

*CENTRE FOR SHAMANIC ARTS
of the
Sweet Medicine Sundance Path*



Invites you to the

2012 EAGLE DANCE

June 2nd – 4th

at EarthHeart

Derbyshire, UK

Eagle Dance 2012

The Eagle Dance is a powerful ceremony of renewal that begins on Saturday morning with a Pipe ceremony. On Sunday, fasting through the day, we dance to the Tree of Life to connect with our higher vision and purpose, from dawn 'til dusk to the powerful rhythm of traditional chants. Once the sun has set, we have another sweat lodge and end the day with a feast of celebration.

We will be dancing for the 16th time this year in this beautiful Derbyshire valley. The land belongs to the EarthHeart Community who have generously welcomed us over the years. The very old sycamore tree that we have danced to for all these years is in the process of dying, so this year we will dance to a different tree of life on the land.

There is also the opportunity to be on the land in service of the dancing collective. Following the tradition of this path we affectionately refer to those in service as 'dog soldiers'. They are the keepers and guardians of the people, space and ceremony. Their role is vital, especially during the dance, providing practical support and protection. No experience necessary, but if you have completed your 4 dances for 3rd Gateway we ask you to consider this option of being in service. Please phone for further details if this is your choice this year.

We strongly urge you to arrive on the land on Friday morning to help with the preparation. If that is not possible for you then you must arrive no later than 10.00am Saturday morning. If you are not there you will not be allocated a lane and will not be able to dance.

Schedule

Thursday May 31st Leaders meeting 8pm prep crew also welcome

Friday 1st June Preparation starts - ceremonial and infrastructure.

We invite as many people as possible to arrive on Friday as there is much preparation to be done before the dance and this is an integral part of the ceremony. If you are able to, please arrive in time to have your camp set up ready to join prep crews at 2pm.

N.B. DOG SOLDIERS need to ARRIVE in time for an 8PM MEETING.

Saturday 2nd June: 10 am - Morning gathering circle. ALL participants must attend.

Continue preparation

Evening Sweatlodge

Sunday: 3rd June: Eagle Dance, Sweatlodge and Feast

Monday 4th June: Clear up the land. Closing ceremony.

You will be required to make careful preparations before the dance. Please read through all the directions in this information pack,

You must be on the land the whole time - we will be in ceremony from 10.00 am on Saturday until close on Monday.

UK Eagle Dance 2012

Costs:

Dancers £110.00 (£90 if you book and pay before 21/04/11)

Drummers £65.00

Dog Soldiers £30.00

N.B. Dog Soldiers need to arrive in time for a meeting 8pm Friday

Useful Contacts:

Co Dance Chief: Hokkshideh bundle	Pete Edwards	01433 651769	moonsnake@peec.fsnet.co.uk
Drum Leader, Plumes & Whistles, Land Prep	Steve Baker	0114 327 5005	pqrstevebaker@gmail.com
Drum Leader Registration &	Gill Eakins	0114 248 0524 07587 144 942	gill.eakins@gmail.com
Emergency contact	EarthHeart Community	01335 372712	

For further information please contact Gill – gill.eakins@gmail.com or phone 0114 248 0524 / 07587 144 942

If you are a drummer and want to drum at this dance please phone Steve 0114 327 5005 or Gill 0114 248 0524 / 07587 144 942 as soon as possible.

Preparations Before the Eagle Dance

Before the dance, you need to prepare the following:

1. Shield depicting your vision for the next year. A shield is normally made of something from the plant and animal worlds, e.g. a willow hoop and a leather base. Acrylic paints work well and are weatherproof.
2. Forked stick to be set in the ground to hold your shield. The 'V' of the fork should ideally be at the level of your heart when standing while the stick is planted 6 to 8 inches into the ground.
3. Hokkshideh bundle (contact Pete Edwards if you don't have one, on 01433 651769 well ahead of time. Cost £10).
4. SunDance Regalia comprising:
 - Long fringed skirt, mid-calf - ankle length
 - Sash or wide belt (without beads)
 - Ribbons to hang on your shirt (with safety pins) from both shoulders including: 4 direction colours (red, black, white, yellow) with (optional) the 'as above' & 'so below' colours (blue & green) or rainbow colours
 - Medicine blanket to carry over left shoulder
 - Eagle whistle and 2 eagle plumes (usually made of turkey 'ground eagle' bone and fluff) If you want to have these made, phone Steve Baker as soon as possible on 0114 327 5005
 - Phone Gill Eakins if you want any more information about the above.

About Camping

You are responsible for providing your own camping equipment. The venue offers very basic camping conditions. There will be no kitchen, dining area or showers.

We will have use of a compost toilet and water tap. We recommend that you get together in small groups to share cooking equipment and sheltered areas.

Communal tea/coffee and washing up facilities will be available.

Children

No formal provision is made for the care of minors. Any persons under the age of 16 attending must be properly cared for and supervised by parents or guardians at all times for the duration of their stay on the land.

If you are thinking of bringing minors to Eagle Dance please discuss this with Gill well in advance and BEFORE completing a registration form

Please DO NOT bring pets onto the land

What you need to bring (Check List)

1	Shield (completed!)	
2	Forked stick	
3	Eagle whistle	
4	Eagle plumes	
5	Corn paho (blue corn meal, available from Pete)	
6	Fringed skirt, sash, ribbons	
7	Medicine blanket/shawl (to drape over your left shoulder for the procession)	
8	Comfortable shoes to dance in	
9	Many layers of clothing for different temperatures	
10	Waterproof gear including wellies, a large umbrella is highly recommended	
11	Camping gear: tent, camping mat, sleeping bag, chair etc.	
12	Tarpaulin/plastic/bin liners to cover your things in the Dance Arbour	
13	Something to lie on/sit on in the arbour	
14	Torch	
15	Plate, bowl, mug & cutlery	
16	Cooking equipment	
17	Food and drink for Friday, Saturday & Monday	
18	Water container	
19	At least 6 medicine gift give-aways (gifts for sweat lodge dance chiefs, fire chiefs, door-guards, dog-soldiers and drummers) and tobacco give-aways	
20	Towels including sweat lodge towels	
21	Medicine gear if you have it, including bundles, smudge, etc.	
22	Number of Eagle Dances and SunDances you have done	
23	Medicine Pipe if you have one	

PLEASE NOTE: NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ARE ALLOWED ON THE LAND

REGISTRATION BOOKING FORM

Eagle Dance, May 2012

Please send:

1. Registration Form.
2. Medical Authorisation Form.
3. Waiver and Release Form and
4. Full payment by May 9th 2012 (we are not taking deposits again this year), to:

Gill Eakins, 4 Kirkcroft Lane, Killamarsh, Sheffield, S21 1BS

I wish to attend the Eagle Dance, June 2012 as a:

Please circle:

Dancer: Cost £110/(£90- prior to 26/04/12) Drummer: £65 Dog Soldier: £30

I enclose the full amount of £ _____
(Make your cheque payable to 'The Centre for Shamanic Arts')

Your registration Details:

Full Name:

Date of Birth :

Medicine Name:

Name and age of minors.....

Home Telephone No:

Mobile Telephone No:

Address:

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Post Code:

E-mail:

Special Dietary requirements for feast:

If you intend to travel by car please provide the vehicle registration no:

I need directions and map to the land sent with my booking confirmation ----- **yes/no**

I intend to travel by public transport ----- **yes/no**

And I will need local taxi firm contact details sent with my booking confirmation - **yes/no**

I intend to arrive on the land in time to do prep work at 2pm Friday ----- **yes/no**

OR (Please circle)

Please give approx arrival **time** and **day**.....

(N.B. Dog Soldiers need to arrive in time to attend a meeting 8pm Friday)

No of Eagle Dances attended as a dancer before this one:	
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No of Sun Dances attended as a dancer:	
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Signed:

Date:

MEDICAL AUTHORISATION FORM

Full Name:**Date of Birth :**

Medicine Name :

My role at the dance will be :

Dancer Drummer Dog Soldier Child Caretaker (please specify)

During the time on the ED land and during the dance there will be a medic for emergency treatments if needed. The medic stays in close contact with the ED leadership team and the healing team, who are the first contact place for any medical questions during the ED ceremony itself. Therefore it may be necessary that the medic passes on your information about health risks and serious illnesses to those people only. Towards any other participants of the dance, your information will be treated confidentially.

Please Circle as Appropriate any of the following conditions that apply to you:

High Blood Pressure	Yes	No	
Heart Disease	Yes	No	
Lung Disease	Yes	No	
Bleeding or Clotting Disorders	Yes	No	
Diabetes (Type I/II)	Yes	No	
Kidney Disorders		Yes	No
Hepatitis		Yes	No
HIV/AIDS		Yes	No
Psychiatric Disorders (Psychosis etc)	Yes	No	
Gynaecological Disorders	Yes	No	
Skeleton Related Diseases	Yes	No	
I have recently had medical surgery	Yes	No	
I suffer from allergies		Yes	No
I am pregnant		Yes	No
I wear contact lenses	Yes	No	

If you answered YES to any of the above, or need us to know other information please provide details here:

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Name of your G.P......

Tel No. of G.P......

I declare that I am over 18 years of age and that I am legally self responsible to make decisions about medical treatments for myself. I agree that my medical data are passed to the persons mentioned above.

Signature :

Date: **Place :**

Contact Person for Emergencies:

Contact Name: Phone:

ACCIDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM

Name of the Activity or Event: _____ Date of the Activity or Event: _____

I, THE UNDERSIGNED ASSUME ALL OF THE RISKS OF PARTICIPATION AND/OR VOLUNTEERING IN THE AFOREMENTIONED ACTIVITY OR EVENT, including by way of example and not limitation, any risks that may arise from negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities being released, from dangerous or defective equipment or property owned, maintained, or controlled by them, or because of their possible liability without fault.

I CERTIFY THAT I AM PHYSICAL FIT, have sufficiently prepared and trained, if applicable, for participation in the activity or event, and have not been advised to not participate by a qualified medical professional, alternatively medical advisor or other qualified person. I certify that there are no health-related reasons, or problems which preclude my participation in this activity or event.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM will be used by the event holders, sponsors and organisers of the activity or event in which I may participate, and that it will govern my actions and responsibilities at the aforementioned activity or event.

I ACKNOWLEDGE FURTHER THAT THE EVENT OR ACTIVITY IS MADE AVAILABLE FOR OPEN PARTICIPATION by me and I hereby take action for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns as follows:

1. I WAIVE, RELEASE AND DISCHARGE from any and all liability, including but not limited to, liability arising from the negligence or fault of the entities or persons released, for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft, or actions of any kind which may occur to me in travelling to, preparation for, execution of and travelling from this event or activity;
2. I INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS the entities and persons involved in the sponsorship and organising of the activity or event, whether caused by the negligence of release of otherwise;

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT the sponsors, volunteers and representatives of entities involved in the event or activity as well as their respective representatives and agents, are not responsible for any errors, omissions, acts or failures to act while in preparation for and/or conducting the event or activity.

I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT the activity or event involves a test of a person's physical and mental limits and although performed within the safety and confines of a supervised space, and by qualified personnel, that there is the potential for death, serious injury and property loss. The risks may include, but are not limited to, those caused by terrain, lack of facilities, temperature, weather conditions and personal health for which I have excluded (as above). These risks are inherent to both participants and volunteers.

I HEREBY CONSENT to receive medical treatment, which may be deemed advisable in the event of injury, accident and/or illness during the activity or event.

The accident waiver and release of liability shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under the applicable law.

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THE DOCUMENT, AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT AND I SIGN IT OF MY OWN FREE WILL

Print Name

Age

Signature

Date

PARENT/GUARDIAN WAIVER FOR MINORS (Under 18 years old)

The undersigned parent and natural guardian does hereby represent that he/she is acting in such capacity, has consented to his/her child or ward, whichever is applicable, participation in the activity or event, and has agreed individually and on behalf of the child or ward, to the terms of the accident waiver and release of liability as set out above.

The undersigned parent or guardian further agrees to save and hold harmless and indemnify each and all parties referred to above from all liability, loss, cost, claim, or damage whatsoever which may be imposed upon said parties because of any defect in or lack of such capacity to so act and release said parties on behalf of the minor and the parents or legal guardian.

Print Name

Age

Signature

Date