

2023 Autumn Fires Programming

Preliminary - Last Updated 10/9/23

This is a work in progress! We'll have the programs done soon, but in the mean time we wanted everyone to have a chance to look and see what we've got planned.

Schedule of Events

Tuesday 10/10

The campground will be open Tuesday for early arrivals (\$20 camping fee, free for work barter folks), but limited services will be available. Make sure to bring food and everything else you need to be self-sufficient.

7:00 PM - Work Barter Orientation Meeting @ Pavilion

For our work barter volunteers, meet at the Pavilion for orientation at 7PM (the meetings sometimes start a bit later depending on when folks arrive). Dinner will be available at the end of the meeting.

8:30 PM (approx) - Paw Paw

Chances are pretty good folks will gather down in Paw Paw after the meeting. Bring your drum and dance your pants off!

Wednesday 10/11

Autumn Fires officially starts on Wednesday!

Daily Activities - Free form crafting @ Pavilion

We'll have arts and craft supplies available for folks of all ages in the Pavilion every day, beginning Wednesday afternoon.

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch @ Pavilion

Food service begins with lunch at 11:30 AM Wednesday. Note, lunch options may be limited this first meal depending on how many kitchen volunteers we have available. The menu and meal plan prices will be posted below.

12:30 PM - Fire spin check @ Heart Hearth (tentative)

Depending on staff availability, we may have an open spin for *experienced* fire spinners on Wednesday evening. Everyone spinning *must* make it to an equipment check at the Heart Hearth before spinning.

1:00 PM - Opening Circle @ Heart Hearth

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Happy Hour w/ Digger T @ Green Man (Performance)

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Dinner @ Pavilion

7:00 PM - Bardic Circle w/ James Dolan @ Heart Hearth

Bardic circles will happen every evening after dinner at the Heart Hearth. Wednesday's bardic circle will be led by James Dolan (see Workshops for bio and more information)

7:30 PM - Open Spin @ Above Green Man (tentative)

If staffing is available, there will be an open spin for *experienced* fire spinners Wednesday, 7:30 PM, in the grassy area above Green Man. You must attend an equipment check prior to spinning

9:30 PM - Paw Paw Drum and Dance Fire Circle

Paw Paw will start most nights around 9:30 or whenever the fire tenders get a round tuit. Those round ones are hard to find but Fire Tribe seems to have them in abundance.

11:00 PM - 1:00 AM - Happiest Hour @ Green Man

Thursday 10/12

Daily Activities - Pumpkin carving and crafting @ Pavilion

Come carve a pumpkin! We'll light them up Saturday night. Carving tools will be available. Other craft and art supplies will be available as well.

9:00 AM - Pagan Recovery Circle w/ Donna Donovan @ First Aid Tent

Pagan Recovery Circle will meet every morning beginning Thursday, around 9AM at the First Aid tent

10:00 AM - Alchemical Psychology w/ Jenny Sieck @ Hickory Grove (Pavilion if raining) (Teens and adults)

10:00 AM - Wisteria Bioblitz w/ Jess Fritz - Meet @ Pavilion

10:00 AM - Kids' Opening Circle w/ Beth Zimmerman @ Kid Village (younger children)

10:00 AM (approx) - Blacksmithing @ Infinity Forge (teens and adults)

Infinity Forge will be doing blacksmithing daily beginning around 10AM. Come by to make an appointment.

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch @ Pavilion

12:00 PM - Sweat Lodge Orientation w/ Doug Sundling @ Sweat Lodge

See Sweat Lodges section for more information. You *must* attend the sweat lodge orientation on the day you attend a sweat.

12:30 PM - Fire spin check @ Heart Hearth [tentative]

Depending on staff availability, we may have an open spin for *experienced* fire spinners on Wednesday evening. Everyone spinning *must* make it an equipment check at the Heart Hearth before spinning.

1:00 PM - Ancestral Techniques and Herbs for Modern Day Stress w/ Papa Joe Oakenthorn @ Spirit Circle (Main Stage if raining)

1:00 PM - Make a Story Time w/ Beth Zimmerman @ Kid Village (younger children)

2:30 PM - Mysteries of the Wyrld w/ Ash @ Hickory Grove (Pavilion if raining) (teens and adults)

2:30 PM - Find Your Power Animal w/ Nightbird @ Green Man (adult 18+)

4:00 PM - Bespoke Magic w/ Kalliope @ Main Stage (adult 18+)

4:00 PM - Stating the Obvious about Dosage w/ Beth Zimmerman @ Green Man (adult 18+)

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Happy Hour w/ Jimmy Clark @ Green Man (Performance)

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Dinner @ Pavilion

7:00 PM - Bardic Circle w/ Steve Zarate @ Heart Hearth

7:00 PM - Embracing the Power of Kali w/ Beth Zimmerman @ Spirit Circle (Pavilion if raining)

7:30 PM - Ancestor Shrine Lighting w/ Charlene Suggs @ Ancestor Shrine

See description under Ceremonies

7:30 PM - Open Spin @ Above Green Man [tentative]

If staffing is available, there will be an open spin for *experienced* fire spinners at 7:30 PM, in the grassy area above Green Man. You must attend an equipment check prior to spinning

8:30 PM - Hellnaw @ Green Man (see Performances)

9:30 PM (approx) - Paw Paw Drum and Dance Fire Circle

Paw Paw will start more or less after the concert ends in Green Man

Evening - Open Sweat w/ Doug Sundling @ Sweatlodge (see Sweat Lodges below) (adult 18+)

Time will be determined during the mandatory noon orientation meeting at the Sweat Lodge.

11:00 PM - 1:00 AM - Happiest Hour @ Green Man

Friday 10/13

Daily Activities - Pumpkin carving and crafting @ Pavilion; Ceramics open studio @ Main Stage

We'll have the pumpkin carving and crafting supplies in the Pavilion for folks of all ages.

Ceramics supplies will be available at the Main Stage beginning in the afternoon. The clay will need some time to dry before being fired in the pit kiln on Saturday. Come see Jess Fritz for ceramics pointers.

9:00 AM - Pagan Recovery Circle w/ Donna Donovan @ First Aid Tent

10:00 AM - Sacred Cacao Ceremony w/ Donna Murlin @ Spirit Circle (Main Stage if rain) (Adult 18+)

10:00 AM - Music is Magic w/ Allen Lindsey @ Kid Village

10:00 AM - Ceramic Talisman Tiles w/ Jess Fritz @ Main Stage

10:00 AM (approx) - Blacksmithing @ Infinity Forge (teens and adults)

Infinity Forge will be doing blacksmithing daily beginning around 10AM.

10:00 AM and on - Captain Pat and Lara Wallace - Roaming (see Performances)

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch @ Pavilion - Steve Zarate performance

12:30 PM - Fire spin check @ Heart Hearth

Friday and Saturday evening open spinning will be open to less experienced fire spinners. You *must* attend the spin check and instructional session prior to spinning.

1:00 PM - Death and Ritual and the belief of an Afterlife w/ Papa Joe @ Spirit Circle (Main Stage if raining)

1:00 PM - Money Magic w/ MsMesay @ Green Man

1:00 PM - Stone Soup story and instructions w/ Shannon Heather @ Heart Hearth

1:00 PM - Women's Circle w/ Jen Capone @ Hickory Grove (Pavilion if raining)

2:30 PM - Nature Preserve Waterfall Hike w/ Charlene Suggs - Meet @ Pavilion

2:30 PM - Beats from the Playa w/ Karen Martin @ Paw Paw (teens and adults)

2:30 PM - Men's Circle w/ Chris Holmes @ Spirit Circle (Main Stage if raining)

4:00 PM - Mad Hatter's Tea Party w/ Beth Zimmerman @ Kid Village

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Happy Hour w/ Megan Bee @ Green Man (Performance)

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Stone Soup @ Heart Hearth / Dinner @ Pavilion

Stone Soup is an annual tradition at Autumn Fires. Honor the spirit of community with the soup we all made together. Dinner will be offered at the Pavilion for those who prefer.

7:00 PM - To the Music of a Crackling Flame w/ Genevieve - @ Heart Hearth

Friday bardic circle will be led by Genevieve Houck (see Workshops for bio and more information)

7:00 PM - Haunted Hayride to Fairy Shrine - Meet @ Pavilion

7:00 PM - Fire Lit Labyrinth Walk w/ Rev Lynx @ Labyrinth

7:30 PM - Fairy Ball w/ Maevyn @ Fairy Shrine

Friday night features the lighting of the Labyrinth of the Ways at 7 PM, and the Fairy Ball at 7:30 PM. The Haunted Hayride for kids of all ages, featuring ghost stories, will depart from the Pavilion at 7:00 PM, passing by the Labyrinth, ending at the Fairy Shrine. A shuttle will also be available for those who wish to ride there. Rides back also included! In the event of inclement weather, we'll post alternative plans at the Pavilion.

7:30 PM - Open Spin @ Above Green Man

Open spin for all fire spinners, 7:30 PM, in the grassy area above Green Man. You must attend an equipment check prior to spinning,

8:30 PM - Colin and the Crows @ Green Man (see Performances)

9:30 PM (approx) - Paw Paw Drum and Dance Fire Circle

Paw Paw will start more or less after the concert ends in Green Man

11:00 PM - 1:00 AM - Happiest Hour @ Green Man

Saturday 10/14

Daily Activities - Pumpkin carving and crafting @ Pavilion; pit kiln clay firing @ Village Green; Kids Costume Parade and Trick or Treat

On Saturday, we'll fire the ceramics y'all made Friday in our pit kiln at Village Green. Pumpkin carving and crafting will continue to be available. And Saturday is our kids' costume parade, Trick or Treat, and Petite Paw Paw!

9:00 AM - Pagan Recovery Circle w/ Donna Donovan @ First Aid Tent

10:00 AM - Creative Companions with Miss Guided Painting w/ Kim Keffer @ Main Stage

10:00 AM - Music is Magic w/ Allen Lindsey @ Kid Village (younger children)

10:00 AM (approx) - Blacksmithing @ Infinity Forge (teens and adults)

Infinity Forge will be doing blacksmithing daily beginning around 10AM.

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch @ Pavilion

12:00 PM - Sweat Lodge Orientation w/ Doug Sundling @ Sweat Lodge

See Sweat Lodges section for more information. You *must* attend the sweat lodge orientation on the day you attend a sweat.

12:30 PM - Fire spin check @ Heart Hearth

Friday and Saturday evening open spinning will be open to less experienced fire spinners. You *must* attend the spin check and instructional session prior to spinning.

1:00 PM - Sacred Honey w/ Papa Joe @ Spirit Circle (Main Stage if raining)

1:00 PM - Kids Drumming Workshop w/ Chris Holmes @ Paw Paw

1:00 PM - Kids Fire Tending Workshop w/ Fire Tribe @ Paw Paw

1:00 PM - Honoring the Eclipse w/ Kris Snow @ Pavilion

See under *Ceremonies*

2:00 PM - Community Costume Construction w/ Beth Zimmerman @ Kid Village (younger children)

2:30 PM - Nature Preserve Waterfall Hike w/ Charlene Suggs - Meet @ Pavilion

This is an alternative time to the Friday 2:30PM slot for the nature preserve hike. In the event of inclement weather on Friday, or too many people, a Saturday hike will be held.

3:00 PM - Community Trick or Treat! w/ Beth Zimmerman - Meet @ Kid Village

4:00 PM - Remembering Your Magic w/ Papa Joe @ Hickory Grove (Pavilion if raining)

4:00 PM - Petite Paw Paw w/ Chris + Drummers @ Paw Paw Welcome children!

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Happy Hour w/ Harlot @ Green Man (Performance)

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Dinner @ Pavilion

6:30 PM - Pumpkin Lighting

6:30 PM - Main Ceremony - Meet @ Heart Hearth

Meet at the Heart Hearth at 6:30 PM to process to Stone Circle for the 7:00 PM ceremony. Shuttle will be available. See description under Ceremonies.

7:00 PM - Kids' Movie Night and APM Fundraiser @ Pavilion

Come to the Pavilion for kids' movie night! All popcorn sales benefit Appalachian Pagan Ministries.

8:00 PM - Open Spin @ Above Green Man

You must attend an equipment check prior to spinning.

8:30 PM - Prairie Creek Sirens @ Green Man (see Performances)

10:30 PM - Sound Bath w/ Nate Kojun Hayes @ Stone Circle (see Performances)

10:00 PM - To the Music of a Crackling Flame w/ Genevieve - @ Heart Hearth

Evening - Paw Paw Drum and Dance Fire Circle

Paw Paw will start more or less after the concert ends in Green Man, or when Fire Tribe gets back from mayhem and shenanigans.

Evening - Sweat w/ Doug Sundling @ Sweatlodge (see Sweat Lodges below) (adult 18+)

Time and nature of sweat will be determined during the mandatory noon orientation meeting at the Sweat Lodge.

11:00 PM - 1:00 AM - Happiest Hour @ Green Man

Sunday 10/15

9:00 AM - Pagan Recovery Circle w/ Donna Donovan @ First Aid Tent

10:00 AM - Kids Cleanup & Closing Circle w/ Beth Zimmerman @ Kid Village

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM - Lunch @ Pavilion

1:00 PM - Closing Circle @ Heart Hearth

4:00 PM - End of festival

The festival officially ends at 4PM on Sunday, but you're welcome to stay the night Sunday for the daily camping fee. Pay at the Cafe or Market.

Performances

Captain Pat & Lara Wallace - Friday 10/13, 10:00AM on - roaming

Local Athens musicians Lara Wallace and Captain Pat will be roaming the campground playing music on Friday, and may also be out Saturday.

Colin and the Crows - Friday 10/13, 8:30 PM @ Green Man Tavern

Colin blends lyrics and poems with melodies pulled from the ether to create spellbinding songs. The natural flow of the songwriting process makes room for different genres to blend together. With contributions from other musicians it culminates into an energetic and heartwarming experience to behold!

Digger T - Wednesday 10/11, 4:30 PM @ Green Man Tavern

Digger T. was born in New York on July 4th, 1949. His major childhood musical influences came from his father, Joseph P. Tozzi who played trumpet and his uncle's Charlie and Arty Muller who played guitar and washtub bass. A devoted Dylan fan as a teenager Digger learned to play guitar and rack mount harp in the late 60's, eventually refining his technique from the likes of James Cotton, Jr. Wells, Little Walter, to name a few. After 25 Years playing in blues bands T. has gone back to playing solo. Covering songs by the likes of Gillian Welch, Ray Lamontagne, Amos Lee, Tyler Childers, Dylan, and of course The Blues.
www.facebook.com/DiggerTozzi/

Hellnaw - Thursday 10/12, 8:30 PM @ Green Man Tavern

Athens local band Hellnaw is back to rock out in the woods - Green Man, 8:30PM Thursday, come down and dance!

Harlot - Saturday 10/14, 4:30 PM @ Green Man Tavern

From over the hills comes Harlot, the folk Americana duo bringing rich melodic vocal harmonies and intricate rhythmic tones to haunt your local holler. With over 10 years of songwriting, Harlot brings original music and a few unique covers that listeners have described as "mystical and ethereal" and "hauntingly beautiful". Photo by Lisa Sullivan

Megan Bee - Friday 10/13, 4:30 PM @ Green Man Tavern

Athens, Ohio based singer-songwriter Megan Bee's work has been called "as real as it gets". Her album "Cottonwood" was listed in the best of 2022 by Americana UK and No Depression

Magazine. Her music is a blend of distinctly homespun vocals, acoustic simplicity, yearning soulfulness, and winsome storytelling.

Nate Kojun Hayes - Sound Bath - Saturday 10/14, 10:30 PM @ Stone Circle

Nate Kojun Hayes will be giving a sound bath at Stone Circle at approximately 10:30PM (or whenever the show in Green Man is over). In the event of rain, the sound bath will be on the Main Stage.

Prairie Creek Sirens - Saturday 10/14, 8:30 PM @ Green Man Tavern

Jimmy Clark - Thursday 10/12, 4:30 PM @ Green Man Tavern

Maevyn Stone- Friday 10/13, 7:30 PM @ Fairy Shrine

Prepare to be lured to your demise by the Prairie Creek Sirens' lush vocal harmonies & silver strings. Indy Potter, Meredith Laine, and Maevyn Stone invoke the spirit of the ocean as they draw you in with their unique brew of Celtic, Appalachia, and magickal realism. Listen when the moon is full, and you may also hear the doomed sailors, Jimmy Clark and Stuart Cotton as the sound of digeridoo and tribal drums rise from the depths. Once you hear the call of the sirens, you will never be the same.....

Maevyn and Jimmy Clark will both also be offering solo performances. Maevyn will accompany the Fairy Ball on Friday evening, and Jimmy Clark will perform happy hour in Green Man on Thursday.

Steve Zarate - Thursday 10/12, 12:00 PM @ Pavilion

Bardic circle Thursday 10/13, 7:00 PM @ Heart Hearth

Singer-songwriter Steve Zarate taught himself to play guitar and harmonica as a teen, emulating counselors he heard singing around summer campfires. After earning three Ohio University degrees he traveled to Alaska, making his debut CD "Homecoming" in 1995 as a Juneau resident. Since returning to Ohio in 1997 he's released three more, including 2019's "Patchwork Of Light." Playing professionally since 2006, Steve has performed at dozens of southeast Ohio events and venues, gaining a reputation as a passionate songwriter and an engaging entertainer with a vast repertoire.

Ceremonies

Opening Circle

Wednesday 10/11, 1:00 PM

Opening Circle - We will gather at Heart Hearth Fire as Lunch ends to welcome and center our best intentions and possibilities as a Community and for our individual energies during the Autumn Fires Festival time and beyond. This will be an informal participatory Circle Ceremony.

Ancestor Shrine

The Ancestor Shrine is housed at the Village Green (across from main stage). All are welcome to visit this self-serve shrine open 24/7. This is a place to venerate and grieve ancestors with a variety of love actions: talk, laugh, cry, mediate, talk in groups and share stories of loved ones – whatever helps you in your life’s journey. Visit to light a candle or write letters to loved ones or just enjoy the healing space. Feel free to bring mementos (pictures, small objects) to leave at the Shrine for the weekend as a point of focus and honor for the dead. We will formally open the Shrine at 7:30 on Thursday. (Note: In addition to the Ancestor Shrine, there is a permanent Ancestor Mound next to the Stone Circle that is dedicated to the same purposes of ancestor veneration.)

Embracing the Power of Kali - A Story and Ritual

Thursday 10/12, 7:00 PM @ Spirit Circle (Main Stage if raining)

The goddess Kali once destroyed the demons hunting humanity and the gods by growing to great heights and stomping them into the ground. Today we will channel that same spirit and unleash our limitless potential by naming the demons we face – in the form of grapes – and destroying them in a grand act of sympathy magick. We will rejoice in the destruction of rebirth as we allow ourselves to be fifty feet tall above the “corpses” of our past, releasing our aggressions.

Just as Kali found her way out of her angry madness by seeing the face of her beloved, we will end by reminding ourselves of all that we love in this world. We will take time to regain our peace, to recenter, and to cleanse, so we can leave the circle empowered and refreshed.

Women’s Circle: The stories we keep deep within us

Friday 10/13, 1:00 PM @ Hickory Grove (meet @ Pavilion if raining)

The circle offers a safe and nurturing space for women to come together and explore the powerful narratives that reside in the depths of their hearts and souls.

In this circle, participants can expect:

A small opening, creating an atmosphere of reverence and trust. This ritual sets the tone for a deep and meaningful exploration of the stories within. Each woman is invited to share a story or other narrative from her life that she feels compelled to explore or release. The group listens without judgement or interruption, holding space for vulnerability and authenticity.

The circle provides a supportive environment for women to release emotional burdens and find healing through the act of sharing. Group members. An offer empathy, insights, and validation to one another.

The gathering concludes with a closing, where meow may collectively release any stories that no longer serve them or celebrate newfound insights and healing. Please feel free to bring a written piece(story, poem, or prayer) that will be burnt in an offering to The Mother.

These Women's circles foster a sense of community and connection among participants.

Women often find strength and empowerment in knowing they are not alone in their

experiences. Through this circle, women explore the stories that have shaped their lives whether they are tales of resilience, growth, trauma, or triumph. By acknowledging and sharing these stories, participants can gain a deeper understanding of themselves and find healing and transformation within the support of a loving and compassionate community..

Depending on area, weather, and other factors. Our offering may be burned within the paw paw fires.

Men's Circle

Friday 10/13, 2:30 PM @ Spirit Circle (Main Stage if raining)

Men's Circle is a dedicated sanctuary for men, where we gather to embark on a profound journey of self-discovery, emotional exploration, and genuine connection with one another. In this nurturing environment, we prioritize love, compassion, and an atmosphere free of judgment. Our circle is a safe haven, deliberately devoid of external distractions, fostering an ideal setting for healing and growth.

Honoring the eclipse

Saturday 10/13, 1:00 PM @ Pavilion

Honoring the Eclipse - we will gather at Heart Hearth Fire to Welcome and Center our best intentions and possibilities as a Community and for our individual energies from the Center of our hearts to the Center of the Solar System and beyond for all beings.

This will be an informal participatory Circle Ceremony. Wisteria will provide some approved observation glasses for solar eclipse viewing

Main Ceremony

Saturday 10/14, Meet 6:30 PM @ Heart Hearth

Recast the Circle: Stone Moving Ceremony. Gather at 6:30 at the Heart Hearth (across from main pavilion). We'll start with drumming followed by a community procession to Stone Circle. Learn about the history of the Wisteria Stone Circle and how it came to be. We'll also learn how to work these ancient calendars along with many layers of symbolism. Our community working will be to add stones (many sizes provided) and grow the circle. All are welcome to this non-denominational participation ceremony.

Closing Circle

Sunday 10/15, 1:00 PM @ Heart Hearth

Closing Ceremony - We will gather at Heart Hearth Fire as Lunch ends to Close and Honor our efforts, gifts and experiences as a Community and for our individual energies and beyond to all beings during Autumn Fires Festival and create our own bundles to contain our intentions and hopes into the Future. This will be an informal participatory Circle Ceremony.

Activities and Workshops

Allen Lindsey

Allen Lindsey is a life-long musician, Celtic-leaning pagan, and eager student working towards initiation into the Indianapolis Guild of the Gods. Starting with the piano at the age of five he is still a working musician gigging with his band, Paisley Cane, and providing music direction and sound design for local theatrical productions. His original musical, "Illuzio" written with playwright Nicholas Korn premiered in Cincinnati and went on to a run of performances in Chicago. He is an active craftsman and woodworker, a husband, and a proud father of two amazing kids.

Rockin' Out with Lordz 'n' Ladeez: Music is Magick (younger children)

Friday 10/13, 10:00 AM; Saturday 10/14, 10:00 AM @ Kids Village

The workshop can be done entirely within Kids' Village. I will provide the materials. If we are able to set up a mealtime for them to perform at the Pavilion for their parents and other attendees, that would be amazing.

Ash McKernan

Ash McKernan is a licensed psychotherapist, musician, naturalist, and wyrd-worker who loves to spend time at the crossroads where psyche, nature, magic, and healing intersect. Ash is the author of *Wyrdcraft: Healing Self and Nature Through the Mysteries of the Fates* (Llewellyn Publications), and lives in Mount Desert, Maine.

The Mysteries of Wyrd: The Call of the Fates (teens and adults)

Thursday 10/12, 2:30 PM @ Hickory Grove (Pavilion if raining)

Whether it is the call to embark on a journey, or the call to express one's truth, or the call to a specific career, lover, place, or spiritual practice, that which is referred to as "the Call" comes to us all. Every one of us has been called by something and toward something at one or more points over the course of our lives. This is the Call of the Fates. It is the call to meaning, purpose, magic, and soul; it is the call to revelation, healing-transformation, and becoming; it is the call to Wyrd—to the ways of fate, destiny, nature, soul, and magic. Let's explore this Call in sacred community circle together. How has the Call manifested in your life? To what are you being called? How can you, and we, attune to, and trust, this call more and more? Come share your experience and wisdom, or, simply come to listen and observe. Let us be guides for one another as we explore the mysteries of wyrd together.

Beth Zimmerman

Beth Zimmerman is a Renaissance woman who has integrated all her many studies and interests into her spiritual work. Having studied the many origins and paths of religion in history at Purdue University, she's sought out the true stories of folks like us in art, texts and faiths from

around the world. She has led the Guild of the Gods as priestess and then high priestess for 10 years, helping members and attendees to find their best life according to their own personal paths. A firm believer that life and religion are supposed to be a personal experience, Beth focuses on integrating science, history, magick and religion in ways that benefit the real life of each individual, with joy and mutual support as the central focus. Her writing has been published with Dark Moon Press, Witch Way e-Magazine, Sage Woman, and Oklahoma Pagan Quarterly, and you can follow her priestess work through both Guild of the Gods and Spiral Spirituality on Facebook.

Embracing the Power of Kali - A Story and Ritual

Thursday 10/12, 7:00 PM @ Spirit Circle (Main Stage if raining)

See under *Ceremonies*.

Kids Opening Circle (younger children)

Thursday 10/12, 10:00 AM @ Kid Village

Welcome to Autumn Fires! Kids Village watches over our beloved little ones every festival - for this ritual, we'll gather together to bless, cleanse and secure the space.

Parents are invited, but this is magick for the kids to do! This hands-on ritual will allow for creativity, inventiveness, and personal empowerment, for each of our little ones. They only need to bring themselves, their imagination, and any magickal tools they might want to utilize!

Make a Story Time (younger children)

Thursday 10/12, 1:00 PM @ Kid 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!

Stating the Obvious about Dosage - A Comedic Dialogue (adult 18+)

Thursday 10/12, 4:00 PM @ Main Stage

Alcohol and drugs are such a taboo subject - yet they can be discussed the same way as any other holistic or medical product, with recommended guidelines - not just saying "stop that." I've studied them from a holistic viewpoint, as far as wellness studies and historical uses. I've also looked at them shamanically, as far as different tribes and peoples have accessed them - which also involves modern studies! Medicinally, experts have analyzed and quantified aspects of how intoxicants affect the body, and it is amazing to learn about!

There's certain basic cautions that no one ever really wants to talk about, especially since it ends up sounding so...dull. Most people don't want to think so hard about substances designed to distract us - so we end up missing important details. I'm here to endorse health, not abstinence but realistic caution - to explain how things affect the body, in (hopefully) hilarious

ways that allow us to better understand and sympathize with our poor meat suits, as they recover from the damage we put them through.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

Friday 10/13, 4:00 PM @ Kid 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!

Community Costume Construction (younger children)

Saturday 10/14, 2:00 PM @ Kid Village

Let's help each other be extra fabulous for the Trick or Treat! Bring your spare supplies, if you're comfortable sharing. No one should have to ask for goodies without an exciting costume.

Between the craft supplies and costume bits of Kids Village and group innovation, we will try to help each and every kid feel as amazing or fearsome as they prefer!

Community Trick or Treat!

Saturday 10/14, 3:00 PM @ Kid Village

Everyone - start your engines! Don your costumes, grab your best bag for collecting goodies - it's time for Wisteria's kiddos to go trick or treating!

We will gather at Kids Village ahead of time to get organized, then travel through the vendor's area in groups that naturally form. Keep an eye out for the treat bowls - no one is obligated to participate, but everyone is invited!

We appreciate any parents who can join in as we wander through camp. KV volunteers will help wherever necessary, but we want to remind all the kids to stay near an adult in charge. Thank you for making this fun and easy!

Kids Cleanup @ Closing Circle

Sunday 10/15, 10:00 AM @ Kid Village

Tear down has never been so much fun! Feel free to bring your leftover snacks to share as we work together to organize KV for the end of the festival season. Anyone from our Kids Village family who wants to contribute to the effort is welcome! We'll have a great time getting our special place ready for its winter rest. A short ritual of closing will follow our efforts.

Charlene Suggs

Charlene Suggs has devoted much of her adult life envisioning and manifesting ways for people to share land, life, and vision. To help grow public awareness about modern deathcare practices and observances, Charlene has been presenting introductory workshops since the

late 1990s. Her ongoing work emphasizes meaningful and less costly experiences with death that contribute to the health of the Planet and our own well-being. She is a community organizer and likes to write. Charlene is particularly fascinated by insects, nature, biological processes, reimagining cultural and economic systems, words, unseen worlds and general details of life.

Nature Preserve Waterfall Hike

Friday 10/13, 3:00 PM - Meet @ Pavilion

Saturday 10/14, 3:00 PM - Meet @ Pavilion (alternate rain / overflow date)

Ever wondered about the rest of Wisteria? Join us for this special tour of select areas of the usually off-limits Wisteria nature preserve. Led by Charlene Suggs, the hike goes through many scenic regions including a waterfall, stone features, and gorgeous undisturbed areas, accompanied by stories about Wisteria's founding and the land.

We'll start and return to the main pavilion. Wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing and sturdy shoes. Optional: water, hat and camera. Too taxing for children or adults who cannot navigate natural terrain and/or walk for a sustained time.

Chris Holmes

Christopher Holmes is a multifaceted artist known for his expertise in both wire-wrapped jewelry and West African drumming. His journey into the world of African percussion and drum circle facilitation was guided by the late Halim el Dabh during his time at Kent State University. Holmes draws inspiration from a rich tapestry of influences, including his family, life experiences, nature, travels, and the sense of community that surrounds him.

With a remarkable dedication spanning 15 years, Christopher has honed his craft in jewelry making, showcasing his creations at various galleries, art shows, and festivals. His overarching mission is to ignite a passion for self-expression through the mediums of drumming and jewelry craftsmanship, inspiring others to unleash their creative potential.

Men's Circle

Friday 10/13, 2:30 PM @ Spirit Circle (Main Stage if raining)

See under *Ceremonies*.

Petite Paw Paw (younger children)

Saturday 10/14, 4:00 PM @ Paw Paw

Petite Paw Paw is a long standing tradition, and an opportunity for kids to drum and play in Paw Paw while burning off some sugar energy

Donna Murlin

I am a retired dialysis nurse. I am also a Holy Fire Karuna World Peace Reiki Master taught by William Lee Rand. I practice Reiki and teach Reiki. I also practice Access Consciousness Bars. I

am an ordained minister. I offer home blessings/smudgings. I make my own teas and smudging wands from my garden. I sell high quality CBD products.

Sacred Cacao Ceremony (Adults 18+)

Friday 10/13, 10:00 AM @ Spirit Circle (Main Stage if raining)
Intention Setting Meditation with Cacao.

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.

See details under *Sweat Lodges*.

Genevieve Houck (Watersong)

Genevieve Houck is a song leader, ceremonialist, voice teacher, massage therapist, and self-massage/Iyengar yoga instructor. She facilitates 'Song Circle for the People,' a singing group that meets monthly to sing songs around the fire in Pittsburgh PA and beyond. Look out for Genevieve's first retreat— 'Sacred Fire: the Fire Circle Arts Gathering,' coming Spring 2024!

To the Music of a Crackling Flame: Singing Around the Sacred Fire

Friday 10/13, 7:00 PM @ Heart Hearth

Saturday 10/14, 10:00 PM @ Heart Hearth

Come to a song sharing circle around the Hearth Fire, where we will learn songs for autumn, spooky songs, songs for the coming winter, fire circle songs...come and find your resonant tone—the space in your voice where it is open and expansive. We will sing of our hearts to the music of a crackling flame 🔥

Infinity Forge

Introduction to Blacksmithing

Steve Hudson

Teens and Adults

Participants will be offered the opportunity to forge an athame' or boline from a railroad spike, or make tiki-torch holders and gardening tools, or suggest their own projects. These sessions will be held for approx. 2 1/2 hrs daily. Available for all ages (under 18 requires parental permission). Registration signup for all classes starts on the 1st day of the festival. Shoes that cover feet fully/long pants/shirt required. Safety glasses provided and required during forging. Forging is free, but a material fee of \$5 to \$30 (depending on the craft) will be charged if you wish to keep the finished product. Sign up in advance is required and class space is limited.

10:00 am -2:00pm daily signup required.

Blacksmithing (teens and adults)

Daily by appointment @ Infinity Forge

Jen Capone

Jennifer Capone is a devoted practitioner of spirit and healing doll crafting, with over two decades of experience in this art form. She has embarked on a self-taught journey, honing her skills and expertise, which have allowed her to create dolls that go beyond the ordinary. Each of her unique creations embodies intentions and sacred rituals, making them truly special.

At the core of Jennifer's work is her deep connection to the divine feminine. Through the medium of dolls, she delves into the sacred and nurturing aspects of the feminine spirit, infusing these energies into every stitch and symbol. Her creations are not mere physical objects; they are powerful conduits for healing, personal growth, and spiritual connection.

Jennifer is not only an accomplished artist but also a spiritual guide. She has positively impacted the lives of countless women, inspiring them to embark on their transformative journeys through the art of doll making. Her work serves as a testimony to the boundless potential for healing, empowerment, and connections that resides within each of us.

Jennifer also serves as a Womens circle facilitator, creating a sacred space where women can come together to explore their spirituality, connect with the divine feminine, and support one another on their journeys. Through her writings, workshops, and creations, Jennifer continues to share the profound magic of spirit and healing dolls, inviting others to discover the transformative power of this sacred art form.

Women's Circle: The stories we keep deep within us

Friday 10/13, 1:00 PM @ Hickory Grove (meet @ Pavilion if raining)

See under *Ceremonies*

Jenny Sieck

I have been working in metaphysical and counseling circles for years. I have my masters in counseling with an emphasis in Depth and Archetypal Psychology. Unlike psychics that focus primarily on divination and prediction Inner Voice offers a heart centered approach that opens the client up to follow their unique path more deeply, clearly and readily. Listening is at the heart of my work. As a practicing intuitive tarot reader, counselor and meditation instructor I offer my intuitive gifts to help you discover your unique soul path so you can recognize and listen to your higher self. I can gently tap into your energies and help you explore choices and possibilities that will lead to greater inspiration, clarity and focus. This in turn helps you to shift dysfunctional patterns and create a more authentic, clear, and intentionally driven life. I am clairsentient (clear feeling), clairaudient (clear hearing) and clairvoyant (clear seeing). I am passionate about

helping people achieve greater awareness of their needs so they can create a life of their own authentic imaginings. I love beading, singing and swimming. I make my home in Columbus with my bunny, Alexandra and kitty, Cassiequinn as companions.

Alchemical psychology- earth, air fire, water work (Teens and adults)

Thursday 10/12, 10:00 AM, Hickory Grove (Pavilion if raining)

I will be presenting on alchemy using Thom Cavalli's brilliant book Alchemical Psychology: Recipes for Living. This provides a model for psychological stages of growth. Borrowing from alchemical principles throughout time this material when practiced is simple, grounding, and affirming. It draws from images in nature that are evoked from the properties, fixities and functions expressed in the elements earth, air, fire and water. We will explore these as they relate to psychological stages in an evolving soul as well. We will use felt-sense images and do a meditation where we connect with them in the body and being. I have found this material to be transformational to my own personal development and can't wait to share it with all of you.

Jess Fritz

Jess is a longtime Wisteria community member, active in many roles. With a background in the arts and environmental issues, her passion is to help foster real connections between people and the natural world

Wisteria Bioblitz

Thursday 10/12, 10:00 AM, Meet @ Pavilion

Come discover the creatures great and small that make Wisteria home. We will start with an introduction to the iNaturalist platform and what makes a good species ID, then head out on a photo-foray in the forest. Wear good hiking footwear, and bring a camera or phone to document your finds! How many species will you find?

Ceramic Talisman Tiles

Friday 10/13, 10:00 AM @ Main Stage

Come make a carved tile or clay coin for the pit fire. Materials, tools, and advice available

Ceramic Open Studio

Friday 10/13, 1:00 PM @ Main Stage

After the talisman workshop, clay and tools will continue to be available for making small art objects until dinner time. Work will be dried overnight, and fired in the pit kiln on Saturday. Don't forget to stop by the kiln Sunday to pick up your pieces!

Kalliope

Kalliope has been a practicing witch for more than half of her life, spending their evenings and weekends communing with the land when not working in academia. She is a tarot reader of 15+ years, a singer, and an a writer. She is currently writing her first book: a guide to developing a unique, confident, personalized aspect of a spiritual practice over the course of one year.

Bespoke Magic: Breaking out of a magical rut (adult 18+)

Thursday 10/12, 4:00 PM @ Main Stage

In this workshop, you'll be given a framework to move past road blocks and build your own year of full and new moon rituals, tailored to improving one aspect of your spiritual practice. This moon ritual series focuses on developing a single aspect (tarot, herbcraft, meditation, etc) of your spiritual skillset over the course of one year, ending the series with a strong, unique, personal practice in which you feel confident.

If you've struggled with self-guided learning and just can't seem to get your skills to the level you want, this workshop is for you!

Examples for developing your tarot reading, meditation, and herbcraft will be included, but any practice (divination, astrology, crystal work, etc) may be applied; be creative and follow your intuition to adapt your work to your needs.

This workshop runs a bit like a seminar/discussion group and is aimed at adults. Worksheets will be provided, but please bring your own journal and a pencil or pen. They'll be needed for the brainstorming session!

Kim Keffer

I have been an artist my whole life, a portrait photographer, painter, glass artist, a creative being. I've also struggled with my mental health, depression and PTSD.

Having discovered the power of the creative process to heal I have committed myself to sharing. I facilitate a group called Creative Companions, online via Facebook live, on a youtube channel, and live in person. This group is based on Julia Cameron's book, The Artist's Way and encourages creative expression and silences the censor. I share recovery tools that work for me; creation, meditation, journaling, mindfulness and affirmations.

I feel through my art I can be a light in the dark for those suffering with mental health issues. I feel through my art I can bring awareness. I desire to use my art and my experiences to bring healing.

I desire to inspire.

No Voice, No Freedom. Know Voice Know Freedom

Creative Companions with Miss Guided Painting

Saturday 10/14, 10:00 AM @ Main Stage

Artist Kim Keffer will guide participants in completing an acrylic painting. No experience necessary. This experience begins with a brief meditation and explanation of why meditation is useful in preparing for the creative process. As Kim guides the painting process, showing a

variety of brush techniques, she speaks about ways to silence the censor and ignite the creative spirit: referencing "The Artist's Way" by Julia Cameron.

MsMesay (Michelle Wilson)

Michelle Wilson AKA MsMesay is a longtime member of the Wisteria family. Professionally, she is a fee-only fiduciary financial planner. She owns Athens Impact Socially Responsible Investments. As a pansexual, polyamorous, kinky person, her personal activism work is focused on LGBT+ and DEI initiatives. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her partner, her dog, and being near her children and their families. On founding a business dedicated to sustainable practices, Michelle is grateful to be doing something that matters and makes a difference in the world. Learn more at athensimpact.com

Money Magic

Friday 10/13, 1:00 PM @ Green Man

We often don't want to think about money, but it's a tool that helps us have the freedom to enjoy our lives. Let's explore our relationship with it, our inner "money scripts" learned from childhood, and what we can do to take control of our financial lives rather than being driven by what we've learned, sometimes through traumatic experiences. We'll have some time to share, work on our personal priorities, discuss some magical rituals that can be done to help us keep the focus on where we are headed, and hopefully leave with some physical tools for spell work as well as concrete steps to take moving forward.

Nightbird (Karen Martin)

Karen Martin, M.Ed. (Nightbird) is an educator, writer/editor, musician, jewelry maker/artist, Reiki Master, and Shamanista. Karen completed a two-year shamanic apprenticeship with Windsong Healing Arts in Dayton, Ohio, in 2014, and has studied with numerous shamanic mentors since then. Her practice follows core shamanism as taught by Michael Harner, and often integrates Reiki, guided imagery/visualization, and sound healing (percussion, toning, chanting, music) in one-on-one sessions with clients. / A lifelong musician, Karen grew up singing and playing instruments, primarily piano, saxophone, baritone horn, marimba, and guitar. Karen played euphonium with the Ohio State University Marching Band for five seasons. She discovered her passion for drumming many years later, when she began going to festivals. Karen got her first djembe in 2010, and over the years has added congas, a frame drum, various shakers, and two more djembes to the collection. Karen has participated in various world percussion workshops, trainings (Jim Donovan), and community drum circles from Ohio to Florida. This year, Karen was selected as an Ambient Musician for the Burning Man Fire Conclave, and was given the name Nightbird on the Playa.

Find Your Power Animal - A Shamanic Journey (adult 18+)

Thursday 10/12, 2:30 PM @ Main Stage

A simple beat of the drum or the sound of a rattle can help anyone fall into an altered state of consciousness, wherein mind, heart, and spirit integrate, promoting healing and transformation. Nightbird will lead guests on a journey to the Lower World to seek connection with their primary spirit guide (typically an animal). They may then ask their Power Animal for healing or guidance. After the journey, guests will be invited to share experiences, ask questions, and offer insights to each other. Time permitting, Nightbird will lead a second circle as a Paired Journey (two persons journeying for each other) or a solo re-entry into the Lower World for specific purposes. Please bring a mat or blanket to lie down on for the journey. / This workshop is presented at Burning Man by ShamanDome, and was developed by camp leaders Windspirit, Earlyman, and Einstein.

Beats from the Playa (teens and adults)

Friday 10/13, 2:30 PM @ Paw Paw

Come and learn a few rhythms from this year's Burning Man Ambient Musician set list! Nightbird will lead this easy-to-intermediate practice session, where all levels of players are welcome (beginners included). Please bring a drum (and an extra!) if you have one. One of the principles of Burning Man is Radical Self-Expression, and in that vein, be ready to solo during this workshop! (Yes, you!) The rhythms are primarily for djembe, but all percussion is welcome – we may have to wing it a little! 😊 Ages 10+; please ask your child to check in directly with Nightbird when they arrive. Younger children may attend with a supervising parent. Feel free to wear your Burning Man best to help stir the spirit of the Playa and inspire our beats! (You may wish to bring a chair as well.)

Papa Joe Oakenthorn

Papa Joe is an Herbalist and Tribal Healer with more than 30 years of experience. He has lived and worked with the Kuna Tribe in the Panamanian Jungle, Bedouins in the Sinai Desert, Inuit Tribes in the Pacific Northwest and has strong ties deep in Appalachia. Papa Joe has also worked with the K'ich'e Nation in modern day Guatemala which is one of the four remaining Mayan Cultures and is allowed to practice Cacao Kutzij' (ceremony) given by the Mayan Elders. Before starting the Divine Tribe Apothecary, which offers herbal remedies for physical healing and spiritual practice, Papa Joe worked as a Medicolegal Death Investigator receiving his certification from St. Louis University School of Medicine and further received certification as a Forensic Osteologist as well as intensive training in Human Behavior from the founders of the FBI Behavioral Analysis Unit.

Ancestral Techniques and Herbs for Modern Day Stress

Thursday 10/12, 1:00 PM @ Spirit Circle (Main Stage if raining)

This workshop will discuss the differences and similarities in both the stresses and responses that we face in the modern day and what our ancestors would have faced. This workshop will also cover the physical effects and nervous system responses and techniques for daily practices and herbal supplements to reduce stress.

Death and Ritual and the belief of an Afterlife

Friday 10/13, 1:00 PM @ Spirit Circle (Main Stage if raining)

This workshop will discuss various customs and rituals surrounding death from various cultures both modern day and in ancient times and their foundations surrounding the belief of an afterlife.

Sacred Honey

Saturday 10/14, 1:00 PM @ Spirit Circle (Main Stage if raining)

This workshop will cover some of the different types of honey from around the world and their uses in herbal remedies, spell crafting and spiritual ceremony.

Remembering Your Magic

Saturday 10/14, 4:00 PM @ Hickory Grove (Pavilion if raining)

This workshop will cover perceptions and ritual practices that are focused on each of us remembering our own magic.

Shannon Heather

Shannon Heather revshannon@applachianpaganministry.com

A Shield Mother, Shannon Heather has found that her place in the circle is outside the circle. In this place, she can care for those in the circle and the spirits or elements outside. Shannon says that "it's just always been this way." She stays undedicated to specific deities so that she can serve all that need her. Part of Shannon's ongoing spiritual practice includes honoring the ancestors and natural healing. From her spiritual practices, she finds balance, purpose, and strength. Some tools of her path include working with energy and magic, as well as consulting spirit guides. Shannon shares with others her spiritual gifts by leading rituals, facilitating the care of her chosen communities, and holding sacred space for others.

Stone Soup Story and Instructions

Ingredient collection, Friday 10/13, 12:00 PM @ Heart Hearth

Soup and Story, Friday 10/13, 6:00 PM @ Heart Hearth

The Stone Soup Story is a European Folklore and a moral story. It has been passed down through generations to teach young ones that sharing and caring for those around you is a normal aspect of life. When we take care of each other, we are able to lead a more fulfilling life, just like the villagers had a fulfilling meal because they decided to share their provisions.

Shannon will be sharing her version of the Stone Soup story at the Heart Heart. Please feel free to contribute to the soup. and Fire Mama will work her magic.

Rev Lynx

Druid of the Nemeton of the Cervidae out of Columbus, OH.
Caretaker and Steward of the Labyrinth of the Ways here at Wisteria.

Fire Lit Labyrinth Walk

Friday 10/13, 7:00 PM @ Labyrinth

Take a wander the the Ways of the Labyrinth. Located on the road to Fairie Shrine.

Sweat Lodges

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. You must attend NOON ORIENTATION of the day you wish to participate in a sweatlodge ceremony. Orientations are held at the Sweatlodge Site.

Thursday, October 12: Orientation at 12:00 NOON for an open sweatlodge to be facilitated Thursday evening. Time of the sweatlodge will be determined at NOON ORIENTATION. Open to adults 18 years old or older.

Saturday, October 14: At the 12:00 NOON orientation, facilitators and participants will decide whether to have a SILENT SWEATLODGE (no talking during sweatlodge ceremony!) or an open sweatlodge on Saturday afternoon or evening. Time for the sweatlodge ceremony will be determined at NOON 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 Sundling to see if such a ceremony can be arranged.

Feedback - Help Us Do Better

We welcome your feedback! We have an anonymous online survey available where you can tell us what you like, how we're doing, and how you think we could do better. Go to <https://forms.gle/9Xk6fw9S7XB1u9xb7> or use the following QR code:



If you have more immediate needs, you can always talk to one of our First Aid Security Team members, or come to the Office.

Campground Rules

Failure to comply with these rules may result in corrective action or ejection from the event.

- No firearms, no fireworks.
- Pond is swim-at-your-own-risk. No access when pond is closed. Follow posted pond rules.
- No unregistered attendees.
- No pets of any kind.
- No digging fire pits. Use fire rings provided. Use only established rings in wooded areas. Do not leave any fires unattended.
- No firewood is to be harvested from the forests of Wisteria, with the exception of small dead twigs and branches. No firewood is to be brought in from outside Wisteria.
- Stay within campground boundaries and marked trails. Maps are available.
- Do not block gates or roads.
- Glass is discouraged, please limit its use and dispose of glass properly.
- Do not litter, including cigarette butts.
- No dish washing at potable water stations. Use only low-phosphate soaps.
- Minors must be accompanied by a responsible adult. If the responsible adult is not the child's parent or legal guardian, you will need a Parental Permission Form signed by the parent/guardian for each minor child present without a parent or legal guardian.
- You must comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws at all times.

General Information

Campground and Boundaries

The campground area used for events is only a small part of Wisteria's 620 acres. Do not stray from the clearly marked event areas shown on the map. Other areas of the land are off limits as they are private sites, rugged terrain or are part of the wildlife habitat/nature preserve areas. Wisteria land has many cliffs and ravines and other natural features. Loose footing on unfamiliar ground can result in catastrophe.

Camping

Most camping at Wisteria is primitive tent camping.

Please take good care of your campsites and practice Leave No Trace principles, removing all ropes and cleaning up trash when you leave. Please use light-colored marking material to flag your ropes and tent stakes. Be aware that centrally located areas may be noisy well into the night; for a quieter camping experience, consider remote woods camping in the Pines. For a full list of campground rules and regulations, see our Campground Rules.

Vehicles

If you are camping in your vehicle or wish to keep it parked at your campsite, you will need a parking pass. To avoid damage to our roads and land, please do not drive once you have unpacked and parked your car. Camper vans and recreational vehicles are permitted, but there are no septic, water or electrical hookups. You may be directed to a designated location for RVs. Please do not bring motorized vehicles for driving on-site. Bicycles are encouraged. Bicycle travel may be temporarily restricted when campground roads are wet. Staff vehicles (such as utility vehicles and golf carts) will be operating throughout the event, and golf cart shuttle service may be available at some events.

Minor Children

Kids are welcome! Kids under 3 are free, but we'll need to register them. Kids age 3 and up will need tickets. During our events, discounted rates are available for children 3-12. Please note, all attendees under 18 will need to have a responsible adult on site at all times. If the responsible adult is not the child's parent or legal guardian, you will need a Parental Permission Form signed by the parent/guardian for each minor child present without a parent or legal guardian. Contact events@wisteria.org for more information on guardians and what is required.

Creatures Great and Small

Be tick-smart! We recommend insect repellants for your body and permethrin clothing treatments to protect yourself from ticks and mosquitos. Check your body daily for ticks. Nymph ticks, which can carry Lyme disease, are as tiny as a pinhead! If you get a tick, go to First Aid for removal.

Keep food stored securely with lids to discourage raccoons, ants, and other creatures from visiting camp.

Be careful around wood piles and downed trees, as these may be habitats for wildlife. Please treat all local wildlife and insects with respect and remain calm if you have encounters. For help please contact Wisteria Security for assistance, so that no harm comes to campers or resident wildlife.

Disability and Medical Needs

Wisteria is a rustic licensed campground and may not be suitable depending on your condition and level of mobility. If you have special needs, please call us prior to registering to see if we can accommodate your needs. Those with highly specialized diets need to provide for themselves rather than depend on the food vendors. Bring your medications and take them as directed.

Fires and Firewood

Firewood is sold at Mercury's Market or Caffeina's Cafe by the cartload. Wood carts are available. To avoid infestation from invasive insects, do not bring in firewood from other areas! No firewood is to be harvested from the forests of Wisteria, except for small dead twigs and branches. DO NOT dig fire pits. A limited number of 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. **Absolutely no fires in the pine forest!!!** Should a fire get out of hand, immediately shout for help, and call security on duty. Fire extinguishers are available at Caffeina's Cafe and throughout the campground on poles underneath RED fire buckets.

Keep water handy near fires. Please use caution when kindling fires of any size, and be careful with candles, torches and cigarettes.

Practice Enthusiastic Affirmative Consent

We strive to make a safe, welcoming space for everyone, and do not tolerate harassment or predatory behavior. While you're here, please play nice, and follow our culture of affirmative, enthusiastic consent. This applies not just to adult experiences, but to everything. Not everyone is comfortable being hugged or touched, for example. If you have questions about consent culture, please don't hesitate to ask.

If you feel your boundaries have not been respected, or you wish to report a consent violation, please come to First Aid, or if you'd rather give anonymous feedback, look for the QR code link to our feedback form on your event program. And if you see something, say something! Safety is everyone's responsibility, and we try to take care of each other here.

Radios

The Wisteria staff uses two-way radios to communicate. We may be using any odd-numbered FRS channel, so if your party uses these radios, please use only even numbered channels

Customs

We are delighted to have you as guests. Please be aware of our customs during your stay.

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 in the out-of-doors 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."

Photography and Electronic Recording

Please be respectful of the privacy of others while photographing and recording. It is necessary to obtain permission from the subjects to photograph people.

Special Event Rules

see Campground rules.

Clothing/Nudity

Wisteria's events are clothing optional in designated areas, generally past the shower house. Please keep in mind that 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.

Self Safety

We hope that your time here is meaningful, safe, fun ,and transformative. Please use your best judgment in your dealings with all people and beings. Our customs include non-violent

interaction and respect of each other's diversity on many levels. Please uphold the tradition of keeping the scene clean. If you have problems or issues with others, please try to settle the matter with a direct, fair and honest approach. Mostly, very nice people come here but if any of them make you feel uncomfortable, emotionally or physically, please feel empowered to keep your boundaries kind and firm. If you want to talk about an incident, please go to the Wisteria Office when open or talk with a Wisteria Safety staff who patrol 24 hours a day. We all protect and grow the beauty we make together by keeping the space safe and beautiful. Be safe, be smart, and be happy.

Drum Circle Etiquette (courtesy of Sara Balz)

We envision a drumming experience that is inclusive of everyone who has a desire to participate, regardless of experience or skill level! In order to make this vision come to life, an awareness of some unwritten "rules" is helpful, so we're going to mention a few of them in the following:

- If it is not yours, please leave it where it is. This could be a chair, a drum, a blanket, or other instruments. The owner WILL return for that item, whether it be tonight, tomorrow, or next year. Please help us maintain the trust we hold with our attendees that their things will be safe with their neighbors.
- Please ask permission before playing another's instrument, be it bells, rattle, tambour, drum, fife, or shaker. In particular, if a drum or instrument is covered, it means the owner does not wish it to be used.
- While you play your chosen instrument, whether it be a drum, tambour, harp, guitar, didgeridoo, please listen as much as you play, in order to best support the fundamental groove that you are helping to create with everyone.
- Be empowered to play -your- rhythm, whatever that may be, from whatever knowledge of rhythms you own. Share it with everyone, so as to contribute new knowledge to the circle. While you play, listen to the musical conversation, leave room for others to speak in it, and meld your voice into the whole in such a way as to allow others the same freedom to express themselves.
- While you are dancing in the circle, please allow slower dancers to move to the outside of the circle, faster dancing nearest the fire. Please don't stop in place to traffic jam the dancers behind you. Please do dance with abandon. Please don't touch other dancers without their consent.
- Feel free to make vocal sounds in rhythm with the drumming! Please don't monopolize the music for your own vocal concert performance. Please do clap your hands and stomp your feet, but please make sure your tambourine and other very high pitched, loud instruments meld with the rhythms of the drums. We invite you to move in whichever direction you prefer, but mind that if you're dancing in an opposite direction as other dancers, the potential for collision is higher.
- Everyone who is not dancing, drumming, or tending the fire, please don't feel as if you need to stay still! Clap along with the drumming! Do sway, stomp, shuffle and swing your hips to the rhythm! Please avoid encroaching on the dance space, or sitting/standing in

front of other participants; everyone wants to feel the fire and benefit from the energy that the dancers are moving. A circle allows everyone a front-row seat.

- Please do not touch anyone without their consent, be they dancer, drummer, or other energy worker. You are also an energy worker, and please feel empowered to speak to any of the staff nearby, or a fire tender, if you are made to feel uncomfortable. Please do be aware that drummers, dancers, and energy workers may be on their own journeys, and attempting to engage them is a form of energetic touch which also requires consent.
- Do make vocal sounds in rhythm with the drums and others making rhythmic vocal sounds, but please make these vocal sounds as a contribution to the energy, and not a distraction from it. Loud socializing about the mundane happenings of the day can detract from the euphoric experience of the person beside you.
- Please be responsible for your beverage containers; trash and recycle bins are present for your use.
- Please do take frequent breaks from the circle to relax, but mind that your relaxation doesn't leave human waste near the circle or the paths where someone's bare feet may tread, or near someone's campsite. There is a portable toilet at the top of the pathways, marked by tiki torches. Please don't go down the hill to pee, as these areas are private campsites for staff and volunteers
- Please also be respectful when enjoying cigarettes, cigars, incense, sage, or other smoke-releasing items, as the smoke may be an irritant that could detract from the happiness of others. Some people are allergic to white sage in particular. There are cigarette butt receptacles located outside of the circle.
- Please do enjoy the fire. Let the energy of the blaze renew your soul and fuel your catharsis. Please allow the fire-tenders plenty of space to dance into the circle with fresh wood, and safely out again. Fire-tenders should mind the flow of the dancers, and avoid stopping up the energy by standing in their way if they can help it. Fire-tenders will be wearing work clothes, and often have red suspenders.
- Everyone please feel free to share water freely. There is a clean spigot nearby for fresh refills of containers. Stay hydrated as the beats drive the sweat from our pores and the movement of our feet. If passing around other beverages, please make sure you let people know what's in them, and be aware that not everyone at the circle is legal drinking age.

Facilities

Caffeina's Cafe

Usually 8am-midnight

Prepared food, coffee and specialty drinks, and baked goods. Cash or credit/debit cards.

Electricity

Ground-fault protected power outlets are available in the center camp area for temporary use. Permanent power connections may be available for a daily fee (free for those with medical needs); ask at Market for details. Most receptacles are 20A 120V; there are limited numbers of 30A and 50A hookups available. Unauthorized electrical connections will be removed or cut.

First Aid

A First Aid station is located in the trailer next to the Caffeina's pavilion. In case of injury, report to First Aid where you can receive basic first aid treatment or be routed to a local hospital. In the event of a medical emergency, if you are not near First Aid, summon help immediately from a First Aid / Security Team member (usually on golf carts). Do not attempt to move an incapacitated person unless they are in immediate physical danger.

Gate / Registration

Usually 8am-Midnight

Access to the campground is available 24 hours a day. You must register when you arrive. Registration is available from 8:00AM to midnight most days. After hours, there will be a two-way radio in a box; park your car, call security, and someone will assist you. Cash or credit/debit cards accepted.

Ice and Wood

Ice and wood are available. Pay at Mercury's Market, or at Caffeina's when the market is closed (cash or credit/debit cards accepted). Carts are available to haul wood; please return promptly.

Kid Village

Usually 9am-5pm

During most festivals the playground is open daily with supervised activities (see schedule). Children under the age of 3, who are not potty trained, or who have special emotional, mental, or physical needs are not permitted at Kid Village without a parent present. Children participating in the drop in program must be checked on by guardians, at minimum, every 2 hours. Outside of special circumstances, food is not permitted in Kid Village. Parents, please drop off and pick up your children at the playground during the time specified to respect Village staff.

Mercury's Market & Information

Usually 10am-7pm

Mercury's Market offers camping goods, personal supplies, tee shirts, and local artists' goods, as well as general Wisteria information. Cash or card.

Parking

Park in the designated area, or at your campsite if you purchase a parking pass (available at the gate or Market). Once your car is parked, IT STAYS PARKED. Parking rules will be strictly enforced. If you are caught using it for transportation once, your pass will be revoked (It is non-refundable) and your car will be moved to parking.

Pond

Open daylight hours weather permitting Swim at your own risk and do not allow children to swim unattended. Do NOT enter the pond area after it is closed. Really.

Portable Toilets

Pumped every morning

There are portable toilets located throughout the campground for your convenience. Disability accessible toilets are next to First Aid and the Shower House. If the toilet paper runs out, please let any Wisteria Staff know and we need to replace it promptly. ALWAYS close the lid when finished so the fumes go up the stack!

First Aid Security Team

Wisteria patrols the campground for your security 24/7. Our team is friendly and willing to help in any situation. Please don't hesitate to ask. Security golf carts will be clearly marked. FAST team members can be recognized by badges with "Security", "First Aid", or "FAST".

Showers and Rinse Stations

The shower house has six showers with unlimited hot water and plenty of pressure. Note, **you no longer need to turn on a sink faucet to get hot showers**. Water is treated by a constructed wetland; use only biodegradable / phosphate-free soaps / shampoos. Rinse stations are available throughout the campground, for cooling off or warming up. Rinse stations are located by the Main Stage (heated), Meadow / back entrance to Paw Paw (heated), Pirates' Cove (heated), and Grand Field (not heated). **No soap or other bath products may be used at rinse showers. This includes Dr Bronner's!**

Trash, Compost, and Recycling

Usually 5pm daily

A truck trailer goes through camp daily. Bring your trash and recycling curbside as recycling run passes. Recyclables include paper, plastic bottles (no lids), cartons, steel, tin, aluminum cans, and glass bottles (all colors). Don't let your trash pile up! Keep the scene clean! Place compost (organic matter, no sewage or meat!) in buckets located next to wastewater stations. Pour

organic liquids (not sewage) into the blue barrel wastewater stations located throughout the campground.

Trails

Enjoy a walk on the campground trails, all of which loop back to the campground. Maps are located at the Wisteria office. The Yellow Trail has identification signs for Appalachian trees, plants and woodland herbs. Please respect the creatures that live here year round.

WiFi and Cell Service

We offer high speed service over much of our campground area. You may purchase 7- or 10-day internet access at the gate or market. Wifi service may also be available via online purchase with a credit card. Connect to the Wisteria Guest network to use a wifi voucher or make an online purchase. Cell phone coverage is spotty but improving all the time. Please be considerate when using cell phones, radios, and other electronic devices. Many enjoy being unplugged for the week and do not welcome the intrusion of the outside world.

Water and Wastewater

Potable (safe to drink) water is available throughout the campground. Turn the small green spigot valves to obtain water; do not attempt to use the large blue handles. All water at spigots is safe to drink! RV / Camper water hookups are not permitted. You may run a hose for your campsite for a daily fee (free for those with medical needs); ask at Market for details.

Unauthorized hose connections will be removed or cut.

There is a filtered water tap on the side of Caffeina's Cafe. Bring your water bottles and fill up for free!

Wisteria Is...

Wisteria is a special event site and campground, nature preserve, and residential community, nestled in the Appalachian foothills of southern Ohio. Founded in 1997 with a purchase of land including reclaimed mining areas, Wisteria is dedicated to cooperative ownership, sustainability, education, and responsible stewardship of the land.

The special event site and campground is a private, secluded, and beautiful area which hosts Summer Solstice, Autumn Fires, and several other festival events throughout the year. The campground includes many amenities such as a stage, a large covered pavilion with a commercial kitchen and coffee shop, shower house, hiking trails, and natural swimming pond. For private events, Wisteria can customize its services to accommodate everything from a small woodland wedding to large events with 1000+ attendees.

Our nature preserve covers 200 acres. This preserve is dedicated to protecting the diverse species of vegetation and wildlife unique to this area. Wisteria is also a residential community, with families living on the land and in the surrounding areas. Many Wisterian families practice sustainable living, utilizing alternative energy sources such as solar power.

The Campground is 80 acres of meadows and woodlands nestled into the foothills of the Appalachian mountains. In addition to the natural beauty, it offers many wonderful amenities. The main stage is a covered performance area and amphitheater with a fully equipped sound booth and lighting. A centrally-located pavilion has a full commercial kitchen and coffee house, stage, snack bar, and seating for hundreds. There are numerous unique forest spaces and sacred sites for workshops, gatherings, and celebrations. Some of our facilities include potable water spigots throughout the campground, hot showers, internet service, trash and recycling.

Wisteria has nearly a mile of beautiful and peaceful forests and fields. Our hiking trails wind their way through old and new growth forests and down creeks and past ponds. There are many opportunities for hiking, bird watching and other outdoor pursuits. The campground includes a swimming pond with a beach area surrounded by trees.

Sacred Sites

There are several sacred sites located throughout the campground, ideal for gatherings, ceremonies, workshops, or meditation. We welcome your stories about these spaces; please share via events@wisteria.org or post on Facebook.

Stone Circle

Wisteria Stone Circle is a gathering place with a stone ring and larger stone structures. Oak trees have been planted at the quarters and cross-quarter positions. As the campground is largely situated on a reclaimed strip mine, the growing oaks demonstrate new growth and healing for the land and visitors. In this open area, there is room for hundreds to gather. Stone Circle has a 125 foot (37.8 meters) inner diameter stone ring within a 140 foot (42.6 meters) outer diameter space. The inner circumference is 382 feet making each degree around the calendar about 1 foot long.

Ancestor Mound

Begun in 1997, the Ancestor Mound was the first mound project at Wisteria. As Wisteria is located in an ancient Native American mound-building region, the Wisteria Community was very interested in constructing a modern mound. At the first Pagan Spirit Gathering held at Wisteria, Circle Sanctuary wanted to dedicate a place where people could leave offerings and Wisteria suggested a mound. The two organizations collaborated; Wisteria provided materials and logistics while Circle directed the ceremony to build the mound. Hundreds of people worked the soil mostly by hand and basket; it was a wonderful evening of sacred work. In addition to

offerings, people starting burying ashes of departed loved ones in the mound. The mound was then called Ancestor Mound. Through the years, benches and a stone staircase have been added. Ancestor Mound is now a site for ceremonies each year as well as a quiet place to sit and reflect.

Turtle Mound

After the Ancestor Mound was built, Wisteria wanted to undertake a larger mound. Within two hours of this land lies the Serpent Mound, the largest effigy mound in the world. In honor of this ancient mound-building region, Wisteria Community decided to build a turtle effigy mound. In collaboration with PSG (Pagan Spirit Gathering) and hundreds of guests over three summer solstices, Turtle Mound was constructed in a series of ritual work ceremonies. It contains many personal offerings, a prayer pole from the Harmonic Convergence Celebration at Serpent Mound and a ceramic heart made for the turtle. The Turtle is about 60 feet long (18.3 meters) from head to tip of tail and about 40 feet (12.1 meters) across. The head faces the Summer Solstice sunrise.

Sweat Lodge

Sweat lodges at Wisteria are coordinated by Doug Sundling with facilitators announced prior to events. Sundling's ongoing relationship with the sweat lodge began in 1986. He brought the sweat lodge to Wisteria in its initial year of 1997 and has maintained the sweat lodge's presence here. While there is no one way to conduct a sweat lodge, and no one tradition has a monopoly on the truth of the lodge, there are basic underlying principles that do not change. It is wise to listen and learn from others, yet, ultimately, the lodge teaches you what is appropriate for your relationship with it. This wisdom belongs to the sweat lodge experience and should be shared appropriately. Use discretion and exercise your own spiritual freedom.

The Fairy Shrine

If you keep walking along the campground road past the swimming pond, you will come upon the park area of the campground. Nestled in the pines near Firefly Field is the enchanting Faerie Shrine. Established May 1997, the Wisteria Faerie Shrine was the first place at Wisteria dedicated for sacred use. The dedication was a simple ceremony with singing and stories and a few stones and crystals. Since then, thousands have journeyed to the Faerie Shrine to bring all kinds of treasures to leave for the Fey. The Shrine is also a working interactive outdoor art project with many statues, faerie houses, stone structures, paths, altars, chimes, and other contributions. A series of solar-powered streetlights gently lights the Shrine at night for an otherworldly feel. Wisteria Faerie Shrine is simply a must-see experience for all who love the Faerie Realm! If you feel inclined, bring offerings, chimes or other gifts. In the coolness of the Shrine, you can meditate a little, enjoy socializing, play like a child (or bring children!), build faerie houses or just drift away in your imagination.

Paw Paw Drum and Fire Circle

Tucked into in a grove of Pawpaw trees is the Paw Paw Drum and Fire circle. In this clearing, the sound of the drums is naturally echoed and concentrated by the landscape. Paw Paw is often the heartbeat of Wisteria, and many people gather to dance and drum through the night and even into morning. The warm summer nights can bring forth owls and coyotes to join the song. A covered hemiyurt provides shelter for participants and their instruments during the rain.

Shrine Valley

Shrine valley, the original spirit circle, is in the heart of Wisteria. Positioned between the sacred sites of Turtle Mound and the campground proper, Shrine Valley connects to the yellow trail via black trail. Wander this path and you will find

- The Hellenic Shrine, an evolving space that pays homage to the Greek Olympian gods
- Monument to a Fallen Giant, an art installment by Casey Bradley that captures the cycle of life, death and rebirth
- The Apacheta, built as a way of giving gratitude to the mountain spirits and to mother earth
- Harriet Tubman Memorial Shrine, paying homage to the struggles of America to overcome the blight of slavery and racism
- The Between the Worlds Shrine, representing the queer spirit and Wisteria's presence as a place for all people to find solace and restoration in their life's journeys

and more. This the heart of spirituality at Wisteria. Positioned between the world's of the mundane and our treasured sacred sites. It is a place of communion and meditation. We ask that you enjoy this space, leave no offerings that aren't made of natural materials (no plastics), and take the time to absorb what Spirit has to teach you.

Labyrinth of the ways

The Labyrinth of the Ways was gifted to Wisteria in celebration of the 15th Anniversary of the Between the Worlds gathering, as well as in celebration of the 20th anniversary of the finding of the Land. It was built on behalf of Nemeton of The Ways, Green Faerie Grove and the Between the Worlds Community. It took 2 years of communicating ideas, waiting for life & lives to align, over 11 ton of stone, 3 ton of sand & 6 months of labor . On September 14th, 2016 the capstone was placed and She was consecrated and gifted to all. "The Ways" is symbolic of all the Ways of which came together to make this project. There are stones from over 30 states and 5 countries, even more that hold memories, wishes and blessing for all. All of the Ways came together, for all of the ways that walk her paths

Crystal Grove

Crystal Grove was established in 2010 with the initial hanging of chandelier crystal points on a tree in Firefly Field (part of the Faerie Shrine area of Wisteria campground). Crystal Grove is

maintained as a reflective and natural place gently sculptured to highlight the landscape, living bouquets and encourage interaction of local flora and fauna. Offerings of crystals (both leaded and natural) are welcomed. Note: Other things that aren't crystals that inevitably get draped there are moved to fairy to maintain the look of natural items and crystal objects.