

Ramtha's School of Enlightenment Contributes to Local Economy

\$1,006,432 SPENT IN THE COUNTY BY RSE STUDENTS IN 1ST QUARTER 2008

During the first quarter of 2008, a large number of RSE students from all over the world returned to the City of Yelm and its surroundings to participate in their yearly Retreats at Ramtha's School of Enlightenment (RSE). New students attending their Beginning Retreat at RSE also visited Yelm for the first

time. According to the data collected at these events, the total local purchases and expenses outside of RSE listed by those students who participated in the survey — out of the entire group of 2,240 students who attended RSE during this period — reached \$1,006,432, an average of \$449 per student (these figures do not include their event registration fees).

Students who participate in this survey during events in Yelm are asked to list the amount of money spent locally in the following categories: transportation (car rentals, local airport shuttles, RV rentals), gasoline, groceries, restaurants, lodgings, camping supplies (tents, sleeping bags, clothing, other supplies), purchases on campus (not including event registration costs), house/pet sitting, storage, and childcare. International RSE students visiting from abroad also participate in this survey, as simultaneous foreign translation in six languages is offered during events as needed (Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish). These demographic records are open to the public for review and audit upon request.

In the first quarter last year, a total of \$933,000, short of one million dollars, was spent by 2,068 RSE students visiting the local community then, an average of \$451 per student. This year, during the same period, the economic impact of RSE students to the local community increased beyond one million dollars to \$1,006,432. The average contribution per student remained almost the same as last year.

Ramtha's School is very pleased to know its school classes and events are generating a significant contribution to the local Yelm area economy. Each year the school holds several events such as these where the economy of Yelm and its vicinity is greatly uplifted.

We appreciate all the local businesses that supported our students with their goods and services while they visited our area. Thank You!

Sincerely,

Ramtha's School of Enlightenment



Shown above, JZ Knight, owner of Ramtha's School of Enlightenment and channel of Ramtha, teaching the audience at RSE.