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 -  Meet New People - Make New Friends
 -  Learn From Diverse Traditions and Individuals



What Will It Cost You?

We depend on donations solicited from T-shirts, raffles, pancake breakfast, CD's and other donation producing activities to pay our costs like postage and brochure costs, speaker stipend, port-o-potties, workshop materials and other costs approved by the planning committee. Other than the small speaker stipend, no monies go to any individual in the form of payment for any activity. We want anyone to be able to attend regardless of financial ability. Therefore, there is no fee for attending the GOC. However, we encourage you to participate fully in our donations producing activities mentioned above and we also invite you to make a donation according to your level of financial ability, your love and your gratitude.

How Do I Get There?

Go to Cloudcroft, New Mexico (look at a map). Take Hwy 130 South out of Cloudcroft for 1.2 miles. Turn left at Sleepy Grass Campground for 0.7 miles. Turn right on 5661 for 3.9 miles. Turn left at 5661 marker, look for forked tree and colored flag on your left at the turn. Then turn left again immediately (about 40 feet) and follow road. Signs will be posted.

RSVP - Please

www.GatheringOfCircles.com/register_attendance.htm
 You MUST pre-register with Cliff Buchanan, 1404 Castle Road, Odessa TX 79762, 432-550-3302 or Winter.Fox@GatheringOfCircles.com We need to know if you expect to come for adequate planning - permit, lodges, port-a-potties, and more! Cliff will be happy to answer any questions you might have about the GOC - purposes, what to bring (or not), details about events, weather, safety, how you can help, T-shirts, or anything else you want to know. New to GOC? Changes to your information?
www.GatheringOfCircles.com/register.htm



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 1404 Castle Road
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Like aspens connected through shared roots the Gathering of Circles community shares common root beliefs.
www.gatheringofcircles.com

Our theme this year is:



GOC

2006



12th Annual

Gathering of Circles
August 3 - 6 Cloudcroft NM

It is time, once again, for us to come together for our collective goals for the planet, for our circles and communities, and for our individual goals of healing, wisdom, and self realization.



Gathering of Circles 2006



Welcome to the 12th annual Gathering of Circles 2006.

This annual event is created by various individuals and circles of people. We come from New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, California, Colorado, Virginia, and other states. We choose to come together and share ideas, wisdom, workshops, ceremonies, spirituality, talents, and friendship.

Our events include, but are not limited to, a keynote speaker, various workshops, face painting, world-famous pancake breakfast, children's activities, sweat lodges, "Sweet Medicine Dance", give-a-way, feast, hiking, sitting around the campfire to talk and share.

We gather on Thursday evening at 6:00 PM for the opening pipe ceremony, overviews, and introductions. You will hear the drumbeat calling you for each event. Friday morning is dedicated to introductions, short talks and announcements, and our featured speaker. Afterwards, we provide an itinerary of the various activities for the weekend. Friday afternoon and Saturday morning are scheduled workshops.

Separate Men and Women's sweat lodges will be held Friday night, and a co-ed sweat will be available on Saturday night after the "Sweet Medicine Dance". Sunday morning we will all gather again for the Give-A-Way ceremony and feast. We should be ready to leave the area by 2:00 p.m.

No ceremony we perform should be construed to be a reproduction of any traditional Native American ceremony or that of any specific belief system. We draw on the personal experiences of our culturally diverse community. We honor and respect all ways.



Introducing

Dr. Will Taegel, our guest speaker this year.
www.EarthTribe.com

"The lions share of our emotional and physical problems stem from our estrangement from Nature. The most natural movement on the planet is to push out of the box of your usual identity to the deeper place that is your essence, your spiritual DNA."

Dr. Will Taegel is a hybrid. The integral approach started when his great grand mother, Tilitha, was brought to Texas as a Shawnee slave. She married a slave trader. These opposites show up in him as psychotherapist/spiritual teacher, scientist/shaman, golfer/wilderness guide, part-time jerk/great guy, lone wolf/founder of EarthTribe. He is the author of seven books even though he didn't speak a word until he was four years old. He likes to gawk at the night sky after watching Seinfeld re-runs with Dr. Judith Yost, his wife who has been nominated for sainthood for living with all these opposites

T-Shirts

T-shirt design by Jazz Jaeschke. Order deadline is July 14. Please order from Jazz 10504 Settlers Trail, Austin TX 78750, (512) 335-9517, sjazz@austrin.rt.com, Small to XL: \$12 XXL-XXXL \$15 or http://www.gatheringofcircles.com/order_t-shirts.htm

Workshops Already Scheduled

Michael Broyles: "Prayer and Ceremony with Native American Flute"

Shilla Safer: "Pour Out Your Feelings into Grandmother Earth"

Mike Andrews: "Vision Quest: What Is It?"

Tana Slay, Ph.D.: "Experiencing The Power of One's Natural Grief Healing Ability"

Cliff Buchanan: "Shamanic Journey Drumming"

Sue Morningstar: "Native American Spirituality"

Chris Flores: "Lunar Cycles"

Steve Ferreira: "The Half-Boy"

Watch for more information on the website about presenters and presentations. Call Cliff (432) 550-3302 if you have a raffle item to donate.

COULD YOU PRESENT? YOU CAN SIGN UP ON THE WEB.

www.GatheringOfCircles.com

Important Information

Honor and respect the land and natural life on it as part of our family. Treat it as you would like to be treated. Leave it better than you found it.

Rules: Do not bring any alcohol or drugs. Radios (TV/other similar items) will not be allowed except with earphones. Dogs are welcome but must be kept on a leash at all times.

Responsibilities: You are responsible for your own meals and camping gear. This is a wilderness area, so bring tent, sleeping bag, jacket, blankets, comfort clothes for a sweat, and towels, groundcover, etc. You may need rain gear and a rain fly. Port-a-potties are available. Bring whatever is important for your personal comfort and enjoyment. Weather varies from warm to cold. Be prepared.

Bring a potluck dish - food, drinks, serving or eating items to contribute to the Feast on Sunday. Bring noisemakers (drums, rattles, etc.) if you desire. You may want colored cloth and yarn, fabric paint, (intention necklaces and or personal banners), or other art items.

A give-a-way is part of many traditions. It can be a demonstration of gratitude and love. It can be a way of releasing an attachment in order to move forward on your path of wisdom. It can symbolize emotions you want to leave behind. This should be something of significance (meaningful) to you, which you now want to relinquish your attachment to. The size or monetary value of this item is irrelevant but the more significant to you the better. Listen to your heart in deciding what to *give-a-way*. It will be precisely what the receiver needs, whether or not they know it at the time.

Bring your gift wrapped in a paper bag or in some simple way for the "give-a-way" ceremony on Sunday.

Gratitude to our Committee Chairs

Give-a-way Pamela Scheler (254) 554-1791
Sweat Lodges Shawna Mitchell (325) 668-2563
Raffles ???
Workshops Mike Kelley (806) 765-0441
Welcome Marion Russel
Children Activities Cathy Balls (325) 201-7880
T-Shirts Jazz Jaeschke (512) 335-9517
Clean-up John Anderson (254) 947-0478
Sweet Medicine Dance Janice Tegal (512) 858-1800
Drumming Team Susan Murray (505) 603-0154
Brochure Carol Dawn & Cliff Buchanan
Wood Mike Andrews (505) 776-0001
Pancake Breakfast June Baldwin (432) 550-8747

They do the work to make things happen. Offer them your help. This is part of our love and gratitude.

