

RSE STUDENTS SPEND \$2,031,884 IN COUNTY IN FIRST THREE QUARTERS OF 2008

Ramtha's School of Enlightenment Contributes to Local Economy

A large number of RSE students from the United States and all over the world traveled to the City of Yelm and surrounding community during the first three quarters of 2008 to participate in their classes at Ramtha's School of Enlightenment. RSE students from thirty-nine foreign countries — from South Africa, Romania, Thailand, and Brazil, to name a few — made their way to our community, many for the first time.

RSE conducts a demographic survey regularly to measure the economic impact RSE students make in our local community during school events. According to the data collected at these events by those students who participated in the survey, the total purchases and expenses in our local community reached the record high of \$2,031,884 during the first three quarters of this year alone. (These figures do not include the RSE event registration fees.) This constitutes an increase in local spending of 38.75% from what we recorded last year, which is very significant given the many challenges we are facing in today's global economy.

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 third quarter last year, a total of \$167,945 was spent by 670 RSE students, an average of \$251 per student. This year, during the same period, the economic impact of RSE students to the local community increased to more than half a million dollars, \$516,625, to be precise, an average of \$316 per student. The number of students visiting the community who participated also increased to 1,635, more than double from last year.

Ramtha's School is very pleased that its students are supporting the local businesses in the Yelm area, making our local community a thriving and more prosperous place.



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

