

# Congregational Church of San Mateo High School Outreach Trip FLAMINGO FLOCKING FUNDRAISER!

This April the CCSM Senior High Youth Ministry will work with the Oglala Lakota People on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. We are going here because through work projects and cultural immersion, we will develop a growing circle of advocates standing in solidarity with the Lakota people on Pine Ridge.

There is poverty on Pine Ridge. The poverty on Pine Ridge can be described in no other terms than “third world.” It is common to find homes terribly overcrowded, as those with homes take in anyone in need of a roof over their head. Many homes are without electricity, running water, or sewers.

But that is only one part of the real story of the Oglala Lakota people who call Pine Ridge home. When we go to Re-Member.org, and work at Pine Ridge, we will have the opportunity to meet and work with some of the most amazing people. Above all, they are survivors. After all they have experienced as a cultural tribe, the Lakota not only survive but they are building a stronger community. As we as volunteer we have the unique opportunity to work right beside them. Re-Member is helping address the severe housing crisis on Pine Ridge by working on homes across the Reservation. We will make current homes more secure, more energy efficient and safer, and we will build new homes as well. Re-Member is a vital part of the community of Pine Ridge and plays a leading role of providing adequate housing to everyone on Pine Ridge.

## How Flocking Works

**You can flock a friend for a donation of only \$20** (\$50/12 birds or \$100/24 birds). Upon receipt of your order form and donation, a member from the CCSM High School Flamingo Flocking team will secretly place a flock of CCSM flamingos in the requested friend’s front yard. Birds will migrate in the evening and will remain in the yard for no more than 48 hours. **A notice will be attached explaining the removal policy, how to order the flamingos to be “forwarded”, and how to buy flamingo “insurance”.** Sorry, our full-sized birds may not migrate or be placed onto public property or at apartment complexes but we do have mini-flocks available so please ask or email [ccsmflamingos@gmail.com](mailto:ccsmflamingos@gmail.com).

## How Flamingos Are Removed

The CCSM Flamingos will be removed from their “landing site” by a member from the CCSM High School Flamingo Flocking team within 48 hours of placement. The CCSM Flamingos can be forwarded on to the next friend. Requests can be made by filling out the Flocking Order form, or by calling the CCSM Flamingo Hotline at **Steve Naylor 343-3694** or send an e-mail to [ccsmflamingos@gmail.com](mailto:ccsmflamingos@gmail.com) . **Please make checks payable to CCSM.** Attach your check to the Flocking Order Form, place it in the envelope and mail it back to us. You may also leave it in the pouch that is with the flamingos and we will pick it up with the flamingos.

## How to Avoid Being Flocked

You may buy insurance for the entire flocking season. Without insurance, remember, you could be flocked several times!

**PRE-FLAMINGO INSURANCE:** Coverage for people who have not yet been flocked is \$50. You will be protected throughout the entire flamingo season.

Flocking is done in good spirits and is not meant to be malicious. Also, to make this fundraiser successful, we must have willing participants. Flock removal does not require payment, but a **donation to benefit CCSM** would be greatly appreciated. The Flamingos are precious property to us and we want to keep them in our possession so all can enjoy. If you have any questions, call the CCSM Flamingo Hot Line at **Steve Naylor 343-3694** or send an e-mail to [ccsmflamingos@gmail.com](mailto:ccsmflamingos@gmail.com)

