

Summer Solstice 2008

Pay to Pray Sweat Lodges

What follows is a list of individuals who are ***not*** entitled to conduct sweat ceremonies who are charging people for the service. Some call it “tuition”; some call it a “love donation” some use distorted rationalizations about exchanging “energies”. When you clear away the rhetoric, you have a pay-to-pray scam. Don’t Pay to Pray has been keeping statistics since 2001. We found that this, year the number of pay-to-pray sweat lodges held around the summer solstice has skyrocketed. So has the cost. The sweat lodge has become high end entertainment for the privileged classes who are deliberately kept ignorant as to its true meaning and purpose. Please take the time to contact your spiritual and political leaders and tell them of this disrespect. Please feel free to forward this information to whatever tribal organizations you think are appropriate.

UNITED STATES

ARKANSAS

WHO: Jim PathFinder Ewing (who is allegedly Cherokee) and wrote the book, Reiki Shamanism

WHAT: 6th Annual Summer Solstice Celebration and World Soul Retrieval Day

WHEN: Saturday June 21, 2008

WHERE: Russellville, Arkansas

COST:

DESCRIPTION: “Sweat lodge and Bear Dance

In the Dance, the dancers wear bear skins and “become” the Bear. They “take on” all the ills of the people assembled, and the ills are transmuted into healing power. It is not the dancers who heal the people, but the healing power of the Bear. The wing men keep the dancers bathed in sage smoke, so that the dancers themselves don’t “take on” the illnesses.

“In the shamanic way, we are taught to dance our power animals; we do this to honor them. Anyone can honor their power animals, and I highly advise it, to keep your connection strong. Our power animals guide and protect us; they are always with us. It is good to honor them, by keeping pictures of them around, thinking of them, thanking them, or dancing them. To dance your power animal, allow yourself the time and space to “be” with your power animal – whether it be a bird, fish, whatever – and while listening to a drumming tape, or having someone drum, allow yourself to be guided into a dance. Even if only for a few moments, it can be powerful and refreshing”

"You are encouraged to fast and ask to enter the sweat lodge before ceremonies begin.

In the Sweat Lodge, women wear dresses and men wear cut-offs. Hydrate and fast before arrival. Potluck meal to follow - Bring a dish or other food/beverages, if you wish to participate.

The sweat lodge here follows Yokuts, Cherokee and other traditions as may be the case with the ways of the water pourer."

<http://www.blueskywaters.com/beardancehome.html>

Contact info:

Address: Healing The Earth/Ourselves

P.O. Box 387

Lena, MS 39094

Telephone: 601-654-3301

Email: blueskywaters@att.net

Website: <http://www.blueskywaters.com>

Fax:

ARIZONA

Northern Arizona

Sedona

WHO: Dr. Susan Shumsky

WHAT: Journey of Awakening"

Summer Solstice Retreat

WHEN: June 20 to 23, 2008:

WHERE:

COST:

DESCRIPTION:

Contact info:

Address: Divine Revelation

P.O. Box 7185

New York, NY 10116

Telephone: 212-946-5132

Email: divinerevl@aol.com

Website:

Fax:

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Sedona

WHO: Clay Miller Sedona Aleh-zon
Sacred Healing Journeys

WHAT:

WHEN:

WHERE: Sedona

DESCRIPTION: "Keep in mind that all my offered experiences are private. They are tailored to your interests and needs. We surrender to the agenda that awaits.

COST:

3 1/2 - 5 hours

\$155.00 per person with two People

\$115 with three or more people

\$265.00 for single person"

"Base price is \$695 for one person and \$595 per person for two or more.

You can make a deposit of \$195 with credit card through PayPal. Or you can send a check to: Clay Miller, 405 W. Yuma St. Cottonwood, Arizona. Deposit for more than one person is \$350."

Contact info:

Address: Alehzon Sacred Journeys
405 W. Yuma

Cottonwood, AZ 8632686326

Telephone: 928 634-3497

Email: soul@arizonahealingtours.com

Website: <http://www.arizonahealingtours.com/home.html>

Fax:

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WHEN: June 20 to 23, 2008:

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COST:

DESCRIPTION:

Contact info:

Address: P.O. Box 7185
New York, NY 10116

Telephone: (212)946-5132

Email: divinerevl@aol.com

Website: <http://www.divinerevelation.org/Retreats.html>

Fax:

WHO: Maya Rose

WHAT: Associated with the Wild Rose Sweat Lodge

WHEN: June 21, 2008

WHERE: Northern Arizona – Sedona area

DESCRIPTION: The Shamanic Wild Rose Dreamers Lodge is a center for the study and practice of esoteric healing and psychology, energy work, spiritual astrology and prophecy, metaphysics, and flowering tree and other shamanic ceremonial rituals. Magickal (white magick) exploration of universal and planetary energies, integrating unconditional love and sacred intent, is the focus of the lodge.

Led by Dance Chief Lyn "Starflyer" Hopkins, the lodge holds classes on shamanism, conducts vision quest and sweat lodge ceremonies, drum team gatherings, and Eagle Dream Dances. We also design and conduct shamanic healing rituals and ceremonies as needed for particular occasions. "

COST:

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone:

Email: Lyn at starflyer@thewildrose.net

Website: <http://www.thewildrose.net/>

Fax:

SOUTHERN ARIZONA

Tucson

WHO: Ku Istan

WHAT: Womyn's Sweat Lodge

WHEN: Summer Solstice

WHERE: Tucson, Arizona

DESCRIPTION: "Prayer in a Native American format. 1st Saturday on/after full moon, 3:00 - 7:30pm. Bring towels, dry clothes for after, a gift for the pipe, food to share for the Potluck after (no pork), a Frog Skin donation (\$) to help with expenses, and wood (nails must be removed). Call in advance for info."

COST: (averages \$100)

Contact info:

Address: Tucson, AZ Phone: 520-690-0546

Telephone: 520-690-0546

Email: kuistan@hotmail.com

Fax:

Website:

http://www.wingspan.org/content/res_category_detail.php?desca=Community&descb=Religious+and+Spiritual+Organizations&totaldescc=Other

Tucson

WHO: Reverend Ann Marie Clock, a “manufacturing, process, validation, and electronic documentation consultant” turned white shaman. (her resume: <http://www.spiritgathering.com/MyOtherLife.htm>)

WHEN: June 17, 2008

DESCRIPTION: Reservations are required for Sweat Lodge and sleep over in the Guest Room, \$60 Breakfast included

“The Buffalo Lodge clears the mind, detoxifies the body and heals the Spirit.

This is a nontraditional lodge.

It is a place to die and be reborn.

ALL MY RELATIONS“

WHERE: The sweat lodge is held in New Mexico in Chaco Culture National Historical Park.

CONTACT INFO:

Spirit Gathering Tucson Center

7878 W Tree Frog Trail

Tucson, Arizona 85735

COST:

Website: <http://www.spiritgathering.com/default.html>

Information: 520-820-8019

Email: spiritgathering@comcast.net

CALIFORNIA

Mount Shasta

WHO: Sue Sutton Leland Earth Circle Foundation/Association

WHAT: Women’s Sweat Lodges conducted by Thomas

WHEN: Saturday June 21, 2008

WHERE:

COST:

DESCRIPTION:

Contact info:

Address: Joyce Jones, President Earth Circle Association

501 N. Main St., Yreka, CA 96097

or

Earth Circle 2227 P.O. Box 706 Fort Jones, CA 96032

Telephone: 530-842-6157 or Charlie Thom's number is 530-468-2277 or 530-468-2277

Email: jonezee57@yahoo.com

Website:

Fax:

Mount Shasta/Weed

WHO: Spirit of the Wind / Walking Eagle (claims to be a Karuk spiritual leader)

WHAT:

WHEN: Saturday June 21, 2008

WHERE:

COST:

DESCRIPTION: "Spirit of the Wind staff welcomes you to the sacred Sweat Lodge Purification Ceremony on the sacred grounds of Stewart Mineral Springs."

Contact info:

Address: 4617 Stewart Springs Road

Weed, California 96094

Telephone:

Email:

Website: <http://www.stewartmineralsprings.com>

Fax:

Boulder Creek / Santa Cruz

WHO: Char Lynn

WHAT:

WHEN: June 21, 2008

WHERE: Boulder Creek, CA (Santa Cruz Mountains)

DESCRIPTION: "June 21st we are celebrating our connection to the Earth Mother. We will hike in the redwoods, share a potluck dinner, create and talk around an evening fire and weave together a Dream Circle inside the Sweat Lodge Grandmother. I ask for a \$40-100 donation to honor the land, the materials, and time invested in this ceremony."

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TIME: 3-10pm COST:\$75 or \$140 for the whole weekend's ceremony

June 22nd we step into the Santa Cruz Mountain's Indigenous Medicine Wheel for teachings of our 'Spiraling Growth,' share a meal together (provided), create art from our hearts and dance the Medicine Wheel Pole of Alignment. "

"ROOM TOWELS: ROOM TOWELS ARE FOR ROOM USE ONLY! Please do not take Room towels to the Bathhouse, Indian Sweat or Creek. Towels for these activities will be provided at the Bathhouse. Guests violating these rules will be charged the cost of a new towel." "Stewart Mineral Springs reserves the right to vary our prices, vary charges and to amend any of our Rules and Regulations at any time as we see necessary."

COST: \$20.00 **MINIMUM** donation

TIME: 9:30am-4:30pm COST:\$75 or \$140 for the whole weekend.

Overnight accommodations available:

Zen Garden Room (1 queen bed, can be shared) \$75/room

Mountain Room (2 twin beds, shared) \$80/room

Sun Room (2 full beds, shared) \$80/room

Peacock Room (single air mattresses, indoor camping) \$30/person
Outdoor Camping available- \$10/person
Breakfast will be included for all overnight guests.
Rooms available first come basis."

Website: <http://spirituality.meetup.com/243/calendar/7991970/>

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone: 831-338-2996

Email: charlynn@weavingunity.com or MtnChar7@aol.com

Fax:

CALIFORNIA

Fortuna

WHO: Rosalind Skyhawk Ojala of the Loving Hands Institute

CLAIMS: Rosalind claims to be an Interdenominational Minister, a Metis Pipe Carrier, a Ceremonial Sweatlodge Leader, the Chief Of the Pan American Indian Association Thunderbird Clan of Redwood River Lodge, and a Life Member of the Pipestone Indian Shrine Association.

WHAT: Sweat lodge

WHEN: Saturday June 21, 2008 11am - 4pm

WHERE:

DESCRIPTION: "The ceremony is based on the Based on the Sacred Tree Teachings.

COST: Tuition \$1500

Contact info:

Address:

Loving Hands Institute
639 11th Street
Fortuna, CA 95540

Telephone: (707) 725-9627

Email: [email: skyhawk@ northcoast.com](mailto:skyhawk@northcoast.com)

Website: http://www.lovinghandsinstitute.com/htm/dr_ojala.htm

Fax: (707) 725-2471

Palomar Mountain

WHO: Kevin Norton is leading the sweat. He claims to have been following a Native spiritual path since 1993 with the Cheyenne River Lakota community in South Dakota. He claims to be a pipe carrier in the Lakota tradition and to have participated in 5 Sundance's and many years of purification ceremonies.

"His life partner Lisa Ezzard, who is a Moon Dancer and amazing woman, has participated in the Dansa de la Luna in Mexico for the past eight years with women from around the world. This ceremony takes place near the Sun and Moon pyramids on lands sacred to the Nawatil people. Together Lisa and Kevin lead the Purification

Ceremony (Inipi). Their balance between the warrior and the sacred feminine is a powerful and moving experience.”

WHAT: Spirit Weekend Traditional Style Native American Purification Ceremony

WHEN: September 22-23, 2007 or October 13-14, 2007

WHERE: Pacha Mama's Grove on Palomar Mountain, CA
18187 Nate Harrison Grade Road

Palomar Mountain, CA 92060 (not a mailing address?)

COST: \$85

DESCRIPTION: “Traditional Style Native American Purification Ceremony. Come celebrate the Birthing of a New Lodge at Pacha Mama's Grove on Palomar Mountain, CA.”

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone: (619)865-3905

Email: susie@pachamamasgrove.org

Website: <http://www.pachamamasgrove.org>

Fax:

PASADENA

WHO: Wild Rose sweat lodge Starflyer (AKA Lyn Hopkins, M.S.W., Ph.D.) is chief of the Wild Rose Dreamers Lodge

WHAT: The Wild Rose Dreamers Lodge founded in in 1993 by Lyn Hopkins, continuing today as Lodge Chief and Drum Team Chief. She offers weekly shamanic classes, sweat lodges, ceremonial weekends and shamanic healing.

WHEN: Summer Solstice sweat Saturday June 21, 2008 6:00 pm and also the weekend June 27, 2008 – June 29, 2008

WHERE: Pasadena, California [Lightning Point Campground at Angeles Crest](#)

COST: \$65 per class \$200.00 for the weekend (includes camp fees, teachings, materials, ceremonies and individual feedback)

DESCRIPTION: Lynn Hopkins claim to conduct ceremonies comes from her study with Thunder Strikes, Humbatz Men, Don Miguel Ruiz, Wallace Black Elk, the late Sun Bear. She is the author of THE MEDICINE WHEEL AND YOU Luminous Egg Cocoon. “Beginning with the Harmonic Convergence, followed by the 11/11, the 12/12, the August 11th Eclipse, the May 5th, 2000 Planetary Alignment, and the Harmonic Concordance. Lodge Chief Lyn "Starflyer" Hopkins, Ph.D., and her Assistant Director, Shama, CHT, CDC, TDE have joined the lightworker community to sponsor ceremonial conclaves to work with the magickal energies of this time of history. Their intent is to connect with light workers throughout the world in order to awaken our divine nature and take our power as sacred humans by helping to sculpt the New Dream for the Age of Aquarius.

The May 5th, 2000 event was held at the Wright Land in Malibu, California, sponsored by Lyn and Shama and The Wild Rose Dreamers Shamanic Lodge. We commemorated the Birthing of the New Dream, the planetary alignment of the Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn - all within 27 degrees of Taurus. See the [Planetary Alignment](#) page to find out more.”

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone:

Email: Lyn at starflyer@thewildrose.net

Website: <http://www.thewildrose.net>

Fax:

San Diego

WHO: Gadohi Usquanigodi of San Diego / Ven. Running Wolf is leader of the Thunder People

WHAT: **Sweat Lodge Ceremonies**

WHEN: the second Saturday of each month @ 4pm

WHERE:

DESCRIPTION: "We are a 501 (c)(3) Non-Profit Native American Spiritual Center, offering monthly sweat lodge & prayer circles. Mission Statement: Our mission statement is to provide a safe place to pray and form community with others, regardless of age, race, sexual orientation or beliefs. Additional Information; Sweat Lodge Ceremony is the last Saturday of each month @ 10 am. Prayer circle is the second Saturday of each month @ 4pm. We offer workshops and additional ceremonies"

COST: You must be a member, minimum donation is \$25.00

Gadohi Usquanigodi

Native American Spiritual Center

P.O. Box 578

Inola, OK74036-0578

Contact info:

Address: 1450 Starship St

San Diego, CA

Telephone: (619) 766-3316

Email: Eaglewomen1177@aol.com or gadohitaos@laplaza.org

Website: <http://www.gadohi.org/contact.htm>

Fax:

San Francisco

WHO: Bay Area Pagans

WHAT: Litha Sweat Lodge

WHEN:

WHERE:

DESCRIPTION: "Bay Area Pagan Sweat Lodge

Energy Medicine Dowsing

Labyrinth

Core Bits Dowsing

Men's Sweat Lodge

Women's Sweat Lodge

Harrison Hot Springs Dowsing"

COST:

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Website: <http://bapa.net/>

Fax:

COLORADO

Fort Collins

WHO: Christina Eala A Place for Every Woman's Spirituality

CLAIMS: "Christinia Eala is considered a young elder among the Lakota People. The Divine Feminine nudged her awake at a very young age and after much searching, her primary passion is following the Red Road, the Spiritual Path of the Lakota. She has worked helping others to bring Wicosani (a Lakota word meaning ?Balance in the four aspects of one?s life?- mental, physical, emotional, and Spiritual) back into their lives."

WHAT:

WHEN: Saturday, June 21, 2 to 6 p.m. ?

WHERE:

COST: Cost: \$30 or \$125 for the entire series

DESCRIPTION:" When attending an Inipi ceremony (sweat lodge), it appears deceptively simple. You go into the lodge and pray, get out, smoke the Sacred Pipe, eat, and leave; ah, but there is so very much more to it than this. This final workshop will advise how to ?sponsor? a sweat lodge ceremony in a good and sacred manner"

Contact info:

Address: 1304 S College Ave #6

Fort Collins, CO 80524

Telephone: 970-556-3111

Email:

Website:

Fax:

CONNECTICUT

Newtown

WHO: Vicky Lagoudis who is a "metaphysical practioner, a Reiki Master and a Transformational Healaer(sic)"

WHAT: DAY of HEALING & SWEAT LODGE CEREMONY~

WHEN: Sunday June 22nd 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

WHERE: Newton Connecticut

COST: \$95 Advance sign up is required, space is limited.

DESCRIPTION: "Please join us for an entire day at Sticks and Stones as we celebrate this season of the year and of our lives. The Sweat Lodge Ceremony is the traditional Native American way of cleansing body, mind and spirit. Experience a more balanced relationship with ourselves, the Earth and all that surrounds us as we cleanse our bodies of toxins, our minds of negativities and help to heighten our spirits. Men and woman both welcome."

This journey of renewal will take you through a Morning Tea, Sweat Lodge Ceremony, Healthy Vegetarian Lunch, Guided Woodland Walk and afternoon"

Contact info:

Address:

Sticks and Stones East
201 Huntingtown Road
Newtown, CT 06470

and

Sticks and Stones West
Pahoa Hawaii

Telephone: (203)270-8820 or Cathy (203) 938-3195,

Email: cwheels33@sbcglobal.net for info: Annie: anniesands@gmail.com

Website: <http://www.sticksandstonesfarm.com>

Fax:

DELEWARE

Georgetown Washington DC /Deleware

WHO: Troupe of the Starry Door

Jim Welch, RN HNC was formerly High Priest of Keepers of the Holly Chalice, the founding coven of the Assembly of the Sacred Wheel. He has been active in the Wiccan/Pagan community since 1981. He was the chair of the committee that wrote the Assembly of the Sacred Wheel's code of ethics. He teaches a variety of workshops that focus on ethics. He is a Waterpouser and conducts Sweat ceremonies using Wiccan protocols.

WHAT: Wiccan Litha Sweat lodges

WHEN: Litha: Saturday, June 21, 2008

WHERE: 14914 Deer Forest Road Georgetown, DE 19947

DESCRIPTION:

COST:

Contact info:

Address: Seelie Court

14914 Deer Forest Road Georgetown, DE 19947

Telephone: (302) 855-9422.

Email:

Website: <http://www.sacredwheel.org/tsd/>

Fax:

GEORGIA

Hiawassee

WHO: Gary Adler FourStar

is currently the President of the Many Horses Foundation an organization dedicated to the elders, the children, the earth, wild horses and earth cultures and teachings. Gary is an enrolled member of the Costanoan-Rumsen Carmel Tribe (Ohlone), and the son of Jerome FourStar, an Assiniboine Elder from the Fort Peck Reservation in Montana

CLAIMS:

WHAT: Enota Mountain Retreat Sweat Lodge Ceremony

WHEN: June 28 2008 (Saturday) at 2:00 p.m

WHERE:

DESCRIPTION: "Everyone who joins us on the property must be a conservation member of Enota. There is a \$10 conservation membership fee per person per visit. This fee is an impact fee on Enota's land which is in trust. There is also a \$10 facility fee for each person participating in ceremonies. This fee covers the operational and maintenance costs of producing ceremonies at Enota.

There is no charge for ceremony, however please understand that the Ceremony organizers incurs substantial costs to perform the ceremony (rocks, woods, blankets, gasoline, etc.). It is customary in the Native American Tradition to honor the sweat facilitator and fire keepers with some type of offering. In the past this has been with food and blankets. Currently ***a monetary offering is a more appropriate exchange for services and benefits derived from the ceremony.***"

COST: minimum \$20.00

Contact info:

Address:

1000 Highway 180

Hiawassee, GA 30546

Telephone: 706-896-9966 800-990-8869

Email: debby@manyhorses.org

Website: www.manyhorses.org

Fax:

Talbotton

WHO: Rose Hill / SomaVeda Institute

The leader for this ceremony will be Dr. Anthony B. James LMT, ND, MDAM. Dr. James a fully adopted Crow tribal Member of the Whistling Water Clan, son of the late medicine man Floyd Realbird.

Cost: there is no charge for ceremony however we are holding this on SomaVeda Institute property , SomaVeda Institutes regular day fee of \$7.00 per person applies

for all activities on the premises. This applies whether you sweat or walk in the gardens!

CLAIMS: “The leader for this ceremony will be Dr. Anthony B. James LMT, ND, MDAM. Dr. James claims to be a “fully adopted Crow tribal Member of the Whistling Water Clan, son of the late medicine man Floyd Realbird. Dr. James is one of four living persons given the Crow Chanupa or pipe ceremony directly by Chief Realbird. Dr. James was introduced to the Sweat Lodge ceremony by the late elder Sun Bear of the Bear Medicine Tribe, progressed in his education under Charla and Tarwater of Spirit Wind (Cherokee Nation, Ala.), trained under Crow medicine men and women on Crow Agency, Montana for seven years. He was also assistant fire keeper at the first three Sun dances (Pipe Carriers Sun Dance) held at the Memorial at Pipestone National Monument under Sun dance Chiefs Chris Leaf, Clyde Bellecourt, Leonard Crowdog and others. Dr. James was given the right and honor to conduct the sacred lodge by his adopted father, Chief Floyd Realbird (Past president NAC- Native American Church), Robert Littlelight (Past President NAC) and Richard Realbird (Past President Crow Nation, Gary Owen , Montana). Additional training and authorization was received from Acasio Acatecatl Oltehua Spiritual Leader and healer, born in the Nahuatl Nation of Veracruz , Mexico. The Tehkulle of Kalpulle Olmeca in Xalapa, Veracruz, Mexico and the spiritual leader of Kalpulli Tonal Teokalli in El Paso Texas.”

As we are peoples from many and various backgrounds the lodge is set up and run in an eclectic fashion suitable for this purpose. This means elements of tradition are borrowed and incorporated from Crow, Ojibway, Lakota, Dakota, Cherokee, Huichol, Tarahumara and Rainbow traditions as described by Black Elk, Sun Bear, Floyd Realbird, Tarwater, Acasio Acatecatl Oltehua and Ed McGaa of Mother Earth Spirituality and . Prayers will be made, Sacred fire fashioned and water pored in a good way. We begin and end with the pipe ceremony. This ceremony will be made clear for beginners and elders alike. All good people are welcome. The Lodge will be co-ed.”: <http://www.thaiyogacenter.com/tyc/sweat.html>

WHAT: Full Moon Coed Sweat Lodge

WHEN: Saturday June 21st. 2008

WHERE: The SomaVeda Institute 390 North Washington Ave. Talbotton, GA 31827

Located in the Piggley Wiggley Shopping plaza!

COST:

DESCRIPTION:

Contact info:

Address: The Thai Yoga Center
PO Box 367, Talbotton, GA 31827

Telephone: (706) 358-8646 Ask for Dr. J, Julie or Michael!

Email: itta@core.com

Website: <http://www.thaiyogacenter.com>

Fax:

ILLINOIS

(odorless twinkie sweat lodge)

WHO: Relax4Life Center

WHAT:

WHEN:

WHERE: Barrington, IL

COST: \$60 non-refundable donation which goes to St. Joseph's Indian School

DESCRIPTION: " Note* the "sweat" that is released during the ceremony tends to have no odor, so the ceremony feels very cleansing to all."

"As a reminder: for the sake of those with environmental allergies, you will not be permitted to participate if you or your clothes are fragrant. Perfumes, Colognes, Scented Skin Creams/Hairsprays/Lotions/Deodorants/Shampoos, Aromatic Oils are just a few of the products that are not permitted in or around the center. There is also no smoking of cigarettes in or on the property."

"Ceremonial Gift: Terry Kinsey, the sweat leader, follows a Buddhist tradition of DANA, or mutual giving. It has supported monks in the Buddhist culture for 2500 years. The monks offer their guidance and the people support the monastery and fill the monks' begging bowls each morning as they walk through the village on alms rounds. It is a beautiful exchange, in which the hearts of both the giver and receiver are opened in joy and gratitude, and love flows between them.

Terry donates his time and energy as our lodge leader and does not receive any money for doing so. If after a lodge, you wish to offer Terry some money in appreciation of his time and energy (which he donates to charity), it will be warmly and gratefully received. A DANA bowl will be placed in the "feasting" area with his name on it toward the end of each lodge experience. You are always very welcome here whether or not you choose to or are capable of placing a donation in the DANA bowl for Terry. " <http://www.relax4life.com/sweatlodge.html>

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone: (847) 842-1752

Terry Kinsey, the sweat leader at 708-383-3957

Email: info@relax4life.com

Or

terrykinsey@comcast.net

Website: www.motherearthadventures.com

Fax:

MICHIGAN

WHO: Shirley Jons

CLAIMS: Lakota

WHAT: The Michigan Womyn's Music Festival

WHEN: August 5, 2008 -

WHERE: Hart, Michigan

DESCRIPTION:

COST: 5 days \$420.00

Contact info:

Address: WWTMC
Box 22
Walhalla, MI 49458
Telephone: (231) 757-4766
Email:
Website:
Myspace: <http://www.myspace.com/michfest>
Fax:

MARYLAND

Darnestown

WHO: Brooke Brody
WHAT:
WHEN: June 14, 2008
WHERE: Meet at Potomac Pathways. Transportation provided from here.
COST:
DESCRIPTION:” We will be doing a Native American Sweat lodge, which you may be familiar with. Lunch will be provided, and everything that you will need to have an awesome and safe experience. You can expect to have a meaningful and an awesome experience. Wear sturdy shoes, and bring: swim suit and at least one towel (I recommend two). See you there!”
Contact info:
Address: Potomac Pathways
15720 Seneca Road
Darnestown, MD 20874
Telephone: (301) 987-7284
Email: bbrody@potomacpathways.org
Website:
Fax: (240) 246-7851

MASSACHUSETTES

Plymouth

WHO: Sanctuary Studios
WHAT: Sweat Lodge,
WHEN: Saturday, June 21st begins at sundown, please call for registration - spaces are very limited.
WHERE: Downtown Plymouth, MA
DESCRIPTION:
COST:
Contact info:
Address:

47 Court Street
Plymouth, MA 02360
Telephone: (774) 454-7290
Email:
Website: <http://www.thesanctuaryofplymouth.com/>
Fax:

MICHIGAN

WHO: Rebecca Medicine Owl (AKA Rebecca Denton-Wuerth)Center of Light Spirituality Center

WHAT: Native American Sweat Lodge

WHEN: June 21, 2008

WHERE: Oxford, MI

DESCRIPTION:” Join us in Sacred Ceremony

As Rebecca Medicine Owl leads us in a powerful sweat lodge”

COST: A LOVE OFFERING for the The Center is traditional (\$10.00)

“In Native American tradition the community took care of ALL the Medicine Mans/Womans needs, as they took care of the communities needs. We hold to this tradition.

Contact info:

Address:

5898 Baldwin Rd.

Oxford, MI 48371

Telephone: (248) 236-0432

Email:

Website: <http://spiritualitycenter.centeroflight.us/html/SweatLodge.html>

Fax:

THEY HAVE A GUEST BOOK!

<http://us.1.p8.webhosting.yahoo.com/gb/view?member=colcom33>

MONTANNA

Billings

WHO: Dreamweaver Lodge Jaqui Thier

WHAT:

WHEN:

WHERE: 45 minutes south of Billings, MT near theRed Lodge Mountain Ski Area, the Beartooth Highway and the northeast entrance to Yellowstone Park. East of the Crow Indian reservation

COST: “Dreamquests” cost

DREAM QUESTS: \$1250 for six day and \$1500 for a seven day

DESCRIPTION: ”The Rainbow Lodge was given to me in 1990, by a native woman of African American and American Indian ancestry. In the world of ordinary reality, she is a social worker and also a native healer and teacher. I was introduced to her

by my Qigong teacher at a time when I was preparing for my first vision quest which took place in the summer of 1990. To honor her privacy, I will call her Oya after the African Goddess. She and others helped me to prepare for my quest and the gift of the lodge and its ritual was part of that preparation. In the spring of the year, the Rainbow Lodge was built by me and the women who were part of a Ceremonial Circle that met monthly at my home in the mountains above Boulder, CO. Oya conducted a "Consecration of the Land Ritual", naming me as Keeper of the Land and the Lodge. She instructed me and the women in the building of the lodge and conducted the first sweats for us while tutoring me in the ritual. At that time, the lodge was primarily a woman's lodge. Honoring the feminine principal through this earth centered ritual has always been a strong focus of the lodge even after we began to conduct co-ed lodges."

<http://www.dreamweaverlodge.com/sweatlodge.html>

Contact info:

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P.O. Box 1686

Red Lodge, MT 59068

Telephone: (406) 445-2517

Email: info@dreamweaverlodge.com

Website: <http://www.dreamweaverlodge.com>

Fax:

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone:

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Website:

Fax:

NEW HAMPSHIRE

WHO: Sparky Shooting Star/Mary Thunder

WHAT:

WHEN: Windham, NH

WHERE:

DESCRIPTION:

COST:

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone: Cyrus (617)838-9825

Email:

Website:

Fax:

NEW MEXICO

Magdalena

WHO: Turtleshire Mountain Ranch

WHAT: Solstice Sweat Lodge

WHEN:

WHERE: Turtleshire Mountain Ranch Magdalena New Mexico

DESCRIPTION: "Full Moon is on the 21st of June during Solstice ceremonies where there are evening sweat and fire ceremonies

"Spirit names are given to those who do not know their names by which the spirits know them. There is medicine in your spirit name. Your medicine, who you are, have been and will be. The medicine of your soul that you have, that is you, that you can learn to share with others.

The pipe also sometimes awards clans, the totem medicine of your brothers and sisters in the spirit world.

Teachings of the four shields and the four directions are passed, and some learn in which direction of the wheel they were born. This helps them understand their medicine even further.

The pipe will sometimes take things from us that are no longer ours to carry, or give things to us as need demands.

When the circle is complete, when all the helping and healing spirits that have come are finished, the lodge pipe is closed and it is on to the next ceremony."

COST:

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Website: learn@turtleshire.org

Fax:

Ruidoso/Alto

WHO: High Mesa Healing Center in Ruidoso New Mexico Barbara Mader

WHAT: Sweat Lodge

WHEN: weekly – Saturday June 21, 2008

WHERE: It's just past the KOKOPELLI, Gated Community!

DESCRIPTION: "Here at High Mesa the Lakota Sioux Ceremony is practiced. While the sweat lodge itself is simple enough to describe, the actual experience cannot be rendered in words. You have to participate in it to truly realize its fullness and depth. From the preparation of the fire, covering of the frame, making the tobacco prayer ties and on through the many facets of the ritual, the seeker is involved in a sacred inner journey that can be profoundly transforming. Every second Saturday of the month, weather and fire conditions willing, we celebrate this ancient method of purification through the ceremony and pot-luck meal afterwards."

<http://www.ruidoso.net/highmesa/sweatlodge.html>

COST:

Contact info:

Address:

101 Mader Lane
PO Box 834
Alto, New Mexico 88312
Telephone: 505.336.7777
Email: www.sonniesonnie@gmackre.com or
highmesahc@beyondbb.com
Website: <http://www.ruidoso.net/highmesa/MainHome.html>
Fax: 505.336.4808 (also a fax)

Santa Fe

WHO: The Swan Foundation

WHAT:

WHEN:

WHERE:

DESCRIPTION: NORTH RETREAT:

COST:

"4 Day January 23rd - 26th, 2009 Only 4 participants for both.

\$940 7 Day: January 23rd - January 29th, 2009

Extended retreat includes experiencing more of the Santa Fe area.

\$1300 Includes: Food, lodging, program and transportation."

"A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due within 10 days of booking. Remainder of balance due 60 days prior to start of retreat."

Contact Info:

Address: Heyokah Retreat Center

7 Avenida Vista Grande, #326

Santa Fe, NM 87508 USA

Telephone: 505-989-8981

Email: info@swanfoundation.org

Website: <http://www.heyokahcenter.org/id4.html>

Fax:

NEW MEXICO

Galisteo

WHO: Vista Clara Ranch Resort & Spa Julie Rivers and Dona Wilder

CLAIMS: "Julie Rivers returned to her Indian "heart" felt roots when she and her partner, a Cochiti Indian, owned and operated a tour business that took visitors to the Pueblos, ruins and ceremonies in northern New Mexico." Julie claims to be a water pourer for the intertribal purification "Sweat" lodges .

Dona Wilder, a registered nurse, spiritual leader and counselor returned to New Mexico six years ago to assist Julie at the Heyokah Center in expanding the programs offered. Julie and Dona claim to have had the opportunity to experience Pueblo, Seneca, Cherokee, Shumash, and Lakota traditions"

WHAT: Weekly Sweat Lodge

WHEN: June 21, 2008

WHERE: Northern New Mexico nestled in the historic Galisteo Basin just twenty minutes south of Santa Fe

COST: 3 night summer weekend special \$1,549.00 per person

<http://www.vistaclara.com/int.php?re=news-specials>

DESCRIPTION: "Julie leads our guests in discovering the native way of viewing life through the Medicine Wheel. These Teachings explore the Seven Cardinal Directions North, East, South, West, Mother Earth, Father Sky and the Sacred Space within. Learn the subtle meanings of the tribal drums, the heartbeat of the Mother Earth, and how each of us connects with the earth and the sky. Guests will conclude the evening by creating their own Medicine Bag as a reminder of the cultural experience. After lessons in Ancestral Ways, our guests are invited to join Julie and Dona in a purification ceremony in the sacred Sweat Lodge at Vista Clara Ranch. This ritual is challenging, yet has been carefully designed for the novice. It releases toxins from the body, while anxieties of the mind are replaced with quietness of inner peace. The spirit is rejuvenated with the feeling of unlimited freedom. The celebration of new beginnings continues by sharing a traditional native meal prepared by Vista Clara Ranch's Executive Chef."

<http://www.vistaclara.com/int.php?re=visit-fitness-sweat>

A \$1500 weekend package includes: Luxury Southwest Lodging, Two Massages or Body Treatments, One Yonka Facial, One half-hour Manicure or Pedicure, One half-hour Reflexology or Hikers Foot Massage, All Scheduled Fitness Classes, All Scheduled Activities, Three Gourmet Meals Daily Snacks, Use of All Resort Facilities, Native Ancestral Ways Program, Sweat Lodge Ceremony, Breathtaking Views of the Galisteo Basin, Special does not include service charge or taxes"

Contact info:

Address: Vista Clara Ranch Resort & Spa

40 Camino Vista Clara

Galisteo, NM 87540

Telephone: (505) 466-4772

Email:

Website: www.vistaclara.com

Fax:

Jemez Springs

WHO: Wolf Martinez and Hunter Flourney

"Wolf will once again be supporting the Summer Retreat. He will be offering his "Transformational Body Therapy", a incredible blend of body work and spirit work.

He also will be supporting us in many other ways, as only he can. Wolf is a two spirited, third gender, walks between worlds student of life. He has studied extensively with keepers of traditions in the Amazon, Andes, Mexico, and across North America as well as learning the Oriental medicinal practice of Shiatsu from a Japanese Master. Combining the medicine ways of the ancients, along with intuition and spirit, Wolf has developed for 10 years his practice of "Transformational Body

Therapy". He has also been given the privilege to lead the Pipe Ceremony and Sweat Lodge “

“Hunter Flournoy (pictured right) is a lover of life and a messenger of life's sacred passion. A shaman, seer, poet and storyteller, he distills the deepest wisdom of the Toltec, Christian, Sufi, Buddhist, and indigenous healing traditions of the world into a crystal clear vision of personal revolution. Hunter is a teacher in the Toltec Eagle Knight lineage of Don Miguel Ruiz (author of The Four Agreements), a shamanic healer in the lineage of Rebecca Crystal, facilitates healing sweat lodges, and serves as a pastor for Amigos de Dios, a mystical Christian fellowship. Hunter has an MS in counseling, an MFA in creative writing, and has been coaching individual clients and leading workshops in intuitive awareness, holistic healing, and personal freedom for fifteen years in the US and Mexico. For more information on Hunter visit www.newdestinies.com.”

WHAT: 16th Annual Summer Retreat

WHEN: August 11, 2008 to August 17, 2008

WHERE: Jemez Springs, New Mexico

DESCRIPTION:

This Retreat is for Gay and Bi Men

COST: \$1295.00 A deposit of \$300.00 is required to reserve space for this journey. To register, use the "Register for this Journey" button on this page. Payment in full is requested by June 27, 2008

Contact info:

Address: Spirit Journeys

134 River Road

New Milford, NJ 07646

Telephone: VOX: 828-258-8880

VOX: 800-754-1875

FAX: 828-281-0334

Email: info@spiritjourneys.com

Website: <http://www.spiritjourneys.com>

Fax:

NEW YORK

WHO: Sparky Shooting Star

WHAT:

WHEN:

WHERE: The Center for Symbolic Studies New Paltz, New York

DESCRIPTION:

COST:

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone: (631)766-5936 or Liz (917)294-8636

Email: Eesh21@gmail.com

Website:

NORTH CAROLINA

WHO: Deer tribe medicine society Scottsdale AZ

13 Moon Mystery Schools Sandpoint Idaho

Dolphin Star Temple Mt Shasta CA

Philip Thunder Panther Trice - Sweat Lodge Chief of the 13 Healing Moons of the Great Turtle Mystery School. He is a graduate of the 13th Moon Mystery School Kivas, Earth Lodges, and Butterfly Clan Métis Medicine Way Apprenticeships in Stephanie Rainbow Lightning Elk has been on the Metis Medicine Path since she was 12 years old. She is of the Twisted Hairs Metis Cherokee lineage, a massage therapist, author, playground/workshop leader, co-chief with Guy Lone Eagle of the 13th Moon Mystery School Kivas of North Idaho and co-founder and co-chief with the former Guy Lone Eagle of the Butterfly Clan of Northern Idaho (1999-2002), and a FireMedicine Woman of Chuluaqui-Quodoushka traditions

WHAT:

WHEN: June 6-8, 2008 and July 5-12, 2008

WHERE:

DESCRIPTION: This one has a white dog teacing!

Kitchie kahuna is a Medicine Wolf Dog

COST: "Each weekend or New Moon "Turtle" of training has a fee exchange of \$610 with a commitment fee of \$2440 due prior to Sept. 14, 2007. This commitment fee is a prepayment for the last four Turtles. Ceremonial Week has a fee exchange of \$2500. Half of the cost will be due prior to Ceremonial Week. "

"That which does not serve you *will die in the Sweat Lodge ceremony*. You will experience meditation and receive the teachings of Wheels and Keys of Wisdom. You will learn to heal others as you yourself are healed. You will be in a group, moving together with a sense of community and intimacy on a path of beauty and joy."Great Turtle Mystery School will be held in beautiful North California. Call for details.

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone:

Email: Phillip ptpt@nworiginaryarts.org

Website: <http://www.greatturtlemysteryschool.net/index.htm>

Fax:

Swannanoa

WHO: Zoe Bryant

WHAT: Solstice Full Lovers Moon Sweat Lodge

WHEN: June 21, 2008

WHERE: Swannanoa, NC

COST:

DESCRIPTION: "June is called the "Full Lover's Moon" or to the Natives "The Making of Fat" or "Strong Sun Moon"

"Come early and we will clean and revitalize Sun Bear's Medicine Wheel which he dedicated on this land over 20 years ago.'

<http://spiritualism.meetup.com/274/calendar/7397705/>

Contact info:

Address:

302 Old Fellowship RD
Swannanoa, NC 28778

Telephone: (828) 298 3935

Email:

Website:

Fax:

OREGON

Beaverton

WHO:

WHAT: An Earth Awareness Festival

WHEN: June 19-22, 2008

WHERE: Silver Falls State Park
(the Ranch Area)

DESCRIPTION:~ A Magickal three day camp-out!

An Earth-friendly event honoring diversity
and promoting Earth Harmony worldwide!"

COST: \$150.00 per person

Contact info:

Address: 9598 SW Whittford Ln
Beaverton OR

Telephone: Kathy (503) 319-1273
(503) 502-1415

Email:

Website: <http://www.earthgatherings.org/>

Fax:

Detroit

WHO: Breitenbush Retreat and Conference Center

WHAT:

WHEN: June 12, 2008

WHERE: Just outside Salem Oregon near the Cleator Bend Campground

DESCRIPTION:~ Breitenbush is privileged to offer a sweat lodge once a month which is open to everyone, free of charge. Traditionally, participants make offerings to the leader and fire tender such as pipe tobacco, spiritual gifts, food or money.

Breitenbush also appreciates any offerings that offset the costs of wood and caring for the leaders. Participants are responsible for any other Breitenbush services they

use (hot springs, meals, lodging...reservations are required and space is limited). Please call (503.854.3320) in advance if you wish to attend the Sweat Lodge Ceremony."

COST: \$92.00/night to stay in a cabin

Contact info:

Address:

Breitenbush Hot Springs

PO Box 578

Detroit, OR 97342

Telephone: (503) 854-3320

Email: office@breitenbush.com

Website:

Fax:

Salem

WHO: Robin Lynne Rainbow Feather

WHAT: Solstice Sweat Lodge

WHEN: June 20, 2008 2 pm

WHERE: RiverBank Farm in Surrey County - about 50 minutes North of Winston-Salem Riverbank Farm, a quiet sanctuary, is located along the Dan River and is only a 20 minute drive from Pilot Mountain

DESCRIPTION: "Robin began her training with Will Rockingbear, a Cherokee Teacher and Healer in Western North Carolina. She now holds weekly healing circles, a bi-monthly Clan Mothers Circle, as well as private healing sessions and ceremonies. Robin offers healing through the Soul Retrieval Ceremony, Twin Heart Dreaming Ceremony, Calling Ceremony and other ceremonies; and vibrational, energetic healing through Tibetan Singing Bowls, Native American Drumming, Laying-on-of-Hands, Sacred Feathers, Stone Medicine Beings and Animal Totems."

Robin began facilitating monthly Clan Mother Circles (based on The 13 Original Clan Mothers by **Jamie Sams**) in 1991, after experiencing the Clan Mothers for herself. They not only assisted Robin in her own feminine journey and personal healing but shared with her the ceremony of Twin Heart Dreaming to assist others in healing their own wounded hearts."

"Please join us for the Little Boys and Little Girls Arapaho Sweat Lodge with Water Pourer Zoe Allison-Rockingbear to celebrate the Summer Solstice. This is a gentle, balanced sweat lodge for men and women, adult and child, beginner and experienced.

COST: Because I work in the native, traditional way, I do not have a set fee or cost for the services I provide. However, monetary gifting is appropriate. This is the way I feed my family and earn my living. The amount you gift is entirely up to you. My teaching from my elders is that I show up to do my work and the amount you gift to me is between you and Spirit. There is a gifting bowl in the Flower Eagle Medicine Lodge for your monetary gifts. Cash is preferred but checks are acceptable.

Contact info:

Address: Robin Lynne

2960 Bennington Court

Winston-Salem, NC 27106

Telephone: (336) 416-7553

Email: robin@flowereagle.com

Website: http://www.flowereagle.com/cd_info.cfm

www.flowereagle.com

Fax:

PENNSYLVANIA

Malvern

WHO: Jim Frank and Byron Katie

WHAT: Malvern Sweat Lodge

WHEN: June 21, 2008

WHERE:

COST: " How much does it cost? : Money is a problem, isn't it? The Sweat Lodge Ceremony is our prayer and you can't buy it at any cost. But people do need to make a contribution and money is the most common way. We open our home and there are expenses. We put out a basket at the pot luck and donations are anonymous. Donations go to cover expenses. If each person attending contributed \$20 the lodge would be self sustaining. So plan on a give away donation of labor, fire wood, or money."

DESCRIPTION: Today, at age 63, Jim Frank maintains a standing sweat lodge at his home in Malvern, PA. Since 1995 we have kept a standing sweat lodge in the way taught to him by Beautiful Painted Arrow, Joseph Rael."

Contact info:

Address: P.O. Box 503, Malvern, PA 19355

Telephone: (610)-648-0953

Email: jim@malvernsweatlodge.com

or Info@malvernsweatlodge.com

Website:

Fax:

NOTE: As of May 5, 2008, all workshops have been canceled in Malvern

RHODE ISLAND

Providence

WHO:

WHAT: Rhode Island Sustainable living Festival sweat lodge

WHEN:

WHERE: Enviromental Education Center: 451 Hammet RoadCoventry, Rhode Island

DESCRIPTION:™ The Deadline for registering is Tuesday, April 22nd, 2008 (Earth Day). After the deadline, call to check availability. Space is limited! Make checks payable to The Apeiron Institute, 17 Gordon Ave, Suite 207, Providence, RI 02905, or register on-line at www.apeiron.org

COST: The cost of the 2-day Earth Awareness Retreat & Sweat Lodge Ceremony is \$150 including 3 meals and on-site camping accommodations.

Contact info:

Address:

Apeiron Institute
17 Gordon Ave, Suite 207
Providence, RI 02905

Telephone: (401) 228-7930

Email: nfo@apeiron.org

Website: www.apeiron.org

Fax:

TENNESSEE

Pinewood/Nully

WHO: Laughing Winds/Recovery Ranch

Dede Beasley Sweat lodge facilitator

CLAIMS: Sweat Lodge Ceremonies are performed by therapeutic staff with extensive training in the Lakota Sweat Lodge Tradition™

WHAT: Theurapeutic Sweat Lodges

WHEN:

WHERE:

DESCRIPTION: Equine Therapist and Jeanmarie Guthery (Mama), Animal tender says:

“We have learned from one of our teachers that the wheel can be understood as a symbol of this journey called life; a guide for our own self-discovery. Like life our wheel has undertaken many changes. The design came in a vision after Jeremy and Davids first trip to sundance. They also found the center stone on that trip a 60# piece of rose quartz crystal. “

“At Laughing Winds we use our wheel to celebrate birth and honor death. We go there to pray, meditate, and to practice listening. Our wheel is filled with all kinds of healing herbs. The wheel reminds us of our own beauty. We share with others how the wheel helps guide us on our journey back to self.”

“The Sweat Lodge process provides several invaluable therapeutic opportunities, including the opportunity to recognize and overcome habitual responses to fear, discomfort, and self-judgment; mobilize new coping responses to these common relapse triggers; increased awareness of internal visceral and affective responses and their impact; recognition of personal defense mechanisms; movement from intellectualized and rationalized self-expression to more authentic, feeling-based

expression; and supported opportunities for clients to ask for what they need.”

COST: All inclusive; except airfare, \$1,495.00 per person double occupancy

Contact info:

Address: The Ranch

P.O. Box 38

Nunnally, TN 37137

Telephone: (615)446-4594 or Call Toll-Free: 800-849-5969!

Email:

Website: <http://www.laughingwinds.com/index.php?p=Home>

<http://recoveryranch.com/recovery/default.asp?page=lodge>

Fax: 931.729.9632

Washburn

WHO: Narrow Ridge Earth Literacy Center

WHAT: Summer Solstice Celebration sacred circle cosmic walk

WHEN: June 21, 2008 7:00 pm Vision quest June 21-29, 2008

WHERE: Mac Smith Resource Center at the Narrow Ridge Earth Literacy Center

COST: \$50 deposit is due by March 15, 2008

DESCRIPTION: "Participants will experience several days of preparation and training, a time of fasting alone on a mountain near Narrow Ridge Center, and several days of processing including a sweat lodge ceremony. Past participants have reported significant increases in clarity about life directions, decisions, and purpose, in addition to finding the experience profoundly restorative in terms of feelings of health and well-being. Vision Quests have been part of the rites of passage of many different cultures since time immemorial."

Contact info:

Address:

Narrow Ridge Earth Literacy Center

1936 Liberty Hill Rd.

Washburn TN 37888

Telephone: Mitzi Wood-Von Mizener at 615-419-6970 or (865) 497-2753

Email: community@narrowridge.org or mitziz1@bellsouth.net

Website: www.narrowridge.org

Fax:

They have a guestbook!

<http://www.earth-learning.org/page.aspx?navid=2437>

TEXAS

West Point

Mary Thunder Sweat Lodge

WHO: Mary Thunder, Leonard Crow Dog, JoAnn Parks, Sparky Shooting Star
WHAT:

WHEN: Saturday June 21, 2008

WHERE: Thunder Ranch West Point, Texas

DESCRIPTION: "Fasting before a ceremony is very beneficial could heighten awareness. If you are too hot in the lodge, please wait until the song or the prayer is finished before speaking up and telling the water pourer you need help. The Old ones used to say, *"It is supposed to be hot. Keep your face to the ground and breathe in the coolness of the Earth, let go of what may be holding you back, and pray hard."* Within the sweat lodge, when you are offered water to drink, remember this is the lifeblood of the Earth Mother, feel its healing energy flowing through you. The length of the ceremony can vary greatly depending upon the leader and the participants. Let Sweat lodge leader and Spirit guide you. After leaving the lodge it is best to rinse your body to wash away the toxins you have released and to close your pores. If you have to wait for your lodge to begin, please be patient, and use the time to consider what you want to release and what prayers you would make for yourself, your loved ones, your Earth Mother and your relations upon Her. This is a very powerful healing ceremony, I have seen many heal! "

COST:

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Website:

<http://www.marythunder.com/SpiritualServicesEvents/Events/Sweatlodge/SweatLodge.htm>

Fax:

Fort Worth

WHO: Randy Crow Parsons

WHAT:

WHEN: Saturday June 21, 2008

WHERE: Fort Worth, Texas area

DESCRIPTION:

COST:

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone: 817 221-3772

Email: sacredtreeusa@yahoo.com

Website:

Fax:

UTAH

Salt Lake City

WHO: Queer Spirit nonNDNs Jerry Buie and John Cottrell

WHAT: Weekend retreats for gay men shamanic sweat lodges

WHEN: monthly

WHERE: Windwalker Lodge in Spring City, Utah

COST:

DESCRIPTION: “Although Buie is not Native American, he was taught to pour Sweat – that is, to conduct the Lodge – by Ute leader Carolyn Sanders and closely mentored by several Elders. He has participated in Lodges for 12 years and has poured them for nine. He regularly pours “two to three” times each month for the Utah community.

“Auntie Brucie invites you to queer summer camp”

<http://queerspirit.blogspot.com/>

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone:

Email:

Website: [www. queerspirit.org](http://www.queerspirit.org)

Fax:

VIRGINIA

Gore

WHO: The Land Celebration

WHAT: Solstice sweat lodge ceremony

WHEN: Friday, June 20-Sunday, June 22, 2008 7:00 am Saturday

WHERE: Virginia

COST: \$250.00 for festival plus “love offering” for sweat

DESCRIPTION: “Summer Solstice Retreat at The Land Celebration Our 10th Annual Summer Solstice Retreat featuring workshops on Color Therapy, Building Your Dreams, Sweat Lodge Ceremony, Wellness Wash, yoga, and the music of Armand and Angelina. Swimming pond, hot-tub, three labyrinths, medicine wheel and meditation trails.”

“While our Lodges are based in the Native American tradition, we honor many other paths as well, and the gifts of all are welcome to be shared in the Lodge.”

<http://www.thelandcelebration.org/lchapel2/sweat.htm>

Contact info:

Address: The Land Celebration

411 Three Oaks Drive

Gore, VA 22637

Telephone: 540-858-2776

Email: info@thelandcelebration.org

Website: www.thelandcelebration.org

Fax:

WASHINGTON

Tacoma

WHO:

WHAT: Change of Seasons Sweat Lodge
Summer Solstice Sweat Lodge

WHEN: June 21, 2008 - June 22, 2008 2 pm

WHERE:

DESCRIPTION: "Inuit Sweat Lodge to Celebrate the Solstice with Gratitude. Spend the night, bring a tent, sleep under the stars. RSVP"

<http://seattle.consciouschoice.com/calendar/6/21/2008>

COST: \$10 donation for wood if possible or some kind of energy

Tobacco offerings if you have special prayers

Contact info: Wayne and Dianne

Address:

5425 S. K Street

Tacoma, WA 98408

Telephone: (425) 760-2918

Email: [info@ unionwithtruth.com](mailto:info@unionwithtruth.com)

info@unionwithtruth.com

Website: www.unionwithtruth.com

Fax:

WEST VIRGINIA

Elk Garden

WHO: Chief Lightning Wolf (Sweat Lodge facilitator)

Water Pourer- Leonora Lantella

and the Fire Tenders:

Mole Woman and Rainbow Spider

Founded by Vince Lombardi. Vince's multi-cultural background comes from having traveled the world extensively including several places in the Middle East (Jordan, Turkey, United Arab Emirates), parts of South Asia (India, Nepal), Europe, Central America (Costa Rica, Mexico) and the whole USA

WHAT: Sweat Lodge Ceremony -- A Guided Spiritual Journey:

In Native American tradition and style

WHEN: June 21, 2008

WHERE: Abram's Creek Lodge & Campground Meet at the Peaceful Spirit Sweat Lodge between Campsites #5 and #6 in Sector I.

DESCRIPTION: native American style Sweat Lodge, Ceremony, and Ritual. Liability waiver required. <http://www.abramscreek.com/cautions.html>

COST: \$20 donation to Lodge Facilitators (under 18, \$10 donation). Cash or Check *in advance please*

Contact info:

Address: Abram's Creek Retreat & Campground

RR 1 Box 118

Elk Garden, WV 26717

Telephone: Lodge House - Campground: (Business Only) 304-446-5383

Social Calls: 304-446-5113

Vince Cell: 703-328-1840

Email: vlombardi2003@msn.com

Website: http://www.abramscreek.com/Lodge_schedule.html

Fax:

They have a guest book!!!

<http://www.thequestbook.com/sign.php/617146>

CANADA

MANITOBA

WHO: Robert Currie

WHAT:

WHEN:

WHERE:

COST:

DESCRIPTION: "Wir Sprechen Auch Deutsch. We have been supplying high quality eco-adventure canoe trips to the national and international market since 1996. Our packages are all inclusive and include hotels, food, and special add-ons such as beluga whale watching tours, First Nations Sweat Lodge ceremonies and tours of various Canadian National Historic Sites."

Contact info:

Address:

Wilderness Spirit

696 McMillan Ave.,

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3M 0V1

Telephone: (204)452-7049 or 1 (866) 287-1591

Call tollfree (in North America) 1 (866) 287 1591 or 1 (204) 452 7049

Email: Rob@WildernessSpirit.com

Website: www.WildernessSpirit.com

Fax: (204) 452-7049

ONTARIO

Barrie

WHO:

WHAT: Shamanic healing retreat at

WHEN:

WHERE: located at 461 Penetanguishene Road (Hywy 93), RR # 1 Barrie, Ontario
461 Penetanguishene Road here in Barrie Ontario

DESCRIPTION: "We are Rainbow Spirits , Eclectic thinkers, following a Multi-Cultural Medicine Way. We offer you a glimpse of multi-cultural spiritualism through products, resources, services, workshops and events from around the world."

COST:

Contact info:

Address: 461 Penetanguishene Road
Barrie Ontario

Telephone:

Email:

Website: <http://earthandskyconnection.com/dcontent/13042>

Fax:

Guelph Ontario

WHO: Dirt Time Trackers (The does anybody know how to do this? Sweat)

WHAT: Summer Solstice Sweat Lodge and Tipi Finishing Gathering

WHEN: Saturday & Sunday June 21 & 22, 2008

WHERE: the home of Kathy & David Browne which is 20 minutes north of Georgetown, just south of Erin. Arrival can be anytime after 10:00 a.m. on Saturday morning

DESCRIPTION: "As noted already, we will be having a Sweat Lodge. We will require 2 people to facilitate the Sweat. We need a Sweat Chief and a Fire Keeper. The Sweat Chief manages the entire Sweat with the assistance of the Fire Keeper who takes care of the fire and heating the rocks. There is much more to these roles. These simple definitions don't even scratch the surface of their true job descriptions. If you would like to participate in either of these roles, make yourself known to the group. Dress code for the Sweat is a bathing suit or similar attire. We expect to start the fire at 7:00 p.m. and enter the Lodge around 9:00 p.m."

COST:

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone: Kathy Browne at (905) 702-9649

Email: brownes@tbcinc.com

Website: <http://www.dirttimetrackers.com/invites/solstice-06-08.htm>

Fax:

Orangeville

WHO: Kerrie Dancing Butterfly

WHAT:

WHEN: July 16th ~ 20th, 2008

WHERE:

DESCRIPTION:” Kerrie Dancing Butterfly will be leading the ceremonial aspects of the retreat including the Fire Offering Ceremony, Cofacilitating the Sweat Lodge and initiating the daily intentions. Kerrie will also be offering Private Shamangelic Transformational Empowerment Healing Sessions and Spiritual Card Readings.“

COST: Investment in Your Health is \$695-\$1095 US depending on choice and availability of accommodations.

Contact info:

Address: Ecology Retreat Centre

Journeys for the Soul

978 Temple Hills Dr,

Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Mailing Address:

308046 Hockley Rd. RR#1, Orangeville

Ontario, Canada L9W 2Y8

Telephone: 949.294.2966

Email: journeysforthesoul@hotmail.com or

bookings@EcologyRetreatCentre.com

Website:

http://www.journeysforthesoul.com/summer_rejuvenation_july_2008.htm

Fax:

MEXICO

San Miguel de Allende

WHO: Casa Dharma

PATRICIA FELDMAN GONZALEZ

Patricia is one of the pioneers of spiritual life in San Miguel, having made this her home for the past 25 years. She is a gifted communicator with experience in community building, groups, meditation and practical spirituality. Early in life she began a path that led her to Tibetan Buddhism. Her teachers include Tenzin Wangyal Rinpoche, Chogyam Trungpa and His Holiness the Dalai Lama. Patricia has dedicated her life to nurturing others on the path to spiritual enlightenment.

BEN-ZION

Ben Zion Ptashnik, [a former State Senator from Vermont](#), was born in Jaffa, Israel, the son of Holocaust survivors. Ben-Zion has been in service for most of his adult life, first as a peace activist, and later organizing organic farmers, consumer cooperatives, and environmental organizations. He is the founder of the Stopnitz Fund, a charitable foundation which is dedicated to human rights, cultural survival, and the elimination of genocide

WHAT: Summer Solstice Sweat Lodge and Children's Sweat Lodge with Roland

WHEN: June 18, 2008 8:00 a.m. Sweat Lodge Camp - June 21, 2008 – June 22, 2008

WHERE: Bestwood Country Park

DESCRIPTION: "Celebrate the Summer Solstice with a weekend of sweat lodges, children's sweat lodge building, ceremonies and healing. For further information please contact Jason Sewell"

COST: A charge applies to this event and pre-booking is essential

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone: 0115 956 9603

International & Mexico: +01 52 415 152 6336

Direct US Line: 802 526 1020

Email: Jason: turtlelodge@btinternet.com

info@casadharm.com or groups@casadharm.com

Website: <http://www.casadharm.com/san-miguel-events.asp>

Fax: 01 52 415 152 8986

EUROPE

United Kingdom

Devon

WHO: Sacred Earth Camps offer sweats conducted Sun Eagle Heart (AKA Bethlehem Taylor), an alleged Rainbow Elder and Pipe Carrier, and Lodge-Leader Whispers-in-the-wind (AKA Sara Drew).

WHAT: Sweat Lodges

WHEN: June 13 –15, 2008

WHERE: Tiverton, Devon

COST: " Cheques payable to:- Sacred Earth

Please send to:- 3 Rainbows, Stoodleigh, Tiverton, Devon. EX16 9QQ

Now, let us begin to build the second teaching wheel. The wheel of the six directions - the wheel of the spirit Grandmothers and Grandfathers.

So, we now introduce another dimension which gives the wheel tension. This represents the dynamic of opposites - duality and our place as humans on the wheel of life.(left) The Polar Axis . costs 25 English pounds"

"3 Day Camps - £90 (Concessions £85)

4 Day Camps - £120 (Concessions £110)

One Day Sweat Lodge - £30

Includes good vegetarian Food

People faced with a long or difficult return journey may stay over until the Monday."

DESCRIPTION: " All the shamanic tools you need for personal empowerment and transformation. The four days, with two sweat lodges, allows us more time to explore the mystery teachings of the medicine wheels: Plugging energy leaks. Increased vitality and inner radiance equals increased heightened awareness. Earth energy healing alignments using the drum, connects us to the spirit."

Contact info:

Address: Rainbows, Stoodleigh, Tiverton, Devon. EX16 9QQ

Telephone: 01884 881467

Email:

Website: <http://www.sacred-earth-camps.co.uk>

Fax:

Crowborough

WHO: Eagles Wing Centre For Contemporary Shamanism

WHAT: Women's Sweat Lodge Ceremonies Spring and Shaman and Men's Sweatlodge Weekend

WHEN: June 21, 2008

WHERE: Hourne Farm, Crowborough, TN6 2SQ

DESCRIPTION:

COST: £150; Deposit: £50

Contact info:

Address: Eagles Wing Centre For Contemporary Shamanism

Steel Cross

Hourne Farm,

Crowborough, TN6 2SQ

Telephone:

Email:

Website:

Fax:

AUSTRALIA

WHO: Spirit of the Earth Medicine Society (SOTEMS)

NOTE: This is the group that was responsible for the negligent homicide of *Rowen Cooke in 2004*

Website: http://www.sotems.com.au/sweat_lodge.htm

Western Australia

Mixed Sweat Lodges

Every Thursday 6:30pm

Brad 08 9331 2461

Fremantle

Mens Sweat Lodges

Every Sunday 6pm

Paul 0414 224 269

Fremantle

Womens Sweat Lodges

First Friday of the month 6pm

Erycka 0419 332 558

Fremantle

Southern Australia

AT MCLAREN VALE

Women's Dark Moon Sweat Lodge 7pm

Contact Prue to confirm details

Prue 0419819089

McLaren Vale

Mixed Full Moon Sweat Lodge 7pm

Contact Prue to confirm details

Prue 0419819089

McLaren Vale

Weekly Mixed Sweat Lodges 5pm

Prue 0419819089

McLaren Vale

AT WISTOW

[Shining Woman Program](#)

Contact Deb Pezet for details

Deb Pezet (08)85363382

Wistow SA

[Women's Ceremonies](#)

Contact Deb Pezet for details

Deb Pezet (08) 85363382

Wistow SA

[Victoria](#)

PLEASE NOTE If the forecast temperature is 35 degrees Celsius or above the sweat lodge will be
Mixed Sweats 2007

Every Sunday at 6pm

First Sweat 2008:

3 February

Book on Sweat line 95135959

CERES

cancelled. Please check the weather forecast before coming.

Men's Sweat Lodge

First Monday of the month 7pm

First Men's sweat 2008:

4 February, 3 March, 7 April, 5 May, 2 June, 7 July, 4 August, 1 Sept, 6 Oct, 3 Nov,
1 Dec.

Book on Sweat line 95135959
CERES

Women's Sweat Lodge

First Thursday of the Month 7pm

First Women's sweat 2008

7 February, 6 March, 3 April, 1 May, 5 June, 3 July, 7 August, 4 September, 2
October, 6 November, 4 December.

Book on Sweat line 95135959
CERES

[Men's Initiation](#)

By Invitation 10 & 11 Nov 2007

Kamalesh

Mobile 0427224604

Bunyip State Forest

[Shamanism for Women](#)

Travelling the Worlds of Self

7-9 March 2008

16-18 May 2008

26-28 September 2008

21-23 November 2008

Residential Workshop

Phoenix Institute

95104264

Healesville

Shamanic Practice Workshop

10 & 11 May, 2008

Phoenix Institute

95104264

Healesville

Shamanism for Men

28 & 29 June 2008

Phoenix Institute

95104264

Phoenix Prahran

New South Wales

[Dynamic Shamanic Practice](#)

17-20 November

0417964703

Sydney

[Studies in Shamanic Practice](#)

Throughout 2007
Ralph Locke
Sydney

Queensland

Sweat Lodges
For details contact
Martin Kornaus
0410 286 746
Rocklea
Brisbane
Men's Sweat Lodges 6pm
First Sunday of the month
Contact Les to confirm details
Lez 0439494633
McLaren Vale

South Africa

WHO: Sunmoon Lodge

WHAT:

WHEN:

WHERE:

DESCRIPTION:

COST:

Contact info:

Address:

Telephone: Mobile: 082 927 9445

Email: leeaniyan@sunmoon.co.za

Website: <http://www.sunmoon.co.za>

<http://www.sunmoon.co.za/sweathut/index.htm>

WAIVERS

<http://www.sotems.com.au/pdf%20files/Waiver.PDF>

Offensive Sweats on Youtube

After Sweat Lodge Party

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UgXHjP2UAzE>

And

Beluga Day 2007

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nd0kJAJExgc>

Please join YouTube, rank low, comment and flag if you see fit.

Chi Miigwech for input from:

Debunking Debunkers Rule
Iktome Returns
Red Road Collective
The Smith family – Shameons Wall of Shame
Planet Twinkie
Mohawks Against Fauxhawks
Three Fires Cyber Warriors
Shaman Debunk
NAFPS
Nuage Tricksters
Stop the Gathering of One
And everyone else who helped out.

Heather

For an archive of articles of people who have passed away in sweat lodges over the last two decades go to my website:

www.ca.geocities.com/dont_pay_to_pray

***Weweni dibaajimon. Gego giiwanimoken!
Goji bima'adoon iwe anishinaabe bimaadiziwin, weweni anishinaabe
izhchigwewin.***