



Why Attend?



Camping in a Magical Mountain Setting

Workshops and Teachings

Pancake Brunch

Sweet Medicine Dance - Sweat Lodges

Pipe Ceremony - Give-Away

Meet New People - Make New Friends

Children's Activities

Learn From Diverse Traditions & Individuals



So, What's It Gonna Cost?

There is no fee. We depend on donations solicited from t-shirt, raffle tickets, pancake breakfast, CDs and other donation-producing activities to fund this gathering.

Other than the small speaker stipend, no money goes to any individual for 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 welcome you to participate in our donation-producing activities mentioned above and invite you to make a donation according to your level of financial ability, your love, and your gratitude for this opportunity.

But the most important thing is your presence at the GOC.



How Do I Get There?



Forked Tree

At Cloudfcroft, NM, take Hwy 130 South & go 1.2 miles. Turn left at Sleepy Grass Campground & go 0.7 miles. Turn right on 5661 & go 3.9 miles. Look for 5661 marker on right and forked tree on left just before left turn at marker. Turn left again immediately (about 40 ft.) and follow road. Signs will be posted.



RSVP - Please, Please, Please!!!

www.gatheringofcircles.com/register_attendance.htm

For adequate planning, we need to know if you expect to come. We must have a permit, port-a-potties, and more! Register with Cliff Buchanan, 1404 Castle Road, Odessa, TX 79762, 432-550-3302; or at WinterFox@gatheringofcircles.com. Cliff will be happy to answer any questions you might have about the GOC.

New to GOC? Changes to your information?

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This event is held on the Lincoln National Forest and is authorized under a special use permit.



Gathering of Circles
1404 Castle Road
Odessa, Texas 79762

Transcendence 2012 GOC



18th Annual Gathering of Circles

August 1 ~ 5, Cloudfcroft, NM

Wednesday thru Sunday

It is time for us to come together again to express 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 - 2012



Welcome—18th Annual Gathering of Circles

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", giveaway, hiking, & 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 begins with our featured speaker. Then we launch the various workshops and activities that will run through Friday morning. 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 men's 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 "Giveaway" 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 Phillips. 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.

IMPORTANT INFO

Please refer to the website for information regarding preparation for your trip to the GOC, especially noting the high elevation & heavy rainfall. Space constraints prevented us from explaining exactly what is expected and what is recommended for you to optimize your GOC experience. All this info is available on the website:

www.gatheringofcircles.com



WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED

Practical Prophecy	Mike "Two Bears" Andrews
Shamanic Journey Drumming	Cliff "WinterFox" Buchanan
Discovering and Taking Your Power	Brett "Windrunner" Messer
Music as Life and Living - A Discussion	Sarah Starkey
Way of the Heart Meditation	John Land, PhD

More Workshops to be announced on the GOC Website
Interested in presenting a workshop? Please sign up:
www.gatheringofcircles.com



Gratitude to our Coordinators

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

Give-Away	Lois Colbridge
Sweat Lodge	Elizabeth Hale
Talking Stick Circle	Brett Messer
Raffle	Shawna Mitchell
Port-a-Potties/Permit/Wood Workshops	Cliff Buchanan
Welcome Table	Kathy Two-Hawks
Children's Activities	June Baldwin/Wanda Wade
T-shirts	Jennifer Caviness
Environmental Focus	Donna Trammel
Sweet Medicine Dance	June Baldwin
	Bob & Wanda Wade/ Enrique Hynes
Speaker	Mike Andrews
Drumming Team	Bobby Ashworth
Pancake Brunch	June Baldwin
Feast	Shawna Mitchell
Songs & Music	Sarah Starkey/Cathy Martin
Brochure	Donna Pounds/Cliff Buchanan

2012 Guest Speaker

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I am a member of the Havasupi Tribe (people of the blue-green waters). Born into a family with a Medicine Man Grandfather, Arthur Kaska. My mother, the daughter of Kioska, was given the knowledge of the traditional ways — hunts, deer tanning, gourd making, singing and dances. My mother passed these gifts to her children.

The ancestral ways have provided the themes for many speaking engagements. All of life's events are the reflection of the world's people at large. The key is to interpret the meanings appropriate to the times and ages.

The ethereal art of Coyote Telling is ages old and performed in tribal settings of canyon, cave, mountain and desert. Ceremonial Theater is the medium of expression.

As a recognized ceremonial entity, spiritual advisor, I am called to officiate unions, birth, blessings and healings.

Tools of the spirits - eagle feathers, bones, medicine plants, drums, gourds, fire, water - assist in the needed healings, awakenings and transformations. Some call me a medicine man, sage, storyteller, wisdom keeper and priest.

My journey has blessed me with the divine meetings of spiritual leaders, tribally, nationally and globally. My Sacred Oratory, a lecture, is heard through out Japan, Europe, South America, and the United States.

I invite you to join me in this life of experience. I am your companion in this walk.

Hongio (hun ee gih o) It is Good!

