



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?

At Cloudcroft, NM, take Hwy 130 South & go 1.2 miles. Turn left at Sleepy Grass Camp-ground & go 0.7 miles. Turn right on 5661 & go 3.9 miles. Look for 5661 marker on right. Turn left again immediately (about 40 ft.) and follow road. Signs will be posted.



RSVP - Please, Please, Please!!!

www.gatheringofcircles.com/2018-goc-rsvp/

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?

<http://www.gatheringofcircles.com/register-for-main-goc-mailing-list/>

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

Peace Begins With...

2018 GOC



24th Annual Gathering of Circles

August 1 ~ 5, Cloudcroft, 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 - 2018



Welcome—24th 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", give-away, 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 "Give-Away" 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 Steve Lake. 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 in this brochure 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

Morning Meditation & Tai Chi Intention, Vibration, & Sound	Bob & Wanda Wade Mike Two Bears Andrews
Playing the Flute	Gary Kendrick
The Martial Art of Peace & Love	Larry Bell
Love's Way	Donna Clift
Healing Heart Chi Gong & Tai Chi for Healing Relationships	Bob Wade
Sacred Healing Food Preparation	Christopher DeWilde
Dream Your Life Awake	Catherine Rose-Strecko
The Four Noble Truths	Laura Barrera



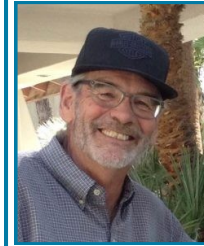
Gratitude to our Coordinators

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

Give-Away	Jan Leenhouts-Martin, Laura Barrera
Sweat Lodge Raffles	Sarah Starkey Lanham Gerald Richards, Elaine Starkey, Beth Marietta
Port-a-Potties/Permit/Wood Workshops	Cliff Buchanan Cathy Martin
Welcome Table	Jan Leenhouts-Martin, Jennifer Caviness, Michelle Macias, Michael Burr
Children's Activities	Sara Hilbert
T-shirts	June Baldwin
Environmental Focus	June Baldwin, Steve Lake
Sweet Medicine Dance	Tom Casey
Speaker	Mike Andrews
Saturday Night Drumming Circle	Pete Phillips, Ethan Hatch
Pancake Brunch	June Baldwin
Feast	Lois Colbrige

2018 GUEST SPEAKER

Richard Weckerly



I was born in 1956 in southern California. As a youth, I distinguished myself with delinquent behavior, which led to a judge's decision that military service was the best channel for my energies. I was discharged from service, and had acquired bad habits, which led me to the State of California penitentiary for two years. Upon release I met a woman and was ready to settle into a new role as a "normie". The birth of my two children and subsequent dissolution of my marriage were the kick start to setting me on my spiritual quest in earnest. At a time when no one was inviting me to come back, the Lakota was the "last house on the block". They kept saying "come back, it'll get better". After a time, two men in ceremony had a vision that I was to be a pipe carrier. The pipe was like the gentle, persistent and patient staff of a shepherd, herding me, again and again, back in the direction to wholeness, eventually becoming an observable transformation of my life and being. The teachings of Pteskawin (White Buffalo Calf Woman) and the Seven Sacred Rites became central to my life. With the help of Spirit and mentors, I began my journey back to wholeness. Working with the power of love and the teachings of Pteskawin (White Buffalo Calf Woman), I was asked to create a space for others to empower them to find their own personal, experiential connection to the Divine. For more than 12 years I have been learning from and helping to facilitate ceremony with Basil and Charlotte Braveheart. My life today is a continuing effort to adhere to the designs of Spirit as well as my mentors, in carrying the teachings and traditions given to the Lakota by Pteskawin (White Buffalo Calf Woman).