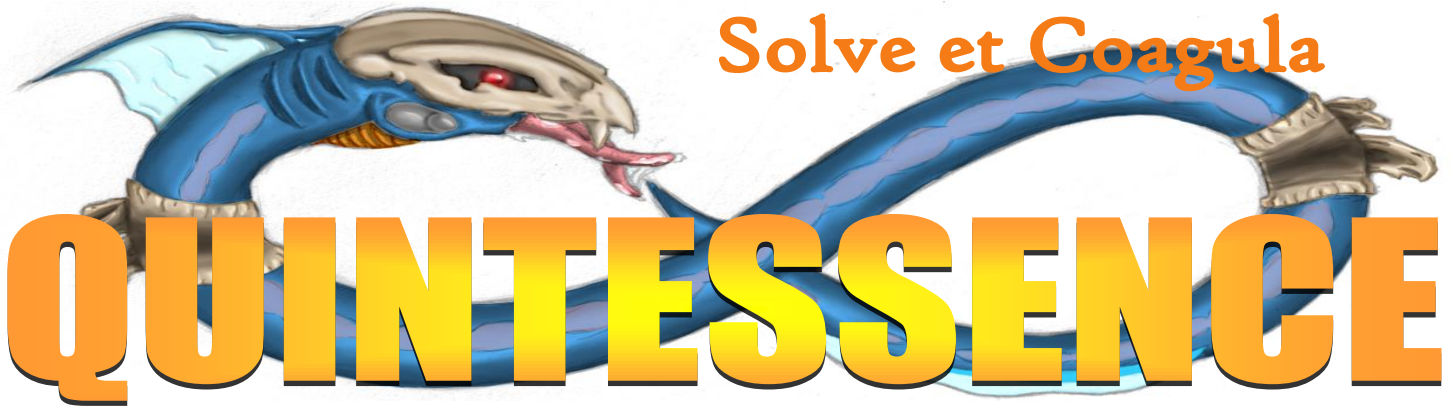


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SIX CROWS GATHERING 2011

Thursday-Sunday August 18, 19, 20, 21

Six Crows Alliance activities are hosted at **3646 Hart Road, Twin Lake MI** [Get Map](#) [Go to sixcrows.org](http://sixcrows.org)

What better way to close out our five-year celebration of the classical elements than with some of the most glorious sacrament around the Midwest, the alchemical ritual of Mark Mandrake and Shauna Aura. The couple returns to Six Crows Gathering in 2011 to lead us in their unique **King Arthur & the 12 Knights of the Zodiac** ritual, featured Saturday evening. The ritual follows their Friday afternoon class, **Community Building: Using Astrology for Group Dynamics**.



SIX CROWS ALLIANCE FOR THE PURSUIT OF ARCANES WISDOM AND UNDERSTANDING

STATEMENT OF OUR MISSION

OUR PURPOSE IS to serve as a center of activity for a diverse, inclusive community of spiritual seekers dedicated to education, inspiration, and outreach.

STATEMENT OF OUR VISION

WE ARE BUILDING an educational center that is a resource, a support network, and a bridge among arcane spiritual philosophies and practices, where all spiritual pursuits are understood to be a progressive and dynamic influence in all of our lives, facilitating and guiding uplifting change.

Please join us in thanking our 2011 volunteers for their efforts on behalf of SIX CROWS GATHERING 2011:

Linda Margaret Ritz	JoAn Ross
David White	C. Rogers
Nikki Ashendorf	Karen Thoms
Doug Thoms	Dave Kennedy
Carol Beatty	Jerod Rinkus

You're in for a special treat with Six Crows Gathering favorite Lady Bona Dea Lyonnaise, High Priestess/Elder in the Romano-Celtic Tradition, and founder of the Circle of the Sacred Grove, Temple of the Old Religion. Lady Bona Dea kicks things off for us Thursday evening following Opening Ceremony with **Connecting the Dots**, a teaching from the Domae about the concept of Spirit in perception and "truth". Ritual work she will lead following the teaching will bring it home to us.

If you can stay – or get – up into the witching hour Saturday night, be prepared to be inspired to discover your best you, in **Second Star to the Left**, a beautiful reconnecting ritual (Rated R – adults only except wolves with a parent) in the deep woods, developed and presented by Sapphire and Shadowdragon. Then you can climb back into your bedroll and savor the resulting calm, comfort, and newness. The couple is also bringing us a potent Friday afternoon workshop on **Invocation, Evocation, and the Magical Sandbox**. Sorry kids, this one is also Rated R, no exceptions. ☺

Isis Lauren Elene Cowell is back in 2011 after moving back to Michigan, and will indulge us with samplings from her **Divine Series: Four Playshops** based on her books by the same title in development.

Dig out your favorite feathers for some gentle spirit work with Ruth Zwald in her Saturday afternoon

workshop on **Stillness and the Winds of Change**. Don't fret if you have no special feather to bring. We have plenty. No one will go featherless. ☺

On Friday morning Red Spider Weaving will divert from the usual medicine wheel teaching and facilitate a **Rainbow Crystal Healing Ceremony** for our selves, our relations, and our Earth Mother. Friday night she facilitates our **Sweat Lodge Ceremony**.

We're excited to announce our first **OJAJA Talent Shindig and Ice Cream Social** Friday evening where the entertainers in our midst may strut their stuff and be celebrated. Moderated by Jerod Rinkus, OJAJA (Lakota for SHINE) is open to all ages and talents (it is a family show), and there's still time to sign up until the show begins. And if your feet warm up once you arrive at the Gathering, find Jerod and he'll happily add you to his roster. ☺

We trust you are impressed with the caliber of our **Children's Program**, coordinated by JoAn Ross. From water fun for tots to ritual building for teens, from creating personal alchemy process books to fireside dreamtime stories, our focus is fun and upliftment; we're delighted to have many presenters fashioning or adapting their programs for the children as well.

For the first time in 2011, Six Crows Alliance Board of Directors will hold our **Annual Meeting and Elections** in the Cosmic Wheel immediately following Closing Ceremony Sunday afternoon. This is an open meeting and all are welcome to attend, particularly those interested in service with Six Crows Alliance for the Pursuit of Arcane Wisdom and Understanding, host for Six Crows Gathering.

BUILDING BRIDGES OF UNDERSTANDING

Our foremost mandate is indeed to help build a bridge of understanding and acceptance among spiritually inspired folk of every walk, and particularly those exploring the wisdom of the ages and of cultures around the globe. Remember, **Six Crows Gathering is open to all** who bring an open mind and an open heart. There is no charge to attend, camp, or vend. Arrive early to get prime camping and vending locations or you may end up in the woods with a rake. ☺ We're only serious. ☺ Arrive early enough to be set up and waiting for opening ceremony, and we'll gratefully take that as an offer to be put to work. ☺

INFRASTRUCTURAL ODDS 'N ENDS

Please Register by visiting our online Gathering Registration Page. It helps us to prepare, especially concerning numbers and ages of children. Also if you register ahead, you won't be held up doing it at the gate. ☺ Watch for Carol Beatty and Nikki Ashendorf at the Six Crows Alliance entrance Thursday afternoon directing parking and signing you in.

Please Consider that Six Crows Gathering is a retreat for an eclectic assembly of seekers sharing a common interest in earth-centered, Hermetic, and esoteric philosophies, and in creating sacred space without and within. We ask you to try to leave mundane business "out there." Comings and goings are disruptive, and are discouraged. We strive to create a secure and focused environment, to quiet the mind; stimulate the mind; commune with the sacred; hear the silence between the notes; and travel between the worlds, where creation spawns. We look forward to sharing the weekend with our old friends, and connecting with new kindred spirits.

Setup begins at 10 am Thursday. If you need to arrive or set up before Thursday morning, please come ahead. Just let us know. Please strive to arrive early enough to set up camp and be at Opening Ceremony by 6 pm Thursday. If you are a Safety, please strive to attend the Safeties Meeting. If you have children, please strive to attend the Kids Orientation Meeting.

Outdoor Kitchen facilities are available to all at all times. A big pot of coffee, tea kettle, and all the fixings will await you in our outdoor kitchen each morning. Otherwise everyone is on their own for breakfast. Please keep mindful of the needs of our presenters and any others in need in our midst. If you can spare it, contribute an item you might find at a continental breakfast, i.e. a jar of jam, English muffins, box of cereal, fresh fruit, etc., to the breakfast table. Regarding food contributions, you will need to provide your own cooling. A great scheme that several people have embraced is to prepare main courses before coming, freeze them, and take them out to thaw as needed during the weekend. Or, cook

items ahead of time if it's practical, and then simply warm them up as needed during the weekend. Advance preparation of main courses also frees you up to spend more time in community and less time in meal preparation. We send out a car daily for ice and other needs. Orders are taken by the runner at Friday and Saturday afternoon Checkin Meetings. Our makeshift outdoor kitchen contains a large grill, microwave oven, roaster, coffee pot, kettle, toaster, and other cooking aides, and a dishwashing station. There is electric access for plugging in crock pots etc. We are eco-friendly and put out recycling and compost bins. Bring your own reusable dishes and utensils. Note carefully the "on the table" time on the schedule. Please don't keep others waiting and dishes getting cold.

Daily Chores are shared by all. These include making morning coffee, cleaning the kitchen and dining tables, garbage and toilet detail, etc. Sign-up sheets go round during Opening Business.

The Outdoor Shower is, let's say invigorating. Sorry, the water is not heated.

The Literature Table is available for everyone's use. Bring literature, business cards, announcements, etc. to put on the literature table. Please remember to take any remaining materials with you Sunday. New this year, we will have a suggestion box on the table. We will also ask you to fill out a survey so we know the directions you want us to lean in our programming and other gathering aspects in future.

Vigilance is required for little ones, as we are on the water.

Zero Tolerance Policy on Violence is our strict policy at Six Crows Alliance and Six Crows Gathering. The policy will be posted.

Photos are taken throughout the Gathering by Six Crows Alliance volunteers. Please make it known if you do not wish to be photographed. Photographing by gatherers is also fine, however ask facilitators before their program. Many don't wish photos taken during ritual activity. The subject will be addressed during Opening.

Cell Phones should be turned off during programming.

Butt Cans are all around the grounds. Please don't drop your butts on Mother Earth.

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## **A HANDY REMINDER OF THINGS TO BRING**

*Note: what to do with donated goods, cash, and contributions will be addressed during Opening Ceremony*

- Tents, camping vehicles, and small campers are fine.
- Camp and personal supplies and toiletries; reusable camp dishes and table setting.
- An extra camp chair for programming (or be prepared to move it about).
- Drums, rattles, shakers, sticks, clappers, flutes, didgeridoos, etc. for community drum (bring extras if you have them for those who don't).
- Trade Blanket item (see description).
- "Tools" for Gifts of Spirit (see description).
- Trading Post items for sale/exchange.
- Printed materials for the literature table.
- Items you wish blessed to place on the altar.
- One or two towels and something light and loose to wear for Sweat Lodge Ceremony.
- Sacred herbs or other gifts as preferred for the sweat facilitator and fire tender.
- Check the weather forecast and dress accordingly. Bring rain gear (we have shelter).
- Please contribute 1 bottle of lamp oil to keep torches lit around the grounds at nights.
- Please contribute 1 roll of toilet paper per person to keep the porta-potties supplied.
- Drinking water.
- Donations Needed:

- Craft supplies for the Children's Program
- Old blankets for Sweat Lodge
- An item for the breakfast pantry (to ensure all are fed) or package of coffee.
- Please be generous in your donation(s) to the Presenters' Auction, the sole funding agent for presenters' travel expenses (see description).
- If you like, bring a trinket to leave in the Cosmic Wheel (the "little people" like shiny things, color, fragrance, sweets, music, and creativity, and they reward accordingly). ☺
- Stories and personal sharings, a listening ear, an open mind, and a generous heart.

### **FOOD AND MEAL PLANS**

- Please contribute one prepared "dish" per community lunch and community supper meal, and personal breakfast supplies (breakfast is on your own; lunches and suppers are pot luck style). Contribute main dishes and side dishes as follows:
  - Even birth days: Main – Friday Lunch; Saturday Supper  
Side – Friday Supper; Saturday Lunch
  - Odd birth days: Main – Friday Supper; Saturday Lunch  
Side – Friday Lunch; Saturday Supper
- 1 cup *per person* of chopped whatever you like, to contribute to the Sacred Buffalo Stone Stew for Sunday feast: potatoes, carrots, onions, etc. Dave and Linda are supplying the buffalo meat.
- Leftovers or an extra dish to contribute to the pot luck table for Sunday Closing Feast.

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## **PROGRAM 2011**

*2011 Program details follow. Note that except for the two programs Rated R, most of our programs listed for General attendance are also suitable for teens. Please scroll to the bottom for more Odds 'N Ends. We look forward to shortly seeing all our friends, old, new, and to come.*

*Thursday 4:30-5:30 pm | Location: Lower West Side*

**SAFETIES MEETING** with Shadowdragon (Doug Thoms)

Doug takes over as Safeties Coordinator in 2011. (Adrienne Gasperoni, who developed the program last year, stepped back to focus closer to home, but she, Joe, and Dylan will be at the gathering.) Safeties are elders and seniors who offer their service in shifts to help attendees as needed with grounding, clearing, shielding, processing, etc., and to deal with emergencies. Safeties, please try to make this meeting to get oriented and organize shifts. Note that as Safeties Coordinator, Doug shares a station/canopy with our Medic Dave, as Doug and Dave are the center of Safety and Safeties at Six Crows Gathering.

*Thursday 5:30-5:50 pm | Location: Witness Tree (Home of Fort Magnus)*

**KIDS ORIENTATION MEETING** with Laughing Skunk (JoAn Ross)

Laughing Skunk asks that all parents with children present bring their children and meet with her briefly just before opening to go over Gathering procedures and rules regarding the children, as well as the children's schedule. You will see that several of our wonderful presenters are also mindful of our next generation, and are presenting programs just for them, so there are many treats in store for our youth. If there are any program slots still open, parents may be invited to help out, and if you're short on ideas for programs for kids, well, Laughing Skunk has plenty.

*Thursday 6-7:30 pm | Location: Cosmic Wheel*

**OPENING CEREMONY/Fires Light/Faerie Portal Opened**

Whole camp attendance is requested as we gather to create sacred space, greet one another, and go over business items. The Inner Fire is awakened through drumming and chanting with Ruth Zwald; the Sacred

Fire is awakened with prayers offered by our elders; and the Faerie Portal is opened by Lady Bona Dea Lyonnaise. We meet our facilitators, each other, and the Kids' Clans.

*Thursday 7:30-9 pm | Witness Tree*

Otters & Lizards **OJAJA: Script & Group Act Development Part I** with Laughing Skunk + Volunteers

In Part I this evening and Part II Friday morning, Laughing Skunk will guide the two younger groups in preparing a joint act for OJAJA tomorrow evening. The kids will be scripting, staging, and enacting their own creation for the pleasure of all. Volunteers are appreciated, especially to focus on our littlest Otters while the older kids are hard at work.

*Thursday 7:30-9 pm | Lakeside*

Wolves **PROGRAM TBA** with Mark Mandrake & Shauna Aura

Watch for details for this program for Lizards to be announced during The Gathering.

*Thursday 7:45-9:45 pm | Location: East Woods*

**FROM THE DOMAE: Connecting the Dots** with Lady Bona Dea Lyonnaise

Bona Dea will begin with a teaching from the Domae about the concept of Spirit, and then lead participants in ritual experience of the teaching. She explains that we each reflect aspects of the Divine within and for each other, both the light and the shadow. We connect the dots of our perceptions on the matrix of the Universe, and that determines how we see all life. However, perceptions differ for each individual, and are thus the source of many conflicts over what is "truth". Through her ritual, Bona Dea will offer participants an opportunity to connect the dots in a different way to see if perceptions can change. What a lead into an open-minded open-hearted weekend!

*Thursday 9-9:45 pm | Cosmic Wheel*

Otters & Lizards **DREAMTIME: Goddess Stories** with Nikki Ashendorf

Nikki will introduce the children to assorted Goddesses from around the world as she reads and discusses stories from a beautifully illustrated children's text.

*Thursday 9 pm-Midnight | Wolf Den*

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*Thursday 10 pm-Midnight | Location: Cosmic Wheel*

**TALKING STICK: Quintessence, The Fifth Element** led by Red Spider Weaving (Linda Margaret Ritz)

Discuss Quintessence, the Fifth Element. Quintessence: Primal undifferentiated essence; the intelligent "aspect" in air, fire, water, and earth. Join the circle around the sacred fire any time. Please be respectful to the process and defer to the active speaker. The Talking Stick travels the circle, and the person holding it is the recognized speaker. Talking Stick inspires us to connect with others while holding our own space. It serves to both promote expression and remind us not to prattle on, as others may also wish to speak. By allowing us to be heard and making room for others to relax into the content of our message, it eliminates soapboxes and promotes social connection and healing. Talking Stick is equally vital as a listening stick, empowering everyone to give full attention to everyone else in turn, and to bear witness to their situations, perspectives, and insights. It reminds us our focus should be on listening, not planning what to say next. It eliminates the dynamic of a few people in conversation while others look on. It frees

listeners from the need to respond, or be intelligent, witty, or critical. It inspires just and impartial hearing. Talking Stick reaches beyond the democratic process to keep us mindful of the sacred power and responsibility of words. If we cannot honor Talking Stick and the circle with our words, we must refrain from accepting it and dishonoring ourselves. It returns to us when we are again in control of our words. Six Crows' Talking Stick imparts the wisdom of hundreds of communicators who have shared their words and stories around our circles. We honor the sacrifices of Crow, Elk, and Wolf who make up its body. Crow, who laid down at the door of the Six Crows Sweat Lodge to pass into the next world, brings knowing, confidence, unfettered truth, community, and complex calculating and communication skills. Elk, strong and noble, who also lives in community and cooperation, encourages us to pace ourselves – we don't have to say everything at once – and reminds us of the value of same-gender relationships. Wolf, social, intelligent, loyal, and compelled by ritual, doesn't fight unnecessarily, but will stand its ground. Its body language is as much a part of its communication system as its wide range of vocalizations.

*Thursday 10 pm-? | Location: West Side Fire*

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*Friday 8 am-Noon | East Woods*

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*Friday 10-11 am | Dining*

Otters, Lizards, & Wolves **ALCHEMICAL PROCESS: My Little Book of Operations Part I** with Laughing Skunk + Volunteers

In Part I this morning and Part II Saturday morning, Laughing Skunk will lead all clans through the experience of creating a personally designed, crafted, built, and filled alchemical book of operations providing them with the experience of manifesting what they want, what they want to be, what they want the world to be, etc. as desired, through a simple series of operations moving the desired goal from imagination to the manifest world. Because the kids will be sanding, staining, painting, and binding their own unique wooden-covered books, two sessions are required to complete the task. Volunteers are appreciated, especially to focus on our littlest Otters while the older kids are hard at work.

*Friday 11 am-Noon | Cosmic Wheel*

### **RAINBOW CRYSTAL HEALING CEREMONY** with Red Spider Weaving

The very beautiful Rainbow Crystal Healing Ceremony has been performed at many Medicine Wheel Gatherings, and was first recorded in Anderson Reed's *Lightseeds: A Compendium of Ancient and Contemporary Crystal Knowledge* (1988 – Prentice Hall), and later in Sun Bear's *Dancing With the Wheel* (1991 – Fireside). You may have noticed that our "temple space" is formed in a wheel pattern with the 12 Astrological archetypes around the outside; four spokes (represented by rocks) emanating from the four

directions and meeting at the center; a center wheel made up of the elemental spirits relevant to mankind and their clans (also represented by rocks); and at the center, the Creator/Creation/Great Spirit/Universal Consciousness/Above and Below and All. This sacred, charged, magical, outpouring Universal Wheel contains all the directions, all the elements, in fact, all the ideas and aspects of the Cosmos reflective of how closely you look and seek. Commonly known as a medicine wheel among some indigenous nations of the Americas, the wisdom and intelligence of the Medicine Wheel spans the world's cultures and ages. In this vein flows our Cosmic Wheel, which is based in part on the work of Sun Bear, who, in *Dancing With the Wheel*, put forth a whole new system of earth astrology to help guide people not only in their daily living but also in their life paths. Sun Bear offers that his hope is to "help all people relate better to our Earth Mother...and find a kinship with the universe." Come ready to heal yourself, all your relations, and our planet Earth.

*Friday 11 am-Noon | Lakeside*

Otters & Lizards **OJAJA: Script & Group Act Development Part II** with Laughing Skunk + Volunteers

In Part II this morning and Part I Thursday evening, Laughing Skunk will guide the two younger groups in preparing a joint act for OJAJA this evening. The kids will be scripting, staging, and enacting their own creation for the pleasure of all. Volunteers are appreciated, especially to focus on our littlest Otters while the older kids do their work.

*Friday 1:30-2 pm | Cosmic Wheel*

### **CHECKIN/BUSINESS**

Please join us for our daily checkin. We ask for whole camp attendance so everyone is kept informed regarding issues that arise, ask questions and get clarifications, and take care of business, including placing daily orders with the runner (i.e. for ice or other basic supply needs).

*Friday 2-3:25 pm | Cosmic Wheel*

**COMMUNITY BUILDING: Using Astrology for Group Dynamics** with Mark Mandrake & Shauna Aura

Do you yearn for healthy community? This workshop offers tools to explore dynamics within groups using the 12 signs of the Astrological wheel. Whether you are a long-time leader or aspiring group member, and whether you're familiar with astrology or brand new to the Zodiac, join us to explore the twelve signs. Within each of the signs, our human needs are represented. Learn magical and mundane tools for reducing conflicts, addressing power dynamics, improving communication, and becoming stronger leaders. Will you join us on the wheel of the Zodiac to help grow sustainable communities?

*Friday 2-3:25 pm | Lakeside*

Otters **PROGRAM TBA** with Volunteers TBA

Watch for details for this program for Lizards to be announced during The Gathering.

*Friday 2-3:25 pm | East Woods*

Lizards **YOGA BOGA: Movement, Yoga, & Dance Fun** with Isis (Lauren Elene Cowell)

Boga Yoga Boga and all that good shake rattle and roll fun for kids who love movement (that would be all of them?). The title says it all. Be prepared to find your grove!

*Friday 2-3:25 pm | Lakeside*

Wolves **OJAJA Script & Group Act Development** with Jerod Rinkus

Jerod will guide the wolves in preparing an act for OJAJA this evening. The kids will be scripting, staging, and enacting their own creation for the pleasure of all.

*Friday 3:35-5 pm | East Woods*

**INVOCATION, EVOCATION, AND THE MAGICAL SANDBOX** with Shadowdragon & Sapphire

What is the difference between invoking and evoking? How do I decide whether I am prepared for this type of work? What does invocation feel like physically? Emotionally? How do I set limits for Spirits I invite? How can I practice this way with my partner or in a group? How do I know I will be safe? These

are some of the questions we will address in this class. We will be teaching the differences between levels of invocation, the benefits and drawbacks of evocation, and how to take care of yourself before and after this kind of working. We will also share techniques of how to find Spirits that will work with each other and how to establish those types of working relationships. For those who are interested, we will also be covering how to work as a part of a magical pair.

*Friday 3:35-5 pm | Witness Tree*

Otters & Lizards **PM WATER & RANDOM FUN** with Laughing Skunk + Volunteers

Your kids may not be all that keen on showering off the grit and grime of a hot summer day, but Laughing Skunk's seven kids and seven grandkids can attest that she knows how to turn getting clean into great summer fun. We're talking slip n' slide, pool, sprinkler, and other water fun.

*Friday 3:35-5 pm | Lakeside*

Wolves **ELEMENTS OF RITUAL: Brainstorming Session** with Bona Dea

Go Wolves. Bona Dea has again volunteered to work with the teens and guide them in the art of ritual. She will lead them in formulating a plan to produce their own private ritual Saturday based on basic elements of ritual which they will go over.

*Friday 7-9 pm | "Stage"/Dining*

**OJAJA TALENT SHINDIG & ICE CREAM SOCIAL** with Jerod Rinkus & Laughing Skunk

Six Crows Gathering is putting on a talent show, a fun evening of showcasing our best (and/or gutsiest) gatherers. Our thanks for those who have already registered for OJAJA, and if you haven't yet, please do before the gathering so our moderator and MC Jerod Rinkus can plan a diverse program as we enjoy our ice cream social hosted by our Laughing Skunk. And if your feet warm up after you arrive, or you're new to the gathering and working up the courage, no worries, find Jerod and get added to the roster.

**Friday 9-9:45 pm | Cosmic Wheel**

Otters & Lizards **DREAMTIME: Story TBA** with Bona Dea

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**INIPI (SWEAT LODGE CEREMONY)** with Red Spider Weaving

Joseph Campbell, when asked, "What is the easiest way to experience spirit," replied, "Participate in an ancient ceremony." Inipi is among the world's richest rituals in meaning and symbolism. It is among the most potent of ordeal rituals, promising visions, messages, redemption, healing, rebirth, and deepening

connection with and support from the unseen world. The lodge itself, a covered willow-framed dome, is a symbol of the womb of Mother Earth. The fire that heats the stones is a symbol of Father Sky. Its wisdom begins with the harmonious interaction between father and mother, and male and female aspects in the creator and creation. Its teachings transcend culture. The sweat lodge is a universe unto itself, mirroring the vastness of human consciousness, and making manifest the divine consciousness within, throughout, and beyond all creation. Various forms of ceremonial sweat lodge are found among indigenous people in North and South America, Asia, Africa, and Eastern and Western Europe. It is called hundreds of names in cultures around the globe. In all cases, the intent is to "die" to outdated energies, and be reborn out of the dark lodge, which represents the warm, moist heat of the womb from which we came into the cool light of the physical world. The sweat lodge is also used for worship, healing, meditating, and celebrating. In some Native American circles, a sweat lodge is held before sun dance, vision quest, and other important ceremonies. As we are all children of the Earth, a sweat lodge can also be useful in helping us to connect to the aspects of our being represented by the four elements of creation: Earth, Air, Fire, and Water, and in renewing our connection with the earth Mother. Whatever the occasion, the purpose is to journey deep within our beings. Personal preparation is advised. If you can skip the meal prior to the sweat, and better yet, fast for a full day, your body's attention to the digestive process and your inner focus will both narrow. Do hydrate well with water. It's also a good idea to abstain from toxic substances such as recreational drugs, alcohol, and caffeine before sweating to enhance attention and purification. This applies equally to all of our bodies, mental, emotional, and spiritual as well as physical. We create sacred space through ritual, drumming, song, prayer, and finally, silence, to facilitate stillness, sacredness, and contemplation as we light the fire and prepare the lodge in a ceremonial attitude. Whatever you can do to enhance trance state will assist the spiritual connection you seek for messages, visions, healing, release, etc. Between the lodge and the fire pit is an altar, a mound of earth which was taken from the center pit in the lodge, and piled in front of the door. The altar is marked off in quadrants for this purpose. Here you will see sacred objects and tools such as herbs to be used in the lodge by the facilitator. Here you may place personal items for blessing during the sweat. It is traditional to bring gifts of sacred herbs such as tobacco, sage, or sweet grass, and/or other gifts according to personal preference, as a request for prayer, a fair exchange for the energies of the water pourer and fire tender. These may be placed on the altar. Inside the lodge, the facilitator guides participants in prayer, song, and meditation, during four rounds. The "door" is opened between rounds for air flow, drinking water, to permit participants to exit/reenter as needed, and to bring in additional rocks and water for the next round. We have heard critics tell facilitators that "this is not the traditional way." To this we reply: Comment again after you have experienced the ceremonies of 10 different facilitators, for every facilitator develops his or her personal style and system, and these vary greatly among Native tribes, clans, and individual facilitators. Furthermore, ancient ceremonies evolved with the insights of their leaders' exposure to other ideas and cultures. This is how consciousness expands. So we suggest the most traditional and ancient way is to approach a Sweat Lodge Ceremony with a humble heart. With humble heart, inside the womb with the water, the greens, the stone people, the Earth Mother, the Sky Father, and the spirits of our ancestors and those masters who came before us and left their legacies, we remember our place in the web of life, at one with the spirit that moves through all things.

*Friday 10 pm-? | Location: West Side Fire Pit*

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*Saturday 10-11 am | Dining*

Otters, Lizards, & Wolves **ALCHEMICAL PROCESS: My Little Book of Operations Part II** with Laughing Skunk + Volunteers

In Part I Friday morning and Part II this morning, Laughing Skunk will lead all clans through the experience of creating a personally designed, crafted, built, and filled alchemical book of operations providing them with the experience of manifesting what they want, what they want to be, what they want the world to be, etc. as desired, through a simple series of operations moving the desired goal from imagination to the manifest world. Because the kids will be sanding, staining, painting, and binding their own unique wooden-covered books, two sessions are required to complete the task. Volunteers are appreciated, especially to focus on our littlest Otters while the older kids do their work.

*Saturday 10:30 am-Noon | Cosmic Wheel*

**Community Drum** with Alex Wedmedyk of Earth Rhythm

Join the community around the wheel this morning to exercise those rhythm juices. Bring your drums, shakers, and any other "instrument" you enjoy percussing with, including voices of course, and dancing feet. Also be sure to have a large water bottle on hand, because the past few years have put dancing bodies through the paces. Ecstatic exhaustion, that's the ticket. ☺

*Saturday 1:30-2 pm | Cosmic Wheel*

**CHECKIN/BUSINESS**

Please join us for our daily checkin. We ask for whole camp attendance so everyone is kept informed regarding issues that arise, ask questions and get clarifications, and take care of business, including placing daily orders with the runner (i.e. for ice or other basic supply needs).

*Saturday 2-3:25 pm | Cosmic Wheel*

**THE DIVINE SERIES: Four Playshops** with Isis

The Divine Series is a course of four "playshops" designed to promote a deeper and more brilliant knowledge of self. During the interaction we will touch on the main purpose of each stage; Awakening The Divine Within; Defining The Divine Within; Embodying The Divine Within; and Enacting The Divine Within. Developing our Divine purpose here on planet Earth is key in achieving and maintaining a life of balance and blessings, and this is what The Divine Series promotes. Each individual attending will move forward from this interaction with an enlivened and evolved vision of self, and an awakening knowledge of Love.

*Saturday 2-3:25 pm | East Woods*

Lizards **STILLNESS AND THE WINDS OF CHANGE** with Ruth Zwald

How can we be still through all the changes in our lives? What tools can we find to help us hold our own center while everything around us shifts? When the winds of change blow, how can we be light enough to rise up on the winds, like a feather floating? This workshop will include centering, reflection and meditation, along with the opportunity to release that which weighs us down. If you have a special feather, please bring it to the weekend and the workshop. If you have any feathers to share, please bring those also. You will be able to take it home, as we will be creating prayer feathers, that is, setting our prayers into our feather as we seek lightness. No worries if you don't have a feather. We will have some on hand from which you may choose. This will be a version adapted especially for children.

*Saturday 2-3:25 pm | Lakeside*  
Otters **PROGRAM TBA** with Volunteers TBA

Watch for details for this program for Otters to be announced during The Gathering.

*Saturday 3:35-5 pm | East Woods*  
**STILLNESS AND THE WINDS OF CHANGE** with Ruth Zwald

The earth is shifting around us. In our own lives, relationships are shifting. Vocation is shifting. Our consciousness is shifting. How can we be still through all the changes? What tools can we find to help us hold our own center while everything around us shifts? When the winds of change blow, how can we be light enough to rise up on the winds, like a feather floating? This workshop will include centering, reflection and meditation, along with the opportunity to release that which weighs us down. If you have a special feather, please bring it to the weekend and the workshop. If you have any feathers to share, please bring those also. You will be able to take it home, as we will be creating prayer feathers, that is, setting our prayers into our feather as we seek lightness. No worries if you don't have a feather. We will have some on hand from which you may choose.

*Saturday 3:35-5 pm | Witness Tree*  
Otters & Lizards **PM WATER & RANDOM FUN** with Laughing Skunk + Volunteers

Your kids may not be all that keen on showering off the grit and grime of a hot summer day, but Laughing Skunk's seven kids and seven grandkids can attest that she knows how to turn getting clean into great summer fun. We're talking slip n' slide, pool, sprinkler, and other water fun.

*Saturday 3:35-5 pm | Lakeside*  
Wolves **WOLF RITUAL** (PRIVATE)

Having brainstormed with Bona Dea on the elements of ritual and come up with their own purpose and procedure, our teens will now create their own ritual, private and independent of all adults.

*Saturday 7-9 pm | Cosmic Wheel*  
**KING ARTHUR & THE 12 KNIGHTS OF THE ZODIAC** with Mark Mandrake & Shauna Aura

Have you ever attended a movie knowing nothing about it but the title and cast, and stumbled on a shimmering gem? Mark and Shauna's title provides volumes more information than many movie titles, and they're satisfied to leave it at that. We'll simply add that from a star-studded cast comes big shimmer!!!

*Saturday 9-9:45 pm | Cosmic Wheel*  
Otters & Lizards **DREAMTIME: The Loon and Our Dream Soul** with Red Spider Weaving

This lovely story reminds us that we all have a dream soul. Red Spider Weaving will explore the story, the imagery, and the meaning behind them with the children and guide them to discovering what may be in their own dream souls.

*Saturday 9 pm-Midnight | Wolf Den*  
Wolves **WOLF CLAN SOCIAL**

The Wolf Clan Social is designed to provide a private space for our teens to gather round a fire and visit, safely within distant adult view. The Wolf Den is located in a nook down the hill by the lake. Wolves are permitted to have snacks and drinks (non-alcoholic) in this casual area where they can light and relight and enjoy mundane campfires as desired.

*Saturday 10 pm-Midnight | Location: Cosmic Wheel*

**TALKING STICK: Archetype in Arcane Spirituality** led by Bona Dea

Discuss the value of Archetype in Arcane Spirituality. Archetype: a model of a person, personality, or behavior. Join the circle around the sacred fire any time. Please be respectful to the process and defer to the active speaker. The Talking Stick travels the circle, and the person holding it is the recognized speaker. Talking Stick inspires us to connect with others while holding our own space. It serves to both promote expression and remind us not to prattle on, as others may also wish to speak. By allowing us to be heard and making room for others to relax into the content of our message, it eliminates soapboxes and promotes social connection and healing. Talking Stick is equally vital as a listening stick, empowering everyone to give full attention to everyone else in turn, and to bear witness to their situations, perspectives, and insights. It reminds us our focus should be on listening, not planning what to say next. It eliminates the dynamic of a few people in conversation while others look on. It frees listeners from the need to respond, or be intelligent, witty, or critical. It inspires just and impartial hearing. Talking Stick reaches beyond the democratic process to keep us mindful of the sacred power and responsibility of words. If we cannot honor Talking Stick and the circle with our words, we must refrain from accepting it and dishonoring ourselves. It returns to us when we are again in control of our words. Six Crows' Talking Stick imparts the wisdom of hundreds of communicators who have shared their words and stories around our circles. We honor the sacrifices of Crow, Elk, and Wolf who make up its body. Crow, who laid down at the door of the Six Crows Sweat Lodge to pass into the next world, brings knowing, confidence, unfettered truth, community, and complex calculating and communication skills. Elk, strong and noble, who also lives in community and cooperation, encourages us to pace ourselves – we don't have to say everything at once – and reminds us of the value of same-gender relationships. Wolf, social, intelligent, loyal, and compelled by ritual, doesn't fight unnecessarily, but will stand its ground. Its body language is as much a part of its communication system as its wide range of vocalizations.

*Saturday 10 pm-? | Location: West Side Fire Pit*

**ADULT SOCIAL**

Our Adult Social Fire is for casual visits and to wind down from the serious business of the gathering. Enjoy a mundane campfire on the lower west side, well away from ceremonial areas and camp. Users can light and relight it as needed. Please reserve alcohol and snack consumption around the fire for this area.

*Saturday Midnight - ? | Location: Deep Woods \*Rated R*

**SECOND STAR TO THE LEFT** with Sapphire & Shadowdragon

Sapphire and Shadowdragon forego their warm beds to facilitate a beautiful, uplifting regression of self to a time when all things were possible. The reclaiming of innocence is as important for adults as it is to the children in our lives and communities. This late night ritual in deep woods invites gatherers to journey down long forgotten paths and rediscover pure self.

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*Sunday 9-10 am | Location: Cosmic Wheel*

**TRADE BLANKETS**

You may have attended gatherings where a giveaway blanket is set down, and attendees give and take as desired. At Six Crows, we have devised a spiritually uplifting and gifting variation on this theme that we call our Trade Blanket. We each bring something that has served our spiritual need and is ready to be passed along. It might be a gift you received or something you made, purchased, found, even traded previously. On Sunday morning before Closing Ceremony, we anonymously place our items on the Trade Blanket and take turns choosing something that calls out to us from the blanket. The giver tells the story of the item and then selects an item. We all go home bearing a wonderful spiritual memento of the weekend's blessings. Remember that material value is inconsequential. Meaning is the key. There will be separate Trade Blankets for each age group: Otters 0-6; Lizards 7-12; and Wolves 13-17.

*Sunday 10-10:45 am | Location: Cosmic Wheel*

**CLOSING CEREMONY/Extinguish Fires/Close Faerie Portal**

Whole camp attendance is requested as we gather to conclude business, close sacred space, and bid one another adieu and aho. ☺

*Sunday 11 am-Noon | Location: Cosmic Wheel*

**PRESENTERS' AUCTION** with C. Rogers

The annual Presenters' Auction is how we get our wonderful presenters here. Remember that Six Crows Gathering is open to all and free in all aspects, camping, vending, and attending. Our aim always has been not to charge so the gathering retains a community atmosphere. Community members support one another, and none more so than our teachers and presenters, each one of them giving his and her time and talents as a service to the community to teach, guide, and share their experience and love with us. We honor these teachers by covering their travel expenses with the cold cash that gatherers put out at the Presenters' Auction. We ask that each person attending the gathering bring something for the auction table. We all have things we've made or bought or had gifted to us that we don't use, especially us esoteric types who love to collect path-related items. Our gifts translate directly and 100% into love and honor for our teachers. All types of items are welcome, and we thank you for your generosity.

*Sunday 1-2 pm | Location: Dining*

**CLOSING FEAST & TATANKA WAKAN: Sacred Buffalo Stone Stew**

Six Crows Gathering is not a Native American event. It is an arcane wisdom event, some of which is Native American based and there is an intentional Native American infrastructure at its core. We hold Sweat Lodge Ceremony each year. Also, the teaching and ritual space at the heart of the gathering, our Cosmic Wheel, is closely based on the teachings of rogue Native American teacher Sun Bear. The reason for this is that the wheel, which represents the Universe in scope, commands respect and is a place of honor for all our relations in the seen and unseen worlds. This infrastructure keeps us mindful of honor and respect in community. Our Sacred Buffalo Stone Stew represents and reminds us of this mindfulness, as well as gratitude. In Native American culture of old, the buffalo hunt was of course a grand, exciting, and vital event, AND much more, for the buffalo, *Tatanka*, was seen as the most sacred gift of the Great Spirit to the people. The people held Sweat Lodge Ceremony, and prayed to the spirit of *Tatanka* for a good hunt, and each kill was considered to have given its life for the needs of the people. The people honored the gift by using every part of *Tatanka*, from its hide to its meat, bones, and innards, etc. And so our Sacred Buffalo Stone Stew at closing feast serves as a reminder to remain mindful and grateful. We also "put" our prayers into the fire over which our Sacred Buffalo Stone Stew cooks throughout the morning so that our stew becomes quite a healing agent. We'll supply the buffalo meat. The stone part of the deal is gatherers'. Bring one cup *per person* of something (you decide) to add to our community stew.

*Sunday 2-3 pm | Location: Cosmic Wheel*

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & BOARD ELECTIONS 2011**

The Board of Directors for Six Crows Alliance for the Pursuit of Arcane Wisdom and Understanding will hold its Annual General Meeting and Elections in the Cosmic Wheel following Closing Feast. The meeting is open to all, and particularly those who may be interested in becoming a Six Crows volunteer or future board member. Up for election in 2011 are Karen Thoms and Doug Thoms, vested volunteers with Six Crows Alliance during this past year. Six Crows Alliance thanks all our volunteers and board members for your commitment.

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PRESENTERS

ALEX WEDMEDYK OF EARTH RHYTHM

Alex Wedmedyk is a craftsman, drummer and facilitator, and has been building drums and playing them since 1990. Over the years he has had many teachers and shares "the jewels of knowledge" that he has picked up along the way. All of his workshops emphasize that the Eternal Spring of Creativity is our Spirit, and that we connect to this source by enhancing our relationship with the Great Spirit. Our inner strength and outer power are directly related to how well we move through our lives "in rhythm." Through Earth Rhythm, he has created, with his wife Joy, various workshops and events, on self discovery & personal empowerment. Alex has facilitated many workshops, drum circles and rituals throughout the Midwest. He has created the annual Adventures in Rhythm Drummers Retreat, and the Rites of Spring Community Gathering of Ohio.

BONA DEA LYONNESSE

High Priestess/Elder in the Romano-Celtic Tradition, Bona Dea founded the Circle of the Sacred Grove, Temple of the Old Religion, in 1999. She has studied many spiritual traditions and meditative techniques, and has been teaching and leading workshops and public ritual since 1993. A clairvoyant/clairaudient medium since early childhood, she was instructed on reading with stones by a spirit guide during meditation, and has read for the public since 1993. Bona Dea is a certified hypnotherapist with the International Medical and Dental Hypnotherapy Association. She authors guided meditation CDs and is an incredible artist, designer, and sculptor, including Speaking Woman™ Rattles. She is the mother of three and grandmother of six. Learn more at <http://www.kenningstone.com>.

DOUG THOMS (Shadowdragon)

Doug Thoms (Shadowdragon) began study in the late 1970s and was initiated in 1982 through trial by the Gods. His studies have included Celtic, Norse, and Ceremonial religions and techniques. After a mostly solitary practice until the 1990's, he was initiated into the Ordo Draconis. In 2004, he joined HLC Witches and in early 2005 became Co-chair. Later that year, the Order of Avalon, an eclectic group of magical practitioners, was formed and continues to work in various magical systems and traditions to achieve not only magical, but personal excellence. His current leanings are a mixture of his work with male mysteries and rites of passage and magical manipulation of the Marassa in all their forms. Doug is a Vested Volunteer with Six Crows Alliance, and up for election to the Board of Directors in August.

JO AN ROSS (Laughing Skunk)

JoAn is the exuberant mother of seven and grandmother of seven (plus one on the way). She is a student of Six Crows School of Esoteric Knowledge, and The Arcane School, and is a Usui Reiki master. She is working on her ND (Naturopathic Doctor) degree. JoAn has worked (and played) extensively with children, and not just her own. She's been a leader for Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Youth Fellowship, and Six Crows Alliance's first kids' camp in 2011, Camp Luminous. JoAn is on the Board of Directors for Six Crows Alliance.

KAREN THOMS (Sapphire)

Karen Thoms describes her background as "exceedingly eclectic", and her practice as a "complex mosaic". Belly-dance, herbology, and aromatherapy were commonplace in her childhood home. She was formally initiated in a Ceremonial coven in 1986. After that and following years of solitary practice, she assumed leadership of HLC Witches and began expanding into other, now more public areas. Since then, she has brought in many practices and techniques from those she has had the privilege to work with. Her great delight is in experimenting with new and/or unusual ways of performing energy work. Karen is a Vested Volunteer with Six Crows Alliance, and up for election to the Board of Directors in August.

LAUREN ELENE COWELL (Isis)

Lauren Elene Cowell (Isis) calls herself a "true child of everywhere". She began her journey through this life on the East Coast, made her way to the Midwest, jumped out to the West Coast, then settled in the Deep South – all by age 10! Having expanded her travels internationally and continuing to broaden her experiences here in the United States, she has met and befriended beings from all walks of life. This has given her the perspective that, although we are all made unique by our fundamental differences, there are myriad universal challenges and blessings. As a mother of three amazing souls and an experientialist, she has run a gauntlet of these challenges, finding and creating ways to "not simply survive but truly thrive". She says "true Peace comes through a deep overstanding of Unconditional Love".

MARK MANDRAKE

Mark Mandrake is an alchemist, magician, tarot reader, chakra healer, and channeler. He believes in marrying the mundane, metaphysical, and magical for body, mind, and spirit health. He teaches classes using magic as a tool for personal growth, leadership, and community building. He has served the Pagan community as leader of a CUUPS group, High Priest of several covens, and founder of community initiatives serving Pagans of all ages and Paths in Chicago. He is passionate for how we each can, through the alchemical process, turn our spiritual lead into gold as individuals and as a community.

LINDA MARGARET RITZ (Red Spider Weaving)

Linda Margaret Ritz is the Chair of the Board of Directors for Six Crows Alliance, and coordinator of the annual Six Crows Gathering. She is a keen student and instructor in the esoteric arts. Her diverse background in communications (career), helping fields (volunteer work), and mysticism in diverse cultures set the stage for her to fall in love with the Cosmic (Medicine) Wheel that is the heart of Six Crows Gathering activity. She is a Kabbalist and Hermeticist, having come up through the Golden Dawn tradition. She has studied Native American spirituality extensively with several teachers and passed through the four doors of Sweat Lodge facilitation. Red Spider is married to her beloved, Dave White (White Owl), and has two daughters. She is Nana to eight precious grandchildren, Auntie Nana to two more, and Auntie and Great Auntie to...um, she's lost count.

NIKKI ASHENDORF

Nikki Ashendorf's otherworldly experiences, which began in childhood, led her to Michigan Ghosthunters, where she learned how to properly investigate the paranormal with scientific equipment, and hone her medium/clairvoyant skills. One of her paranormal stories is a chapter in a book by one of the members, Amerrose Hammond, *Ghosts and Legends of Michigan's West Coast*. Nikki recalls that when given a Scott Cunningham book in her mid-20s, "BAM! A light bulb busted above my head. Choirs sang, a rainbow cast its brilliant light over me. At last, at last I found truth I could believe in." She dedicated herself to the Lord and Lady on her own, and for the next decade plus, studied out of books. "I went through ups and downs with this, having not met the right sort of people I wanted to hang out with or learn from, but I kept on. Finally two years ago at my first Six Crows Gathering (where I knew no one on arriving), I found people that I can trust and respect, and performed ritual with people for the first time... It reconnected me in a way that I could not have done by myself. It was a humbling experience for me." Last year, Nikki got even more involved with the Gathering and Six Crows, taking a more active role in ritual, and joined the Board of Directors for Six Crows Alliance. She is married to a "wonderful Jewish man who quite honestly is a muggle but he grounds me nicely when I get to up into the clouds." They have a 14-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son.

RUTH ZWALD (Ramorian)

Ruth Zwald was born under an air sign, and is most at home in the world of ideas and ideals and the big picture of our lives. She is an ordained minister, a Reiki Master, a Mesa Carrier on the Peruvian Cosmic Path, a student of Six Crows School of Esoteric Knowledge, a mother of two seekers, and forever on a

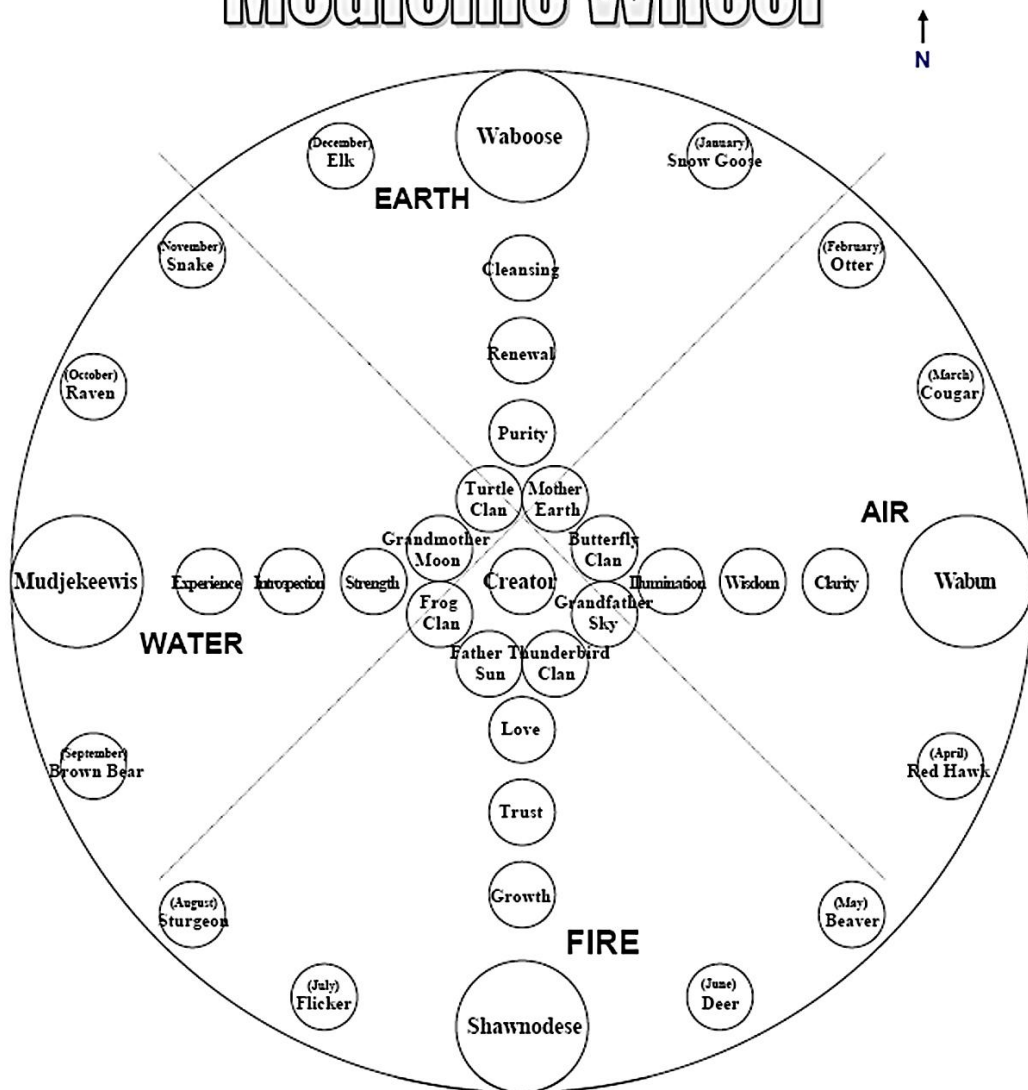
spirit path. Since an astrologer told her that she has no earth in her birth sign, Ruth decided she better cultivate a little more earth connection. Ruth is busy growing herbs and food on the farm she shares with her partner Mary. Listening to the earth, to the plant world, and discovering the medicinal use of plants, is the current focus for Ruth's life.

SHAUNA AURA

Shauna Aura describes herself as a mystic, shamanic, ecstatic spiritual seeker, inspired by mythic imagination, awakening the vision of the impossible, and the song of sustainable community". She teaches throughout the Midwest, and her organization, Ringing Anvil, offers an intensive educational program in the transformative arts of community leadership, ritual, and spiritual growth. With 13 years experience as a leader in grass-roots organizations and as an artist, writer, designer, and marketing strategist, she has organized conferences, themed events, and created rituals, shrines, and art installations. She is a graduate of the Diana's Grove leadership and ritual arts program, and the Chicago C3 leadership program in environmental sustainability.

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*Six Crows*  
**Medicine Wheel**



# SYNOPSIS: GENERAL AND CHILDREN'S SCHEDULES

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

- 10 am-6 pm **S E T U P** (Meals are independent)
- 10 am-6 pm **T R A D I N G P O S T O P E N** — South Tree Line
- 4:30-5:30 pm **SAFETIES MEETING** — with **Shadowdragon** (Doug Thoms) — Lower West Side
- 5:30-5:50 pm **KIDS ORIENTATION MEETING** — with **Laughing Skunk** (JoAn Ross) (all Kids and Parents are *requested to attend*) — Witness Tree
- 6-7:30 pm **OPENING CEREMONY:** (*Whole camp attendance requested please*) *Awaken our Inner Fire through drumming & chanting with Ruth Zwald; Awaken the Sacred Fire of our Cosmic Wheel with our 2011 Presenters; Awaken the Faerie Portal with Lady Bona Dea Lyonesse; Business with Red Spider Weaving (Linda Margaret Ritz); Introductions; Kids Clans* — Cosmic Wheel
- 7:30-9 pm Otters & Lizards **OJAJA Script & Group Act Development Part I** — with **Laughing Skunk** (JoAn Ross) + **Volunteers** — Witness Tree
- 7:30-9 pm Wolves **PROGRAM TBA** with **Mark Mandrake & Shauna Aura** — Lakeside
- 7:45-9:45 pm **FROM THE DOMAE: CONNECTING THE DOTS** with **Lady Bona Dea Lyonesse** — East Woods
- 9-9:45 pm Otters & Lizards **DREAMTIME: How Some Goddesses Came to Be** with **Nikki Ashendorf** — Cosmic Wheel
- 9 pm-Midnight **WOLF CLAN SOCIAL** — Wolf Den
- 10 pm-Midnight **TALKING STICK ... Quintessence, the Fifth Element** led by **Red Spider Weaving** — Cosmic Wheel
- 10 pm+ **ADULT SOCIAL** — Lower West Side Fire
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## FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

- 8 am-Noon **GIFTS OF SPIRIT** — East Woods
- 10-11 am Otters, Lizards, & Wolves **ALCHEMICAL PROCESS: My Little Book of Operations Part I** — with **Laughing Skunk** (JoAn Ross) + **Volunteers** — Dining
- 11 am-Noon **RAINBOW CRYSTAL HEALING CEREMONY** with **Red Spider Weaving** — Cosmic Wheel
- 11am-Noon Otters & Lizards **OJAJA Script & Group Act Development Part II** — with **Laughing Skunk** (JoAn Ross) + **Volunteers** — Lakeside
- Noon-1:30 pm **T R A D I N G P O S T O P E N** — South Tree Line
- 12:30 pm **COMMUNITY LUNCH** (on the table)

- 1:30-2 pm **Moderator Business & Safety Checkin;** (*Whole camp attendance requested please*) — Cosmic Wheel
- 2-3:25 pm **COMMUNITY BUILDING: USING ASTROLOGY FOR GROUP DYNAMICS** with **Mark Mandrake & Shauna Aura** — Cosmic Wheel
- 2-3:25 pm Otters **PROGRAM TBA** — with **Volunteer TBA** — East Woods
- 2-3:25 pm Lizards **YOGA BOGA: Movement, Yoga, & Dance Fun** with **Isis** (Lauren Elene Cowell) — East Woods
- 2-3:25 pm Wolves **OJAJA Script & Group Act Development** — with **Jerod Rinkus** — Lakeside
- 3:35-5 pm **INVOCATION, EVOCATION, AND THE MAGICAL SANDBOX (Rated R)** with **Shadowdragon & Sapphire** — East Woods
- 3:35-5 pm Otters & Lizards **PM Water & Random Fun** — with **Laughing Skunk** — Witness Tree
- 3:35-5 pm Wolves **ELEMENTS OF RITUAL: BRAINSTORMING SESSION** — with **Lady Bona Dea** — Lakeside
- 5-7 pm **T R A D I N G P O S T O P E N** — South Tree Line
- 5:30 pm **COMMUNITY SUPPER** (on the table)
- 7-9 pm **OJAJA Talent Shindig & Ice Cream Social** with **Jerod Rinkus** — "Stage"/Dining
- 9-9:45 pm **DREAMTIME** Otters & Lizards — **Story TBA** with **Lady Bona Dea Lyonesse** — Cosmic Wheel
- 9 pm - ? **SWEAT LODGE CEREMONY** with **Red Spider Weaving** — East Woods
- 9 pm-Midnight **WOLF CLAN SOCIAL** — Wolf Den
- 10 pm+ **ADULT SOCIAL** — Lower West Side Fire
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### SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

- 8 am-Noon **GIFTS OF SPIRIT** — East Woods
- 10-11 am Otters, Lizards, & Wolves **ALCHEMICAL PROCESS: My Little Book of Operations Part II** — with **Laughing Skunk** (JoAn Ross) + **Volunteers** — Dining
- 10:30 am-Noon **COMMUNITY DRUM** — with **Alex Wedmedyk of Earth Rhythm** — Cosmic Wheel
- Noon-1:30 pm **T R A D I N G P O S T O P E N** — South Tree Line
- 12:30 pm **COMMUNITY LUNCH** (on the table)
- 1:30-2 pm **Moderator Business & Safety Checkin;** (*Whole camp attendance requested please*) — Cosmic Wheel
- 2-3:25 pm **THE DIVINE SERIES: FOUR PLAYSHOPS** — with **Isis (Lauren Elene Cowell)** — Cosmic Wheel

2-3:25 pm Otters **PROGRAM TBA** — with **Volunteer TBA** — Lakeside

2-3:25 pm Lizards **STILLNESS AND THE WINDS OF CHANGE** with **Ruth Zwald** — East Woods

3:35-5 pm **STILLNESS AND THE WINDS OF CHANGE** with **Ruth Zwald** — East Woods

3:35-5 pm Otters & Lizards **Water & Random Fun** — with **Laughing Skunk** — Witness Tree

3:35-5 pm Wolves **WOLF RITUAL (PRIVATE)** — Lakeside

5-7 pm **T R A D I N G P O S T O P E N** — South Tree Line

5:30 pm **COMMUNITY SUPPER** (on the table)

7-9 pm **KING ARTHUR & THE Twelve Knights of the Zodiac** with **Mark Mandrake & Shauna Aura** — Cosmic Wheel

9-9:45 pm **DREAMTIME** Otters and Lizards — **The Loon and our Dream Soul** with **Red Spider Weaving** — Cosmic Wheel

9 pm-Midnight **WOLF CLAN SOCIAL** — Wolf Den

10 pm-Midnight **TALKING STICK** Topic **The Value of Archetype in Arcane Spirituality** led by **Lady Bona Dea Lyonesse** — Cosmic Wheel

10 pm+ **ADULT SOCIAL** — Lower West Side Fire

Midnight- ? **SECOND STAR TO THE LEFT (Rated R)** with **Sapphire & Shadowdragon** — Deep Woods

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### SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

9-10 am **TRADE BLANKETS** — Cosmic Wheel

10-10:45 am **CLOSING CEREMONY:** (*Whole camp attendance requested please*) Moderator *Business and Safety Checkin; Closing Faerie Portal; Closing Prayers; Sacred Fire put to rest* — Cosmic Wheel

11 am-Noon **PRESENTERS' AUCTION** — Cosmic Wheel

1 pm **CLOSING FEAST & Sacred Buffalo Stone Stew** (on the table)

1-2 pm **T R A D I N G P O S T O P E N** — South Tree Line

2 pm+ **T E A R D O W N**

2-3 pm **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND BOARD ELECTIONS 2011** (*all are welcome*) — Cosmic Wheel

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