





**Why Attend?**

 **Camping in a Beautiful Mountain Setting**  
 Workshops and Teachings  
 Pancake Breakfast  
 Sweet Medicine Dance - Sweat Lodges  
 Pipe Ceremony - Give-a-way  
 Children's Activities  
 Meet New People - Make New Friends  
 Learn From Diverse Traditions and Individuals

**What Will It Cost You?**

There is no fee. We depend on donations solicited from T-shirts, raffles, pancake breakfast, CD's and other donation producing activities to pay our costs. Our costs are for postage and brochure, 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.

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 for this opportunity.



Forked Tree

**How Do I Get There?**

Go to Clondcroft, New Mexico (look at a map). Take Hwy 130 South out of Clondcroft for 1.2 miles. Turn left at Steeple 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.

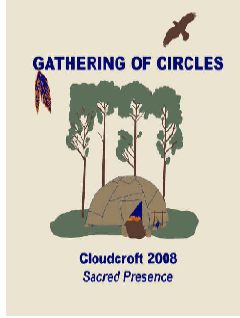
**RSVP - Please, Please, Please**

[www.GatheringOfCircles.com/register\\_attendance.htm](http://www.GatheringOfCircles.com/register_attendance.htm)

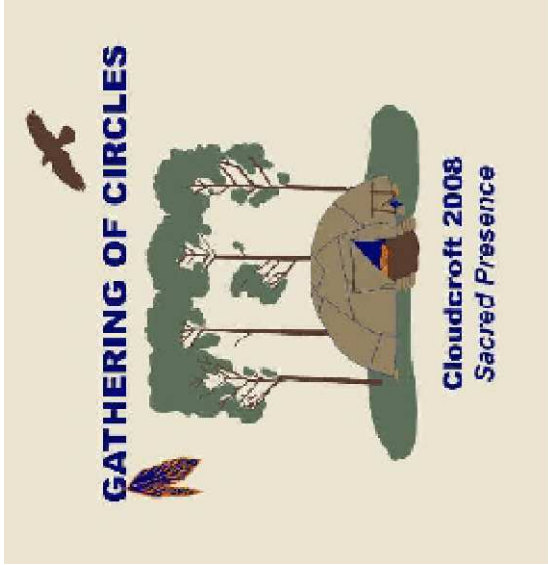
For adequate planning, we need to know if you expect to come. We must have permit, port-a-potties, and more! Register with Cliff Buchanan, 1404 Castle Road, Odessa TX 79762, 432-550-3302 or at [WinterFox@GatheringOfCircles.com](mailto:WinterFox@GatheringOfCircles.com)

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](http://www.GatheringOfCircles.com/register.htm)



Cliff Buchanan - GOC  
 1404 Castle Road  
 Odessa, Texas 79762



Our theme this year is:  
**Sacred Presence**  
 2008 GOC



**14th Annual Gathering of Circles**  
**August 6 - 10 Clondcroft NM**  
**Wednesday - Sunday**

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 2008



## Welcome: 14th Annual Gathering of Circles 2008

This annual event is composed of individuals and circles. We come from New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Arizona, Virginia, California, Colorado, and other states. We come together to share ideas, wisdom, teachings, ceremonies, spirituality, talents, and friendship. Events include a keynote speaker, workshops, face painting, 'world-famous' pancake breakfast, children's activities, sweat lodges, "Sweet Medicine Dance", give-a-way, feast, hiking, and sitting around the campfire to talk and share.

We gather this year on **Wednesday evening** at 6:00 PM for the opening pipe ceremony, overviews, and introductions.

**Thursday morning** there are introductions, announcements, and a team-building experience. Thursday afternoon begins with our featured speaker. Then we launch the various workshops and activities.

**Thursday afternoon** late and **Friday morning** are scheduled workshops. You will hear the drumbeat calling you for each event. **Friday afternoon** we prepare the dance circle, visit, and dress for **Friday night's** "Sweet Medicine Dance".

Separate mens and women's sweat lodges will be held **Thursday night**, with an alternate Talking Stick Circle. A co-ed sweat will be available on **Friday night** after the dance.

**Saturday morning** is the "Give-A-Way" ceremony and feast. **Saturday afternoon** is for small individual talking circles. **Saturday night** is the final ceremony, closing the pipe opened Wednesday, followed by group drumming (and singing) led by Pete Philips. Bring your drums, rattles, and other noise makers.

**Sunday** is for last visits and packing for our trips home.

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

## Introducing

### Virgie Raven Hawk our 2008 guest speaker

Wichita and Aztec descent  
Recognized for career in U.S. Army  
Tribal Arts and Ceremonial crafts  
Gifted to play Native American flute  
v.ravenhawk@gmail.com



As a spiritual mentor, Virgie walks as a teacher of her fathers and mothers ways and is respected by peers, family, friends, and students. Virgie's healing drumming circles have been bringing people from all walks of life together for almost eight years for healings and awakenings.

As a sweat lodge leader and teacher of ceremonies, Virgie's statement stands: "Those of us who have chosen this way of life and walk in the Medicine way should never take their gifts for granted." Many medicine people live in poverty and alone, or from ceremony to ceremony, so as to give the gift of healing and teaching, asking nothing in return.

All is given back to the Sacred Presence so that it brings life to all who need to be healed. Now more than ever one is required to choose (or not) a Sacred Path as they walk their "earth walk" in the final days before transformation. Let us talk as one about how to accomplish this very simple task.

## T-Shirts (natural - long sleeve)

S to XL \$14 - XXL & XXXL \$17

Final order deadline is June 23. Please order from Jazz Jaeschke, 10504 Settlers Trail, Austin TX 78750, (512) 335-9517, [jjazz@austin.tx.com](mailto:jjazz@austin.tx.com), or <http://www.gatheringofcircles.com/order-t-shirts.htm>

## Workshops Already Scheduled

Sandhill Scott: "Take Time 2BT"  
Teresa Montez: "M.E.L.L. Mantling Enlightenment Love"  
Wanda Wade: "Creating a Personal Yoga Practice" & "Healing Circle"  
Bob Wade: "Heart Chi Gong"  
Chris Flores: "Red Spider's Lessons Continue"  
Brett Messer: "Origins and History of the Rainbow Bridge Clan"  
Jazz Jaeschke: "Self-guided Labyrinth Walk"

More workshops to be announced  
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](http://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:** No alcohol or drugs. No radios (TV/other similar items) except for use 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 Saturday.** Bring noisemakers (drums, rattles, etc.) if you desire. You may want colored cloth and yarn, fabric paint, (infention necklaces and or personal banners), or other art items you may want to use.

**Give-a-way,** a part of many traditions. You give away 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. It can symbolize emotions you want to leave behind. This should be something of significance (meaningful) to you, to which you now want to relinquish your attachment. The size or monetary value of this item is irrelevant. 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 Saturday.**

## Gratitude to our Committee Chairs

These individuals do the work to make things happen.  
Offer your help whenever you see a need.

GOC Concepts	Pamela Scheler (254) 630-4378
Give-a-way	Open Opportunity
Sweet Lodges	Mike Andrews (505) 776-0001
Talking Stick Circle	Pamela Scheler (254) 630-4378
Raffles	Open Opportunity
Port-a-potties/Permit	Cliff Buchanan (432) 550-3302
Workshops	Shawna Mitchell (325) 668-2563
Welcome Table	Jazz Jaeschke (512) 335-9517
Children Activities	June Baldwin (432) 550-8747
T-Shirts	Kathy Two Hawks (609) 892-8468
Clean-up	Jazz Jaeschke (512) 335-9517
Sweet Medicine Dance	Gary Kendrick (512) 658-0259
Drumming Team	Open Opportunity
Feast	Susan Murray (505) 603-0154
Brochure	Open Opportunity
Wood	Jazz Jaeschke & Cliff Buchanan
Pancake Breakfast	Mike Andrews (505) 776-0001
Speaker	June Baldwin (432) 550-8747
	Mike Andrews (505) 776-0001

