

# RECLAIMING YOUTH SEMINARS

## July 13-18, 2026

Augustana University - Sioux Falls, South Dakota



## Reclaiming Youth Conference, July 16-18

Larry Brendtro, Martin Brokenleg, and Steve Van Bockern, co-authors of *Reclaiming Youth at Risk: Our Hope for the Future*, and Mark Freado, a leader in the reclaiming youth movement, invite you to the Reclaiming Youth Seminars! Network with colleagues from all over the world to share ideas, learn new skills, inform, inspire, and re-energize.

Grounded in resilience research showing that inner strengths and external supports are essential for positive youth development, the Reclaiming Youth Seminars offer practical skills for success with our most challenging children and youth. Explore timely topics including:

- Building Respectful School Climates
- Strength-Based Treatment with Children and Families
- Reclaiming Wisdom of Indigenous Cultures
- Positive Climates in Residential Care and Juvenile Justice
- Trauma, Resilience, and Thriving

## Pre-Conference Options, July 13-15

### The Art of Kid Whispering, 2-day Training, July 13-14, 2026

*The Art of Kid Whispering prepares adults to decode the offensive and defensive language of adult-wary youth and discover meaning in their non-verbal communication in order to develop a trusting partnership and a strong platform from which they can grow. Trainer: Mark Freado*

### Cultures of Respect: Re-Righting History, 1-day Workshop, July 15, 2026

*Humans have biologically evolved to thrive in Cultures of Respect that meet the needs of both individuals and the group. In contrast, Cultures of Domination are marked by conflict and aggression. This one-day training is based on a new book by Martin Brokenleg and Larry Brendtro that blends Indigenous wisdom with Western science to explore how respectful cultures can be intentionally cultivated. Trainer: Larry Brendtro*

*Note: The seminars will run from 8:30am-4:30pm each day.*

## Optional University Credit and Continuing Education Credits

All Seminar events are eligible for University credit (an extra fee and assignment is required) or for continuing education credits. More information about these options will be available during the event. Please contact us if you have questions.

## Workshop Site and Accommodations

The event will be held at Augustana University in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. Lodging is at the Holiday Inn Sioux Falls City Centre. The hotel is a ten-minute drive from the Augustana campus and is located at 100 W 8th Street. **All participants are responsible for their own lodging which is not included in the conference registration fee.**

**Holiday Inn Room Rate:** \$134 + fees & tax; **Group:** Reclaiming Youth at Risk 2026

**Phone:** 605-339-2000 (direct) recommended for booking; **Booking Deadling for Group Rate:** June 12, 2026

Let the hotel know you are with the group to receive the special rate. Guests who need to cancel must do so no less than 48 hours prior to arrival or the first night's room and tax will be charged. The Holiday Inn Sioux Falls City Centre is approximately seven minutes from the airport and is just a few steps from the banks of the Big Sioux River and the unique shops, museums, and restaurants that line the streets of downtown Sioux Falls.

## Travel Arrangements

**All participants are responsible for their own transportation.**

Sioux Falls Regional Airport (FSD) is served by several major airlines. Traveling by auto, the city connects to Interstate Highways 90 and 29. Sioux Falls offers Lyft, Uber, taxi, and public bus transportation within the city. The Holiday Inn offers a free airport shuttle.

## Reclaiming Youth Seminars Pricing

The 2026 seminars fee includes registration, conference materials, lunches, and morning and afternoon refreshments

**Cost is U.S. Dollars per person**

RY Conference (July 16-18) Standard Rate: \$395

RY Conference (July 16-18) Group Rate: \$345 for 4 or more participants, registered and paid together \*contact [wendy@reclaimingyouthatrisk.com](mailto:wendy@reclaimingyouthatrisk.com) to register a group\*

Pre-Conf The Art of Kid Whispering, 2-day training (July 13-14): \$295

Pre-Conf Cultures of Respect: Re-Righting History, 1-day workshop (July 15): \$195

## Explore Sioux Falls

Shops, the Sculpture Walk, and unique bistros and restaurants for every taste are located minutes away in downtown Sioux Falls. The 123-acre Falls Park lets you see up close the city's namesake, and an open-air music venue offers free evening performances on the green. The Washington Pavilion hosts live performances, art galleries, and science exhibits.

## Register/Contact Us

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