

CENTRE FOR SHAMANIC ARTS EAGLE DANCE 2024

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**Centre for Shamanic Arts  
of the  
Sweet Medicine Sundance Path**



**May 16-19 2024**

**Surrey, UK**

The Eagle Dance is a traditional and powerful ceremony. We dance to the Tree of Life from dawn 'til dusk, pulled by the powerful rhythm of traditional chants, to connect with our higher vision and purpose for the year ahead.

The ceremony begins on Thursday 16th May at 4pm with a whole camp gathering and we will then work together all day Friday to complete the build-up for the dance. If logistics allow, we will have a Purification Lodge on Friday evening (we'll confirm nearer the time). We dance all day on Saturday 18th and then, in the evening, we enjoy a ceremonial feast.

On Sunday we will all help with the take-down, leaving the land even more beautiful than we found it. We aim to be finished by midday on Sunday 19th May.

There is an opportunity to be on the land in service as a Dog Soldier. They are the keepers and guardians of the space, the ceremony and the people. They provide practical support and protection, especially during the dance. No experience is necessary. If you have completed 4 dances or you have never been to an Eagle Dance before, we invite you to consider this option of being in service.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

**No alcohol or non-prescription drugs are allowed on the land  
Please do not bring children or pets - this event is not suitable for either.  
Everybody needs to be on the land to register by 4pm Thursday 16th May 2024**



**Preparations Before the Eagle Dance** - before the dance, you need to prepare the following:

- **Shield** depicting your vision for the year ahead. 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
- **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 when the stick is planted 6 to 8 inches into the ground
- **Hokkshideh bundle** contact Pete Edwards well ahead of time if you don't have one. Cost £10
- **SunDance Regalia** comprising:
  - Long, fringed skirt, mid-calf/ ankle length
  - Sash or wide belt.
  - Ribbons to hang on your shirt, with safety pins, from both shoulders. You must have the 4 directional colours of red, black, white, yellow. If you wish, you can also add the As Above and So Below colours of blue & green, and/or all the rainbow colours not already included i.e. orange, green, blue, indigo and violet
- **Medicine blanket** to carry over left shoulder
- **Eagle whistle and 2 eagle plumes** these are usually made of turkey (aka ground eagle) bone and fluff ***If you need these please contact Pete Edwards ASAP - contact details below***
- **Corn paho** blue corn meal, available for purchase at the dance
- **Tobacco** Each person brings tobacco and a medicine gift for the Dance Chief. You may also wish to gift the Drum Team and Dog Soldier Team to honour the energy exchange
- **Purification Lodge gear** including medicine gifts and tobacco for DC & Fire Crew. You will be informed nearer the time whether there will be a Purification Lodge

**If you have any questions about any of the above**

please contact Pamela at

[deertribeuk@gmail.com](mailto:deertribeuk@gmail.com)

## **Accommodation**

**Camping** - You are responsible for providing your own camping equipment and food (other than the ceremonial feast on Saturday evening, which is provided). Please come with everything you need, or team up with friends to share tents, cooking, food etc.

Camping on site is included in the cost.

**House (limited spaces)** - Accommodation in the house is £25 extra per night. Accommodation is self-catering.

Hot drinks provided for campers and in the house.

## **Useful Contacts**

**Drum** If you are a drummer and would like to drum and sing at this dance please email or phone Gill [gill.eakins@uwclub.net](mailto:gill.eakins@uwclub.net) Tel: 0114 248 052404 / 07587 144 942 as soon as possible.

**Dog Soldier** If you would like to be a Dog Soldier, or to find out more about this option, please email or phone Pamela [deertribeuk@gmail.com](mailto:deertribeuk@gmail.com) Tel 07525 151 203 as soon as possible

**Hokshideh Bundles, plumes and whistles** If you need any of these, please email or phone Pete Edwards [moonsnakepe@gmail.com](mailto:moonsnakepe@gmail.com) Tel 01246 731355 as soon as possible

**Registration** To register for Eagle Dance 2023, please contact Pamela [deertribeuk@gmail.com](mailto:deertribeuk@gmail.com) Tel 07525 151 203

## **Costs**

The cost covers camping, organisation and infrastructure on EagleHeart land from Thursday afternoon until the finish on Sunday. It also includes the feast after the dance on Saturday. **NB No charge is made for ceremony.**

Dancer - £175

Drummer - £110

Dog Soldier - £75

Accommodation in the house (limited spaces) is £25 extra per night

**To book your place please contact Pamela at [deertribeuk@gmail.com](mailto:deertribeuk@gmail.com)**

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