally? What is the abstraction we champion, and how can we share it with others?

### **What will you take away from this workshop?**

- + Focused contemplative exercises
- + An overview of the “Energy Path” in human history
- + A personal Quest Map
- + The “Code of the Servants”
- + Special experiences for exploring, observing, and absorbing nature
- + Priceless rejuvenation

Date: **Saturday & Sunday, January 17-18, 2015**

Time: **8:30 AM – 5:00 PM**

Location: **Cooper Center for Environmental Learning,  
5403 W. Trails End Road, Tucson, AZ 85745**

Cost: **\$105.00 (snacks, beverages & lunch; scholarships available)**

Sponsors: **University of Arizona, Sonoran Desert Branch of IEE, Cooper Center  
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### ***Contemplate: the act of considering thoughtfully***

In these busy times it is easy to get so involved in our daily activities that we lose sight of where we are going in our lives. This workshop is designed to help us consider our personal relationship with the natural world and our role in the movement to sustain it. This is a time to ponder why we do what we do, and refine our own personal quest to be of service to both the planet's natural systems and communities, and its human passengers.

Since a disruptive human relationship with the earth's natural systems and communities lies at the heart of our environmental problems, how do we craft a more harmonious and joyous "ecological niche" for ourselves? If a key to the "good life" is to live a life of sacrifice and enjoy it, as we claim, then how do we explain our choices to others?

### ***Relationship: the quality of being connected***

If you have ever found it difficult to explain your life's work, this is an opportunity to examine the underlying motivations that propel you, and give them a concrete representation. What does it mean to say, "I am an earth educator," or "I interpret the earth's jewels for its people"? Why is your work not merely important but vital for the future of this watery oasis in the vastness of space?

Contemplating one's intent gives structure to the pursuit, and as we have seen in interpretive design, passion within structure produces enduring triumphs. Many of us have a passion for the natural and cultural world we share, but lack an organizing structure, which prevents us from realizing our full potential as a servant of something larger. We bounce around, attracted to the latest buzz, but then cannot figure out what to do with it other than passing it along. We become perpetual sharers rather than purposeful ones. This session will provide experiences to examine your relationship with the earth and time to rejuvenate and contemplate.

*Steve Van Matre is an accredited trainer with The Institute for Earth Education.*



**Registration Form**  
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Name:

Address:

Phone:

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- I have enclosed a check or money order for \$105.00 made out to the **University of Arizona**.
- I will be paying the workshop fee with a purchase order.
- I will be paying by credit card through PayPal

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*The workshop hosts will provide snacks, some beverages and lunch. Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions. If you would like to stay at the Cooper Center overnight contact Colin Waite for details. Remember to dress for the weather and wear comfortable closed-toed shoes.*

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Print out this form and mail with the workshop fee to:  
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