

# LOCAL ECONOMY UPDATE

## \$253,400 spent in County by RSE Students in March 2007

### Ramtha's School of Enlightenment Contributes to Local Economy

During the month of March, 850 RSE students from all over the world visited the City of Yelm and its surroundings to participate in their annual spring Retreat and a Beginning Retreat at Ramtha's School of Enlightenment (RSE). Simultaneous foreign translations in six languages (Dutch, French, German, Italian, Japanese, and Spanish) were provided to these students.

The students were asked to fill out a demographics form during the event 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. These demographic records are open to the public for review and audit upon request.

From the two Retreats in March, the total local purchases and expenses listed by the students, without including event registration costs, reached \$253,400 USD, an average of \$298 per student. One quarter of a million dollars were generated with a single major event and one Beginning Retreat.

In the first quarter of 2007, a total of \$933,000, almost one million dollars have been spent by 2,068 RSE students visiting the local community, an average of \$451 per student.

Ramtha's School is very pleased to know its school classes and events contribute a healthy sum 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!*

*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.