

Space Is Not Empty

A Journey into the Hidden Fields That Shape Your Life

Guided by Horses, the Natural World, and Your Own Inner Nature

with Jackie Stevenson and Alan Briskin, co-author of *Space Is Not Empty*



An Invitation

This retreat is an invitation to slow down, listen more deeply, and remember something essential: **space is not empty—it is alive.**

Inspired by the worldview explored in *Space Is Not Empty*, this immersive experience takes place among horses, land, and open sky—where subtle, often unseen forces are easier to sense. Together, we enter the living fields that quietly shape our emotions, relationships, leadership, and choices, often before words or decisions arise.

Guided by horses—masters of presence and relational awareness—and supported by reflective practices, shared dialogue, and time on sacred land, participants are invited into a way of knowing that is embodied, relational, and deeply human.

Date: May 29-31 Join us in the afternoon of May 29th to late morning of May 31.

Location: Pebble Ledge Ranch Novelty, Ohio

Fee: \$475.00 Includes dinner Friday and lunch Saturday

Lodging is not included we recommend Punderson State Park Manor

What Do We Mean by “Fields” and Why Fields Matter—Now

When you hear the word *field*, you might imagine an open meadow, a sports field, or a particular discipline of study. In this retreat, we use *field* to describe something both subtle and tangible:

A **field** is a space of interaction in which visible and invisible forces—emotional, relational, bodily, social, and environmental—are continuously shaping experience. We are always participating in fields of energy and information. These **fields influence** how we feel, think, and act—often outside conscious awareness. Field awareness is the capacity to notice and work with these influences rather than being shaped by them unconsciously.

What You Will Explore

Field Awareness & Compassionate Choice

Learn to notice the subtle signals arising within yourself, between people, and in the surrounding environment—so you can respond with greater clarity, care, and intention. Walking the land together, nature becomes a living teacher

Whole-Being Attunement

Deepen awareness of how fields influence us physically, emotionally, mentally, intuitively, and spiritually. Reflections are guided by the Medicine Wheel, honoring balance, rhythm, and the wisdom of the Four Directions.

Embodied Presence in an Interconnected World

Cultivate grounded presence within living systems of relationship. Horses help us sense coherence, incongruence, boundaries, and belonging—inviting authenticity, regulation, and deep listening.

Revealed Spaces of Relationship

Explore the visible and invisible spaces where relationships take shape. Through shared reflection, silence, and courageous conversation—often around the campfire—we make meaning together beneath open sky.

Much of what shapes our lives does not come from deliberate choice alone. It arises in the space *between* us—through mood, tone, posture, intention, history, and context. By becoming aware of these fields, we gain access to wiser responses, greater coherence, and more compassionate action in times of complexity and change.





The Three Interweaving Fields

The Personal Field

Your intimate inner landscape—sensations, emotions, thoughts, and subtle knowing.

What this offers you:

Greater self-trust, emotional regulation, clarity under pressure, and the ability to sense alignment—or misalignment—with what truly matters. Horses help make this field visible by responding to who you are *being*, not who you think you are.

The Social Field

The relational world you inhabit—families, teams, communities, and cultures.

What this offers you:

Deeper relational intelligence, clearer boundaries, authentic leadership, and the capacity to influence group dynamics without force or control. Within the herd, we witness a living social system where leadership, cooperation, care, and limits are embodied and honest. This field also carries collective memory and ancestral patterns, inviting awareness of how the past lives through us now.

The Nature and Cosmos (Noetic) Field

The wider field of meaning, purpose, and life's self-organizing intelligence.

What this offers you:

A lived sense of belonging, renewed purpose, and trust in a larger intelligence beyond individual effort. Among horses, land, sky, and seasons, we remember that we are participants in a vast, relational web of life—held within an order that is wise, alive, and responsive.



With Anticipation and appreciation Jackie and Alan

Jackie Stevenson is the founder and CEO of Spirit of Leadership LLC, offering coaching, leadership development, and team building retreats grounded in experiential learning with horses and nature-based wisdom. Her guidance supports individuals, teams and organizations in cultivating authenticity, relational intelligence, embodied presence, personal transformation, and purposeful action especially in these times of complexity and change. Jackie's strength based coaching invites clients to engage their embodied wisdom, mind, heart and spirit for authentic connection and meaningful sustainable change. She is the founder of Experiential Learning with Horses and Nature: Developing Human Potential for Positive Change. Jackie is the author of *"Someday We'll Live Like Horses: Authentic Presence in Leadership and Life"* reflecting her invitation to live with integrity, courage, and compassion in all fields of Life. www.spirit-of-leadership.com

Alan Briskin is an author and consultant exploring the intersection of collective wisdom, spirituality, history, and organizational life. His award-winning books include *The Stirring of Soul in the Workplace*, *Daily Miracles*, *The Power of Collective Wisdom*, and *Centered on the Edge*. Founder of Alan Briskin & Associates, he has over 40 years of experience as a consultant and leadership coach, specializing in health care and mission-driven organizations. He supports leaders in applying practical wisdom and learning mindsets to complex change. A co-founder of the Collective Wisdom Initiative (sponsored by the Fetzer Institute), he was named a Noted Humanist Scholar by Saybrook University. He has served as Executive Advisor at the Institute of Noetic Sciences and Senior Advisor to the One Humanity Institute in Poland.

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Enter the hidden fields shaping our lives and our world—to notice the unseen, to listen for the hum beneath the surface of things—the subtle, living forces that influence how we feel, relate, and choose. Guided by horses, the land, and moments of stillness, we are invited into a way of knowing that is embodied and relational. We learn to listen beneath words and beyond habit, responding with greater compassion, courage, and embodied presence—inviting new ways of growing, leading, and creating social change.