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# Autumn Fires

October 6 - 10, 2022



## WHAT TO KNOW UPON ARRIVAL

**Check in upon arrival** at the Gate House. Day passes can also be purchased here.

**Market and Office hours** are 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

**Free parking is available** out past the Grand Field. If you would like to park at your campsite, **parking passes can be purchased for \$40.**

**WiFi** is available throughout a majority of the campground. You can purchase this directly via your mobile device or from the Market.

**Caffeina's Cosmic Cafe hours** are 8:00 am - 10:00 pm.

**Hestia's Hearth Kitchen** will be serving lunch at 11:30 am and dinner at 6:00 pm. Purchase meal plans or single plates at Caffeina's Cosmic Cafe.

**Green Man Tavern** hours are 4:00 pm - 1:00 am. Happy Hour is from 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm and Happiest Hour is from 11:00 pm - 12:00 am.

**Shower house** is open 24 hours.

**The swimming pond** is open from 10:00 am till dusk. No lifeguard on duty. Swim at your own risk.

**Wood and ice** can be purchased from the Market or Caffeina's. Wood is \$18 per cart full and ice is \$5 per 7lb bag. There are a small number of fire rings available. Do not dig fire pits. Absolutely no fires in The Pines area.

**Alcohol and tobacco** use is permitted for those of the legal age. Outside alcohol is not permitted in Green Man Tavern. Please properly dispose of cigarette butts.

**Clothing** is optional within campground boundaries. Just because someone is nude, however, does not mean they are inviting you to have sex with, harass, touch, or leer at them. Be respectful of all attendees.

**First Aid** service is available. If you require first aid assistance, immediately find a FAST (First Aid and Security Team) member or another Wisteria staff member.

## CAMPGROUND RULES

1. No firearms, no fireworks.
2. Pond is swim-at-your-own-risk. See opposite page for more pond rules.
3. All attendees must be registered, either before the event or upon arrival at the Gate House.
4. No pets allowed. Service animals are permitted.
5. Use fire rings for fires at your camping site. Certain fire pits are designated for sacred sites. No fires in The Pines area. Do not leave fires unattended.
6. No firewood is to be harvested from Wisteria grounds. No outside firewood allowed.
7. Stay within campground boundaries and hiking trails. Maps are available.
8. Do not block gates or roads.
9. Please recycle in the designated bins.
10. Do not litter. Properly dispose of cigarette butts.
11. No dish washing at potable water stations. Please use low-phosphate soaps.
12. Minors must be accompanied by a legal guardian. If the guardian is not the child's legal guardian, they will need a Parental Permission Form signed by the legal guardian.
13. You must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws at all times.
14. Practice "Leave No Trace". Leave No Trace is a set of principles for participation in outdoor recreation that seeks to minimize the impact on the natural environment. Proponents of Leave No Trace believe that individual impacts caused by recreation can accumulate to degrade the land. Therefore, the Leave No Trace message encourages people who spend time outdoors to behave in such a way that they can minimize unavoidable impacts and prevent avoidable impacts. It is often summarized: "Take only photos, leave only foot prints."

## CUSTOMS AND OTHER GENERAL INFORMATION

**The campground is only a small portion of Wisteria's 620 acres.** Do not stray from the clearly marked campground areas shown on the maps. Other land areas are off-limits because they are private sites, have rugged terrain, or are part of the wildlife/nature preserve. Wisteria land has many cliffs, ravines, and other natural features that may be hazardous.

**Over 200 acres of Wisteria have been designated as a permanent nature preserve and sanctuary.** It encompasses many micro-environments from wetlands and woodlands to grassy fields and is a habitat for numerous species of plants and wildlife. Since the founding of Wisteria, this land has been left undisturbed, allowing reclaimed strip mine areas to heal as naturally as possible.

**Creatures great and small inhabit the land.** Insect repellent may be needed to repel mosquitoes. Check your body daily for ticks. Keep food stored securely with lids to discourage raccoons, ants, and other creatures from visiting your camp. Be cautious around wood piles and downed trees, as these may be habitats for wildlife. Please treat all local wildlife and insects with respect. If you are concerned about an encounter, contact a Wisteria staff member for assistance, so that no harm comes to campers or resident wildlife.

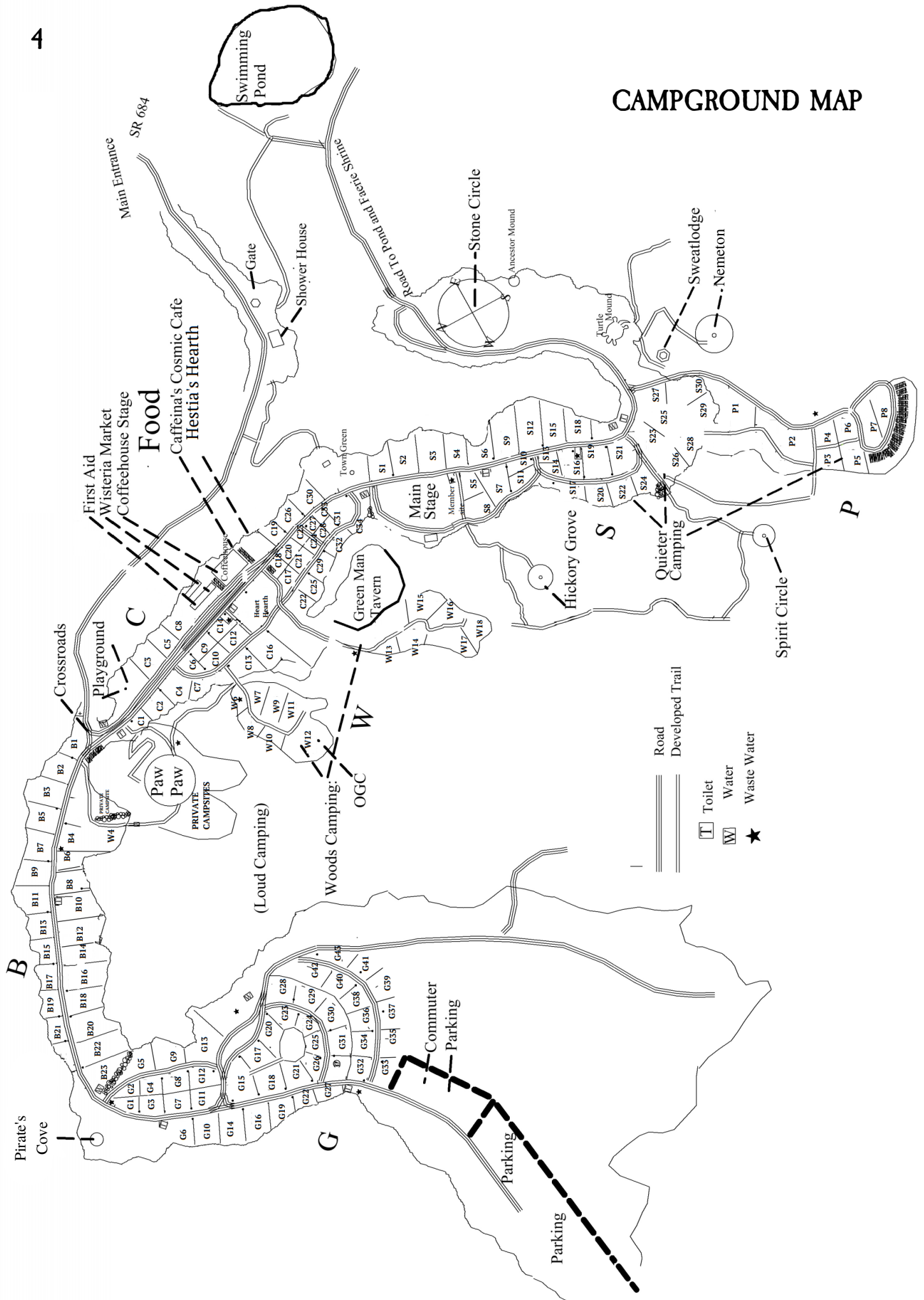
**To avoid infestation from invasive insects, do not bring in firewood from other areas.** No firewood is to be harvested from Wisteria forests, except for small dead twigs and branches. Do not dig fire pits. A limited number of community fire rings are available for sharing. Do not leave unattended fires burning (this includes lamps and candles). In wooded camping sections, use only established fire rings and circles. **No fires in The Pines area.** Should a fire get out of hand, immediately find a Wisteria staff member. Fire extinguishers are available throughout the campground. Keep water handy near fires. Please use caution when kindling fires of any size, and be careful with candles, torches, and cigarettes.

**FRS radios** are used by Wisteria staff. If your party uses these radios, please check with a staff member to ensure that you are not on the same frequencies.

**Under Ohio law,** there is no liability for an injury to or death of a camper or visitor to this campground if that injury or death results from the risk inherent to camping. Inherent risks to camping include, but are not limited to, the risk of injury inherent to land features, equipment, animals, or the negligent actions of the camper or visitor. You are assuming the risk of participating in camping. 37 Ohio Rev. Code. § 3729.15 (2022). available at <https://codes.ohio.gov/orc/3729.15>



# CAMPGROUND MAP



## SCHEDULE

### Thursday, October 6th

**12:00 pm: Autumn Fires begins**

**4:00 pm: Green Man Tavern opens | *Happy Hour from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm***

Join us in the intimate and verdant Green Man Tavern for local Jackie O's draft beer and live music in the evenings! Happy Hour features special pricing on drinks. **Live performance by Levi Merrill.**

**6:00 pm: Dinner | *Hestia's Hearth Kitchen***

Dinner will be available from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm.

**7:30 pm: Ancestor Shrine opens**

The Ancestor Shrine is located in the Village Green, close to the pit kiln. Bring mementos of loved ones who have passed on, write them letters, and light candles in their honor.

**8:00 pm: The Sweet Maple Singers | *Live performance, Green Man Tavern***

With a unique cast of quirky characters, The Sweet Maple Singers will charm your senses and mystify your mind with their eclectic folk and feel-good songs.

**9:00 pm: Paw Paw Opening Ritual | *Paw Paw Fire and Drum Circle***

A procession from Heart Hearth to Paw Paw Fire and Drum Circle makes way for a short opening rite as attendees become reacquainted with this sacred space.

**11:00 pm: Happiest Hour | *Green Man Tavern, 11:00 pm - Midnight***

Happiest Hour features special pricing on drinks. Green Man Tavern closes at 1:00 am.

### Friday, October 7th

**8:00 am: Caffaina's Cosmic Cafe opens**

**9:00 am: Kids Village Opening Ritual | *Beth Zimmerman, Kids Village***

The kids will create an opening ritual designed to reawaken the heart that is Kids Village.

**10:00 am: 5 Minutes a Day to Better Health | *Heather Boylun-Shull, Hickory Grove***

What if I told you that 5 minutes a day could help you build your immune system, gain energy, feel younger, and relieve pain? In this workshop, I will explain the benefits of each exercise in this simple energy routine that everyone can do to establish positive "energy habits" in their bodies and help them navigate through the stresses we all face today. Let's get on our feet and get our energies moving!

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### Friday, October 7th

#### **10:00 am: Introduction to Blacksmithing | *Blacksmith, Infinity Forge***

Introduction to Blacksmithing will begin at 10:00 am, but will continue throughout the day. Participants will learn the basics of blacksmithing while making their own knife from a railroad spike.

#### **10:00 am: Safe and Fun Foraging | *Beth Zimmerman and Dawn Racer, Kids Village***

We will be using plant identification apps as well as our own know-how to identify medicinal plants that happen to be growing inside and around Kids Village! By studying these plants, and taking the time to look up their lookalikes, we'll figure out what might be safe or even helpful for various purposes - from eating to medicines to treating our boo-boos. Parents are invited to participate because the kids will take home lots of helpful information about what's growing all around them! (For allergen purposes, we will avoid consuming plants during the workshop without parental consent.)

#### **10:00 am: Handbuilding with Clay begins | *Jess Fritz-Miller, Pavilion***

Come make a ceramic piece to be fired in the pit kiln on Saturday! Clay, tools, and construction advice provided. Begins at 10:00 am and continues throughout the day.

#### **11:30 am: Lunch | *Hestia's Hearth Kitchen***

Lunch will be available from 11:30am - 1:00 pm.

#### **12:00 pm: Pumpkin Carving begins | *Heart Hearth***

Pumpkins will be provided! Pumpkin carving will continue through the weekend and will be lit on Saturday evening as part of the Shrine Lighting.

#### **12:00 pm: Punk Magick | *Tom Swiss, Pavilion***

Learn how to strip the art of magick down to its absolute bare essentials, and go forward confidently with a "do it yourself" spirit to engage directly with it, through a five-step process: 1. Decide what you want. ("Set intention.") 2. Do weird stuff. ("Raise energy.") 3. Make the weird stuff connect in your mind with what you want. ("Direct energy.") 4. Seal the deal. ("Cool down.") 5. Get off your ass!

#### **12:00 pm: Sweatlodge Orientation | *Doug Sundling, Sweatlodge***

The sweatlodge is a ceremony to ascertain balance through cleansing and renewal. It is a ceremony to celebrate being human. A sweatlodge ceremony is shaped by both the past and the present. Your spiritual sincerity is the most important thing you can bring to a sweatlodge. No drugs or alcohol; just the 4 Elements – Earth, Air, Fire, & Water. Orientations are held at the Sweatlodge Site. Time of the sweatlodge will be determined at orientation. Open to adults 18 years old or older. Unless arranged otherwise with the facilitator, you must attend the noon orientation if you wish to participate in a sweatlodge ceremony. If a particular group or individual or couple desire a sweatlodge ceremony for a specific purpose, please talk with Doug to see if such a ceremony can be arranged.

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#### **12:00 pm: Hurling with Spears | *Captain Pat, Stone Circle***

Test your skill and wits against evil cardboard boxes and imaginary zombie kangaroos. If you've never thrown before, you will be expected to master the "piercing cry of Heeeaaaaa...or learn how to run away really fast from the boomerangs. It is not advised to attempt catching spears or boomerangs with your teeth--although it would be awesome."

#### **1:00 pm: Live Action Role-playing | *Aaron Zimmerman, Kids Village***

LARP: Free-form Live Action Role-playing is an exercise in imagination. Kids will be encouraged to use their wits in a variety of puzzles and activities to solve this year's quest. Costumes are welcome, but not required. Mainly geared towards 8+ ages.

#### **2:00 pm: Working with Ancestors and Other Spirits of the Dead | *Dr. Jack Grey and Dr. Tom Sharp, Green Man Tavern***

From hero myths to ghost stories, from the intercession of saints to a quick prayer of thanks to your dead grandmother who looks after you, it is human nature to remember the dead. In our modern Western culture, many of us are used to a sharp break between the living and the dead, but historically, the dead were far closer to our everyday experience. In this talk, Jack and Tom will discuss different conceptions of who the 'ancestors' are, provide some insight into why one may wish to take up this kind of work, and give some practical methods for working with them in a magical, ritual, and devotional context.

#### **2:00 pm: Mushrooms: Utilizing Their Healing Magic | *Volley King, Hickory Grove***

Want to learn what medicinal mushrooms can do for your health? How to identify, extract, determine the dosage, where and how to forage/identify wild medicinal mushrooms? Come check out the workshop and allow me to point you to the many great resources I have found in my studies.

#### **2:00 pm: Stone Soup | *Heart Hearth***

Rooted in European folklore, the tale of Stone Soup has a centralized theme on the value of community and sharing to create something that all will enjoy. Gather 'round the cauldron at Heart Hearth and brew a delicious recreation of this traditional soup.

#### **2:30 pm: Mad Hatter's Tea Party | *Beth Zimmerman, Kids Village***

We will have a delightful set of ingredients and mixed teas to choose from - everyone is invited to make their own! You'll get to learn a bit about each ingredient's usefulness and flavor, then it's your turn to make your own brew! Please try to bring your own mug - we want to give you each a heaping helping of drink to enjoy, and you get to keep the reusable teabag!

**Friday, October 7th****4:00 pm: Green Man Tavern opens | *Happy Hour from 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm***

Join us in the intimate and verdant Green Man Tavern for local Jackie O's draft beer and live music in the evenings! Happy Hour features special pricing on drinks. **Live performance by Lady Eureka.**

**4:00 pm: Introduction to the Temple of Dionysos | *Michael Lloyd, Hickory Grove***

The purpose of the Temple of Dionysos is to observe, preserve, and promote the worship of the God Dionysos and, by extension, the Gods, Goddesses, and daimons that form the spiritual foundation of ancient Greece and the modern revival of Hellenic polytheism. This workshop will provide an overview of the Temple and its mission.

**4:00 pm: Ancient Faery Tale Storytime | *Banshee, Heart Hearth***

Gather 'round for an immersive telling of a tale or two from Soror's "37 Ancient Faery Tales," with dramatized percussion by Magus. DIScover how changes and omissions denuded the tales. UNcover what the Grimm Brothers so lovingly preserved, even while they acknowledged that few would ever find it.

**4:00 pm: Medicinal Tree Walk | *Erika Galentin, Meet at Pavilion***

Join Erika for a walk down one of Wisteria's hiking trails and learn to identify the trees that constitute the forests of the region while discovering what you can learn from these great allies.

**4:00 pm: Haunting Crafts | *Beth Zimmerman, Kids Village***

Origami ghosts, handmade stained glass sketches, and balloon pumpkins are just a few of the ideas we invite you to come and make with us! We would love to share some spooky crafts together, as you try these projects or invent your own!

**6:00 pm: Weathering the Storm: Magickal techniques for helping life not suck | *Beth Zimmerman, Kids Village***

How many times have you struggled to get up and move when you needed to? This workshop will talk you through a handful of cheerful and productive methods to help find paths through times of darkness. Starting with basic essentials like sustaining your body well, we will discuss mental exercises and daily practices that can help ease daily stresses, find difficult solutions, and focus on following through until the problems get solved. This will range from high magick techniques to herbalism, with a bit of hard work and hilarity thrown in. Q&A is a big part of this - come ready to participate!

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**6:00 pm: Dinner | *Hestia's Hearth Kitchen***

Dinner will be available from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm.

**8:00 pm: Brian Henke, Sinann Patricia of Root & Branch, and Maevyn Stone | *Live Performance, Green Man Tavern***

Join us in Green Man Tavern for live performances from Brian Henke, Sinann Patricia of Root & Branch, and harpist Maevyn Stone.

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**8:00 pm: Shrine Lighting | *Shrine Valley, Ancestor Mound, Stone Circle, Labyrinth of the Ways, Faerie Shrine***

Wisteria's sacred sites will be illuminated with candles, from Shrine Valley (the trail and sites such as the Hellenic Shrine toward Spirit Circle), the Ancestor Mound, Stone Circle, the Labyrinth of the Ways, and Faerie Shrine. Walk through at your own pace and enjoy the autumn night.

**8:00 pm: Fire-lit Labyrinth Walk | *Labyrinth of the Ways, toward Faerie Shrine***

Join us in The Labyrinth of the Ways for a meditative fire lit Labyrinth Walk.

**8:00 pm: Bedtime Tales | *Aaron Zimmerman, Heart Hearth***

We approach the time of year when the sun rises later and sets earlier. In many Native American cultures, the fall and winter were the times when stories and tales were told. Open to children and adults alike, let these tales bring dreams to the restful.

**11:00 pm: Happiest Hour | *Green Man Tavern, 11:00 pm - Midnight***

Happiest Hour features special pricing on drinks. Green Man Tavern closes at 1:00 am.

**11:30 pm: Hecate Ritual | *Dr. Jack Grey, Dr. Tom Sharp, Matthew Sawicki, Stone Circle***

At the midnight hour, the Convocation of Night meets to call upon the Goddess of Witches. This is a possessory rite for participants to speak with Hecate, Mistress of Ghosts, Torchbearer, Our Lady of Night. Come with a question for the Goddess and an open heart.

Black spirits and white, red spirits and grey, come ye come ye come ye that may.

Adults only. Do not come intoxicated. Leave the camp chairs at camp. The ritual will last until all who desire audience with the Goddess have spoken with Her. A slow movement around the circle will raise power for those in trance; feel free to rest as required.

**Saturday, October 8th****8:00 am: Caffaina's Cosmic Cafe opens****10:00 am: Bath Bomb Making Workshop | *Mary Sundermeier, Pavilion***

Join Mary of Mary's Bath Bombs and learn to make bath bombs, the culture and history of bathing, and explore the value of olfactory in the bath.

**10:00 am: Creative Companions with MissGuided Painting | *Kim Keffer, Main Stage***

In this workshop, Kim shows up as Miss Guided Painting and together leads us on a painting adventure, while speaking about ways to ignite the creative spirit and silence the censor. No painting experience is necessary. All supplies provided. See Kim's art at her gallery space and online @ArtbyKimKeffer

**10:00 am: Yin Yoga with Reiki and Sound Healing | *Angie Watson, Stone Circle***

This practice is a more meditative approach to yoga. It combines long but supported yoga stretches that teach us how to sit and breathe through life's challenges. All postures are done on the floor. Each pose is held for several minutes, stretching the connective tissue in the joints. During the class, the teacher will move from person to person offering Reiki. (You can always opt-out of the reiki portion if you do not want to be touched) Expect a long savasana or yoga nidra with sound healing. Sound healing is a vibrational clearing through the harmonics of singing bowls, a gong, and other instruments. This is a restorative release for mind, body, and soul!

**10:00 am: Sound Healing and Chakras | *Kojun, Hickory Grove***

Explore the connection between singing bowls and chakras in an informative and fun workshop with Kojun. Discover healing vibrations and sound power together as Kojun walks you through the main chakras and corresponding singing bowls. A group guided meditation for harmonising the chakras will conclude this workshop.

**10:00 am: Introduction to Blacksmithing | *Blacksmith, Infinity Forge***

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**10:00 am: Make A Story Time | *Beth Zimmerman, Kids Village***

This time the story isn't just written by one person - it's written by all of us! Beth will be leading the way with starting ideas, but it's everyone's job to give input! Whether you suggest a character, describe a destination, or take over the tale for a bit, this is the kind of story we pass around. We'll take a few tries at this, seeing where each tale might wind off to. Everyone is welcome to participate - who knows where we could end up!

## SCHEDULE

### Saturday, October 8th

**11:00 am: Pit Kiln Clay Firing begins | *Jess Fritz-Miller, Pit Kiln at Village Green***

Join Erika as she discusses various plants and herbs that can assist in guiding us through challenging and transitional periods.

**11:30 am: Lunch | *Hestia's Hearth Kitchen***

Lunch will be available from 11:30am - 1:00 pm.

**12:00 pm: Plants and Herbs for Times of Stress and Transition | *Erika Galentin, Pavilion***

Join Erika as she discusses various plants and herbs that can assist in guiding us through challenging and transitional periods.

**12:00 pm: Sacred Waves Sound Bath | *Kojun, Hickory Grove***

Bring a mat, pillow, and blanket (if you wish), so you can lie down, close your eyes and listen to Kojun as he plays singing bowls, crystal pyramids, and a few other healing instruments. This is an auditory adventure and is meant to be soothing and calm. Maybe you'll even fall asleep! Silence will be requested for those in attendance as this will be a sacred space for sound coming only from Kojun and the instruments.

**12:00 pm: Sweatlodge Orientation | *Doug Sundling, Sweatlodge Site***

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**1:00 pm: Petite Paw Paw | *Paw Paw Fire and Drum Circle***

The children take over Paw Paw Fire and Drum Circle! After trick or treat, the kids will drum, dance, and learn the importance of the Paw Paw fire.

**2:00 pm: Wolves: Fact vs. Myth | *Featured Presentation with Ohio Canid Center, Pavilion***

Ohio Canid Center's goal is to educate the public not only on wolves and their importance in the ecosystem, but to also bring a better understanding of other wild canine species. Isn't it strange that we love our domestic dog, but fear the wolf, hate the coyote, or see the fox as a nuisance?

This presentation features an ambassador animal and covers the family life, habitat, diet, and role in the ecosystem of the wolf while discussing various myths and facts.



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**4:00 pm: The Mysteries of Wyrd: Natural Magic & Healing Magic for Mind-Body-World-Soul | *Ash McKernan, Hickory Grove***

Wyrd—the progenitor of the word weird—is an ancient Northern European pagan concept (akin to the Chinese concept of Tao) which points to the interweaving of fate, destiny, nature, soul and magic. Multifaceted and multidimensional, wyrd is in a mysterious process of revelation, healing-transformation and becoming. In this workshop, as we directly explore wyrd and the ways of wyrd as manifest in our lives we will be cultivating the revealing, healing and transformative qualities of wyrd consciousness—the very consciousness of the Fates. Doing so, we will not only be developing a deeper relationship with the Fates, but we will also be actively learning how to channel natural, healing magic towards and into the wounds that exist within our individual and collective mind-body-relationships-environment-soul-spirit—effectively crafting our wyrd and healing the web of life.

**4:00 pm: Trick-or-Treat | *Kids Village***

Bring your little ones' favorite costumes so they can haunt the streets of Wisteria for our annual Autumn Fires trick-or-treating! Festival attendees are encouraged to bring their own candy to hand out.

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**6:00 pm: Feast | *Hestia's Hearth Kitchen***

The annual Autumn Fires feast will be available from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm.

**6:00 pm: Christi Swing | *Live Performance, Pavilion***

Christi Swing will be performing during the feast!

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**8:00 pm: Main Ritual | *Gather at Heart Hearth, Processional to Paw Paw***

Join us at the Heart Hearth for this community ritual as we celebrate with the local spirits a rite of ingathering for the coming winter. Adapted from a rite by Ruby Sara and Johnny Rapture.

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### Saturday, October 8th

**10:00 pm: Moon and Magik of Unity Rising | *Live Performance, Green Man Tavern***

Unity Rising is a traveling collective dedicated to sharing music that contributes to the healing and positive evolution of humanity. They are the musical aspect of Circus of Purpose. Their goal is to cultivate a healthy, sustainable culture on earth. Let's build a traveling circus!

**11:00 pm: Happiest Hour and Masquerade | *Green Man Tavern, Happiest Hour 11:00 pm - Midnight***

Don your favorite mask and dress in full costume if you wish for this Hallowstide happiest hour masquerade! Happiest Hour features special pricing on drinks. Green Man Tavern closes at 1:00 am.

### Sunday, October 9th

**8:00 am: Caffaina's Cosmic Cafe opens**

**10:00 am: Kids Village Closing Ritual | *Beth Zimmerman, Kids Village***

And now it's time to say goodbye to all our company...but one should always do that in style! We will work together one last time in Kids Village as part of the Autumn Fires celebration, taking out our tools to put our magick here to rest. One should always clean up as part of our work, and this is no exception! We will take time together to celebrate the divine blessing we've been able to share, show our gratitude, and release the energy we've been using.

**11:00 am: Brunch | *Hestia's Hearth Kitchen***

**3:00 pm: Autumn Fires ends**

## PRESENTERS

### **Featured Presenter: Ohio Canid Center**

Ohio Canid Center's goal is to educate the public not only on wolves and their importance in the ecosystem, but to bring a better understanding of other wild canine species. Isn't it strange that we love our domestic dog, but fear the wolf, hate the coyote, or see the fox as a nuisance? If we understand something better, then we can more easily learn to appreciate and coexist with it. Join the Ohio Canid Center on Friday at 2:00 pm for a presentation on wild canids in North America featuring an animal ambassador! Learn more at [www.ohiocanidcenter.com](http://www.ohiocanidcenter.com)

### **Banshee**

Bean Sidhe (pronounced "Banshee") has a lifelong love of faery lore. With a huge debt of gratitude to translator Oliver Loo, she completed "37 Ancient Faery Tales." This volume was written with an ear toward matching both the original 1812 (vol 1) Grimm German and "faery sensibility." Overabundant reprinting of the Grimms' 1852 edition, which had already been significantly modified to meet popular demands, snowed over their original work for many. Banshee gets a thrill from sharing these tales as she gleans the Grimms FIRST intended.

### **Heather Boylan-Shull**

Heather Shull is a certified Eden Energy Medicine (EEM) Practitioner. EEM is a hands-on healthcare approach providing assessments and interventions that focus on the body's electromagnetic and more subtle energy systems. Energy Medicine awakens energies that bring resilience, joy, and enthusiasm to your life – and greater vitality to your body, mind, and spirit! Balancing your energies balances your body's chemistry, regulates your hormones, helps you feel better, and helps you think better. Energy Medicine has been called the self-care and development path of the future, but it empowers you NOW to adapt to the challenges of the 21st century and to thrive within them. Heather conducts individual sessions and self-care classes in Baltimore & Athens, Ohio.

### **Erika Galentin, MNIMH, RH(AHG)**

Erika is a Clinical Herbalist and an ITEC certified Clinical Aromatherapist consulting from Sovereignty Herbs in Athens & Columbus, OH. She holds a degree in Herbal Medicine from the University of Wales, Cardiff, UK and Scottish School of Herbal Medicine, Glasgow, UK. She is a professional member of the National Institute of Medical Herbalists (UK) and the American Herbalists Guild (USA). She is also a proud member of Pi Alpha Xi National Honor Society in Horticulture (USA).

In addition to clinical practice, Erika is both a student and teacher of horticulture, native medicinal plant conservation and ecology, and the phenomenological and Goethean study of plants and their medicinal virtues. With her dedication to medicinal plants native to Ohio and the Greater Appalachian region, Erika teaches, lectures, and writes on native medicinal plant conservation and applied ecology, propagation, herbalism, and clinical efficacy. She also participates as a member of the Education Advisory Council of the American Herbalists Guild as well as the Stewardship Committee of Appalachia Ohio Alliance, a non-profit organization dedicated to the conservation of land and water in Southeast Ohio. [www.sovereigntyherbs.com](http://www.sovereigntyherbs.com)

## PRESENTERS

### **Dr. Jack Grey and Dr. Tom Sharp**

Dr. Jack Grey is both a scientist and witch, two streams which draw from the same well -- a deep love for and curiosity about the wilds and their denizens. He's a plant ecologist, who completed his doctoral work in the misty spirit-haunted forests of the southern Appalachians, as well as an initiate of a lineage of Old Craft, dedicated to establishing relationships with the living spirits of the land. Additionally, Jack is an Appalachian folk magician who is devoted to preserving and maintaining mountain magical and healing traditions. He is also an herbalist and half of Otherworld Apothecary, a shop specializing in botanicals and materia magica, in operation since 2004.

Dr. Tom Sharp is an ethnobotanist, spatial ecologist, and witch. Originally from West Virginia, his practice of witchcraft and magic is rooted in the history, folklore, and spirits of the Appalachian Mountains and is shaped by an ecological understanding of place and process. Tom is an initiate into an old craft lineage and has taught classes and workshops on magic and herbalism for over two decades. Together with his husband, Jack, he has run Otherworld Apothecary, a shop specializing in the materia magica used in their craft, since 2004.

### **Michael Lloyd**

Michael Lloyd is an engineer and writer with long-standing ties to LGBT and contemporary Pagan communities. He is the co-founder and former co-facilitator (2002–2011) of the Between The Worlds Men's Gathering. Michael was named in the 2011-2013 Who's Who of GLBT Columbus. He is author of "Bull of Heaven," and the Eponymous Archon of the Temple of Dionysos.

### **Rev. Lynx**

Druid of the Nemeton of the Cervidae in Columbus, OH. Steward of the Labyrinth of the Ways installment at Wisteria.

### **Kim Keffer**

Traveling artist. Inspiring creativity and silencing the censor. Kim uses painting as self-care, her brush a magic wand.

### **Volley King**

Volley King has been in love with plants since he was a child, making brews and playing pretend. Today he is farming and foraging his own mushrooms and herbs, reading through books and taking in advice along the way.

### **Kojun**

Kojun (Nate Hayes), a long-time Athens wanderer, will be presenting the workshops "Sacred Waves Sound Bath" and "Sound Healing and Chakras", both on Saturday.

## PRESENTERS

### **Captain Pat McGee**

Born in the dark hours, Captain Pat is a tired old man with sore feet who occasionally plays the harp while he wanders through the camp. Known for his Labyrinth building and Zen snoring he claims a direct lineage to all living things. Unknown for anything of great consequence he is determined to keep things that way. His friends call him Zorba for no apparent reason. Lara Wallace, the faithful celloist sidekick of Zorba the harpist is a multi- instrumentalist troubadour known for her uncanny ability to impersonate one-legged alien StarWars characters while belting out sea-shanties when no one is looking. Together this awesome duo has yet to perform at Buckingham Palace but has lingered far too long in the dodgier dens of Athens.

### **Ash McKernan**

Ash McKernan is a licensed psychotherapist (MFT), ecotherapist, bard, life-long explorer of wyrd, and author of the book: *Wyrdcraft: Healing Self and Nature Through the Mysteries of the Fates* (Llewellyn, Jan 2023). Ash loves to spend time at the crossroads where psyche, nature, magic, and healing intersect. You can visit his website at [www.wyrdwildweb.com](http://www.wyrdwildweb.com).

### **Jess Fritz-Miller**

Jess Fritz-Miller is an artist from Wisteria. Her interests include photography, ceramics, nature/culture intersectionality.

### **Mary Sundermeier**

Mary is the proprietor of Mary's Bath Bombs and she makes plastic-free, vegan bath bombs with locally sourced materials!

### **Doug Sundling**

Doug Sundling has been involved with sweatlodges since 1986. Since 1997, he has constructed and maintained a sweatlodge site at Wisteria. While he has facilitated sweatlodge ceremonies at various other festivals, he currently has focused on facilitating sweatlodges for events held at Wisteria.

### **Tom Swiss**

Tom Swiss describes his spiritual path as "Zen Pagan Taoist Atheist Discordian", which usually baffles questioners enough to leave him alone. He is the author of *Why Buddha Touched the Earth* (Megalithica Books, 2013) and blogs as "The Zen Pagan" for the Patheos Pagan Channel. Tom has built a reputation as a lecturer on subjects spanning the gamut from acupressure to Zen and from self-defense to sexuality, drawing on his training and experience as an NCCAOM Diplomate in Asian Bodywork Therapy, a rokudan (sixth-degree black belt) in karate, a poet, a singer/songwriter, an amateur philosopher and spiritual explorer, and a professional computer geek.

## PRESENTERS

### **Angie Watson**

Angie is a 300-hour Yoga Teacher who has been practicing for the past 12 years. She is a Reiki Master and has been practicing sound healing for the past 7 years. She owns a yoga studio called One Love Yoga in Hamilton, Ohio. Her true passion is connecting others with their own hearts, so they are able to heal their own minds and bodies with tools of growth.

### **Beth Zimmerman**

Beth Zimmerman is celebrating her 13th anniversary of her first visit to Wisteria! Her background as a preschool teacher, herbalist, and artist are going to be her focus as she leads Kids Village again this fall. As a mother of 6 and High Priestess of the Guild of the Gods, this is familiar territory for her! She's been studying the magickal arts for more than twenty years, as well as organizing events like Maker Faires and teaching art with Miss Beth's Art & Lessons. Her writing has been published with Dark Moon Press, Witch Way e-Magazine, Sage Woman, and Oklahoma Pagan Quarterly. You can follow her priestess work through both "Guild of the Gods Indianapolis" and "Spiral Spirituality" on Facebook.

## PERFORMERS

### **Brian Henke | *Friday at 8:00 pm, Green Man Tavern***

Guitarist-songwriter Brian Henke will be performing Friday night in Green Man Tavern!

### **Christi Swing | *Saturday at 6:00 pm, Pavilion***

Christi Swing is a singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist from Cincinnati, OH.

### **Lady Eureka | *Friday at 4:00 pm, Green Man Tavern***

Eclectic mix of music inspired by folk, blues, rock, psychedelic, tribal, and classical music.

### **Levi Merrill | *Thursday at 4:00 pm, Green Man Tavern***

As a young singer/songwriter, Levi grew up in New Jersey before trekking to Ohio to pursue a music business degree. He grew up playing in many classic/psychedelic blues rock bands. Levi notes that he is heavily influenced by such acts as The Band, James Gang, Steely Dan, Jackson Browne, Dire Straits, Ellis Paul, and more.

Having had a personal connection to the Levon Helm Band & friends through my father (a former studio musician during the 80's & 90's), this excelled his love for performing & songwriting.

After graduating college in 2016, Levi has stayed in Athens and moved to performing more solo acoustically, while slowly discovering his love for guitar making while working at StewMac in town and building his business "Merrill Guitars, Repairs & Workshop".

## PERFORMERS

**Maevyn Stone | *Friday at 8:00 pm, Green Man Tavern***

Take a step out of reality and into the mystical, magickal world of Maevyn Stone: harpist, vocalist, and bardess.

Maevyn weaves her ethereal melodies into a beautiful tapestry of tales of old, celebration of new, and the never-ending circle of the wheel of life.

**Moon and Magik of Unity Rising | *Saturday at 10:00 pm, Green Man Tavern***

Unity Rising is a traveling collective dedicated to sharing music that contributes to the healing and positive evolution of humanity. We are the musical aspect of Circus of Purpose. Our goal is to cultivate a healthy, sustainable culture on earth. Let's build a traveling circus!

**Sinann Patricia of Root & Branch | *Friday at 8:00 pm, Green Man Tavern***

Sinann Patricia of Root & Branch will be performing in Green Man Tavern on Friday evening!

**The Sweet Maple Singers | *Thursday at 8:00 pm, Green Man Tavern***

With a unique cast of quirky characters, The Sweet Maple Singers will charm your senses and mystify your mind with their eclectic folk and feel-good songs.

## **ASK ABOUT OUR SEASONAL MEMBERSHIPS!**

Wisteria is offering seasonal memberships that allow for camping and other benefits at discounted pricing.

The season begins on April 1st and ends October 31st.

Please contact us at **events@wisteria.org** or ask a Wisteria staff member if you are interested or have questions.

### **Understory Membership**

\$370: One adult (entry) seasonal pass that includes the week of Appalachian Summer Solstice, and weekends of Barleycorn, Autumn Equinox, and Autumn Fires; the right to arrive one day early and leave one day late per festival.

### **Midstory Membership**

\$570: One adult (entry) seasonal pass that includes the week of Appalachian Summer Solstice, and the weekends of Barleycorn, Autumn Equinox, and Autumn Fires; the right to arrive one day early and leave one day late per festival; fourteen additional days of open camping. Does not include days during events sponsored by other organizations or days excluded for Wisteria maintenance.

### **Canopy Single Membership**

\$820: One adult (entry) seasonal pass that includes the week of Appalachian Summer Solstice, and weekends of Barleycorn, Autumn Equinox, and Autumn Fires; a designated campsite for the season; unlimited open camping during the season. Does not include days during events sponsored by other organizations or days excluded for Wisteria maintenance.



**Canopy Double Membership**

\$1270: Two adult (entries) seasonal pass that includes the week of Appalachian Summer Solstice, and weekends of Barleycorn, Autumn Equinox, and Autumn Fires; a designated campsite for the season; unlimited open camping during the season. Does not include days during events sponsored by other organizations or days excluded for Wisteria maintenance.

**Grove Membership**

\$1570: Two adult and up to two children (from 3 to 12 years old) (entries) or three adult (entries) seasonal pass that includes the week of Appalachian Summer Solstice, and weekends of Barleycorn, Autumn Equinox, and Autumn Fires; a designated campsite for the season; unlimited open camping during the season. Does not include days during events sponsored by others organizations or days excluded for Wisteria maintenance.

**Sapling Membership**

\$135: One child (entry; from 3 to 12 years old) seasonal pass that includes the week of Appalachian Summer Solstice, and weekends of Barleycorn, Autumn Equinox, and Autumn Fires; the right to arrive one day early and leave one day late per festival. (Children under 3 are free)

**Forager Package Add-on**

\$30: Annual Collectable Coffee Mug and free refills of coffee for the season with the mug, only during Caffaina's operating hours.

**Digital Package Add-on**

\$100: Season wifi pass for one device (only available with the purchase of the Canopy, Double Canopy and Grove Memberships).

## HESTIA'S HEARTH KITCHEN



# Hestia's Hearth

Hestia's Hearth Kitchen will serve lunch from 11:30 am - 1:00 pm and dinner from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. Meal plans and single plates will be available for purchase at Caffeina's Cosmic Cafe.

Full Meal Plan (Adult): \$60

Full Meal Plan (Child): \$30

Dinner-Only Meal Plan (Adult): \$35

Dinner-Only Meal Plan (Child): \$20

Single lunch and dinner plates available.



CAFFEINA'S COSMIC CAFE

# CAFFEINA'S COFFEE HOUSE



Caffeina's Cosmic Cafe features fresh-brewed Silver Bridge Coffee, cold brew, breakfast sandwiches, snacks, hot dogs, brats, and a wide selection of beverages.

Meals from Hestia's Hearth Kitchen, firewood, ice, and WiFi passes can also be purchased at Caffeina's!

Caffeina's is open daily from 8:00 am - 10:00 pm

## GREEN MAN TAVERN



Green Man Tavern features local draft beer from Jackie O's Brewery as well as the exciting new addition of cider on tap from the local West End Ciderhouse! Other drink options are available.

Green Man Tavern is open daily from 4:00 pm - 1:00 am.

Happy Hour: 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm  
Happiest Hour: 11:00 pm - Midnight



## Recollections of Autumn Fires

*Sun like honey fire  
Filtered through fading green to orange  
Air crisp and bright*

*woodsmoke and O's  
Drums and dreams  
we set the sacred sites to rest  
beneath the falling blanket*

*Earth in our fingernails  
Molded and coaxed while children shout  
to be set forth beneath the fire and  
hardened*

*so many sounds as  
smells and smiles  
feasting and folly  
and saying goodbye for the winter*

*as Squirrels hoard nuts for later sustenance,  
we hoard memories  
to warm us through the coming gloom*

– Nellie Werger



# Thank you for attending Autumn Fires!

## 2023 Schedule of Events

Groundhog Day Woodbusting	Feb 2 - 4
Spring Equinox Community Weekend	March 18 - 20
Spring Phoenix Rising	April TBA
Beltane Community Weekend	April 29 - May 1
Memorial Day Community Weekend	May 26 - 29
Appalachian Summer Solstice	June 21 - 25
The Starwood Festival	July 11 - 17
Barleycorn	Aug 2 - 4
Manifest/Labor Day Weekend	Sept 1 - 3
Fall Equinox Community Weekend	Sept 22 - 24
Prometheus Gathering	Late Sept TBA
Autumn Fires	Oct 11 - 15
Closing Weekend	Nov 3 - 5
Winter Solstice	Dec 21



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