

If We Build It Basic Information 2011

The following is simply some basic information and/or reminders in no particular order. This information is intended to clarify what we anticipate and to resolve any possible misconceptions in reference to the event. If any section of this "Basic Information" does not apply to you, please just disregard that section. Please do read this in its entirety, and as often as you need to.

As always please be sure to go over our **Event Fees and Rules Page** to keep updated on anything we may have left out. Thank you.

IF WE BUILD IT FLYER ATTACHED

The last page of this info pack includes one of our flyers for this year's If We Build It. If you know of anyone who may be interested in attending please feel free to share it with them. Also please feel free to print out flyers and drop them at your local Pagan hangout.

ARRIVAL/SET UP

Event Opens 12 pm on Friday April 15th 2011.

A few of our volunteer associates will be on site early to begin setting up for the event. There is a small booth at the entrance to the site where all attendees will be signing in, filling out registration forms and other such things prior to setting up camp. Please be prepared with your fees at the gate. The gate fee for attendance is \$35.00 per person for those who did not pre-pay. If you have previously pre-paid you will still need to stop at the sign in area and take care of all on site paperwork prior to setting up. Our usual plan is to have tents set up in a loose circle starting at the tree and working around back to the Balefyre area. You will be directed to this area to choose your camping space after registration.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering your time helps to enhance the benefits of an event like this and gives you the opportunity to be more involved. If you are interested in volunteering for anything please let someone know when you register.

ACTIVE ASSOCIATE AGREEMENT

Also during registration (and at any time during the event) we are making the new NC Pagans Outdoors Active Associate Agreement available to associates that would like to be more involved in all things NC Pagans Outdoors. For more information about this opportunity please visit: <http://ncpagansoutdoors.com/get-active/>

DISCUSSION TIMES

Instead of workshops at If We Build It 2011 we will be having group discussion times at scheduled intervals during the weekend. We request that upon registering each attendee add a topic suggestion to the pot.

SWAP TABLE

We are planning to have a swap table available. The idea is to bring things you no longer need or want (preferably of a Pagan based nature- i.e. books, altar supplies ritual gear/garb etc, etc). You leave your item and take an item to replace it, simple as that. **If you visit the swap table please make sure the leave an item if you take an item**

PERSONAL FIRES

Individual camp fires are allowed just be sure they are contained in some way and they are watched at all times. Please keep these fires small.

BATHING/HYGIENE

We are fortunate to have a site that has showers and flush toilets. Please be responsible when bathing and remember to respect others while using this area. Also please be respectful of these areas and clean up after yourself.

PHOTOGRAPHY/FILMING

Photography is welcome as long as you have permission from the people in the pictures. Please make sure that if you plan on publishing photos (even putting them on a personal website), that you have the ok from EVERYONE in the photos. (As we very rarely have time to take many photographs during the event, we greatly appreciate any copies, paper or electronic, sent our way.)

RITUAL GARB

All are welcome (and encouraged) to wear the garb of their preference or tradition, with ONE EXCEPTION...

SKYCLAD

NC PAGANS OUTDOORS EVENTS ARE NOT CLOTHING OPTIONAL.

Sarongs and kilts are allowed, please be aware of proper etiquette especially in large common groups and when children are present. Some people are offended by nudity, and we will have children attending.

RITUALS

All attendees are welcome to participate in ritual (optional).

Balefyre lighting ~ Friday evening • Hand fasting Renewal of Teresa and Chris Hansen Facilitated by Mama Beth ~ Saturday AM • Beltane ritual ~ Saturday • Balefyre dousing ~ Sunday afternoon

FOOD

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR OWN FEAST GEAR. WE DO NOT PROVIDE PLATES, BOWLS, CUPS, UTENSILS OR NAPKINS ETC... For this year's "[Tent to Table Potluck](#)" we will be sharing the foods we bring for the event as a community. Please refer to the above link to get a better understanding of this process. There is no common area being set up for food storage. Each group will be responsible for their own food, coolers, etc. Suggested meal times will be announced at the event. In storing your group's food items, please be aware that this is a rural area, and we may have wild animals lurking about. The kitchen will be available for use with the following limitations:

- Multiple campers using the kitchen at the same time must work out any arrangements on their own, and
- You clean the kitchen and take your dishes, food, etc. out as you leave.

FIREWOOD

We are asking that campers also bring some firewood so we can have enough to keep the Balefyre going all weekend. While we may have plenty of wood on site for this event, It is our intent to keep the fire going from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon and that takes quite a bit of wood. If each group brings three or four pieces, we should have enough to keep it going. In the event that any is left over, it will be left at the site for the next event.

INSTRUMENTS

Any of you musically talented folks are welcome (and encouraged) to bring your instruments. We will have time around the Balefyre in the evenings, and any other time you wish, so long as you are not disturbing other activities. You will be responsible for keeping up with your instruments.

WEAPONS

NO FIREARMS are allowed. Weapons, of any kind which are solely used as, or intended to be used as, weapons are banned from NC Pagans Outdoors events. This event is a peaceful gathering. Hatchets are allowed for the purposes of driving in tent pegs and cutting up deadfall wood. We will not be chopping down any trees. Hammers work just as well for driving pegs. Knives are also allowed, but if you intend to carry a large knife, sword or blade on your person, it must be [peace tied](#). Athames and blades designated strictly for ritual use are, of course, allowed, as well as any tools you wish to bring for personal ritual use. We **do not** consider guns to have dual purpose under these guidelines. Camp tools are of course welcome for the use that they are intended. Any attendee caught with a firearm in their possession will be asked to leave.

ALCOHOL

We do allow alcohol. We ask that if you bring alcohol, you drink in moderation and remain peaceful. Anyone causing problems due to drunkenness will be warned once and on the second occasion will be asked to leave. Also, please refrain from drinking until all children are bedded down, out of respect for them and their parents. Our site is located in a "dry" county, which means about a 20-minute drive to purchase beer and wine, and a little longer to purchase liquor. Please plan ahead and bring your beverages with you.

BASIC CONDUCT

NC Pagans Outdoors events are intended to be peaceful, spiritual, celebratory gatherings, for people of diverse but similar paths to meet and celebrate our mutual love of the God and Goddess. We expect everyone to be respectful of others. Likewise we expect that everyone attending this event will be respectful of the environment around them and the land we are using. There will be some people appointed as Wards (a.k.a. security) to help deal with unruly people should a situation arise. (We sincerely hope none do, and have not had any problems of this sort at our previous gatherings.) Anyone being disruptive will be warned once. Anyone continuing to cause problems after one warning will be asked to leave.

IDENTIFY PERSONAL ITEMS

Please identify personal belongings that may be in any shared areas, (ex. balefyre area, kitchen, bathrooms) so they don't get lost or mixed up with others' items. Labels with your name on them work well, as long as they stick well.

BALEFYRE CONDUCT

The Balefyre is a sacred (not multipurpose) fire, please treat it as such. This basically means do not put anything other than untreated wood in it. Please do not throw trash or cigarettes into the Balefyre. We ask that you please keep your conversations PG prior to children bedding down and at the most R rated after hours. If your conversation is becoming offensive, either overtly sexual or of a violent nature, you will be asked to change the subject. If you are asked more than twice to change your subject, you will be asked to leave the Balefyre area.

CHILD CARE

We will not have a designated child care area. At all NC Pagans Outdoors events we practice a Community Parenting ethic. What this means is a shared parenting experience. All of our parents, and likewise responsible adults, chip in time and responsibility for the children at our events. Please offer equal time for equal time if your children are watched by another parent while you attend any of the discussions. Anyone willing to take on child care for parents wishing to attend discussions would be much appreciated. Some things to keep children occupied will be provided (construction paper, glue sticks, washable glue, yarn, washable markers, crayons etc.), but you can never have too much of the basics, and we may be limited in some things (like safety scissors). We will also have some things like puzzles and coloring pages, but if you have any of your own please do bring them. If another parent or responsible person is watching your child please inform them upon retrieving your children, so that we don't have a child just "disappear." You can also write down any things that might be helpful should your child have problems and it might be a good idea to tell those responsible these tips also.

WATER FIGHT ZONE

The castle area is the designated water fight zone Friday afternoon/evening, all day Saturday, weather-permitting (it may still be a little too chilly for this event). Older children (and any adults wanting to participate) are encouraged to bring water toys (water guns, water balls, etc.). Permission to be in the water fight zone will be at the discretion of the parents. Those using the water fight zone are encouraged to keep it within the castle boundaries, but please be aware that if you walk by that area when water fights are in progress that you may get wet! There will be an adult or older child in charge of making sure the rules of the water fight zone are followed at all times and calling time outs for refills, etc. Rules are simple:

- Try to keep the water within the designated zone.
- Respect everyone using the zone.
- No extremely rough play.

Anyone not respecting the rules will be given one warning. After that, you may be asked to leave the water fight zone. If you are asked to leave twice, you will not be allowed back into the water fight zone for the remainder of the event.

PARKING AND DRIVING

Unless unloading or loading, please park in the designated area only. Driving is limited to the outer perimeter of the site. **Driving after dark is prohibited** except for designated event staff. Driving while intoxicated is strictly forbidden. If you are found to be driving under the influence you may have your keys taken, to be returned to you at the conclusion of the event.

LEAVE NO TRACE

NC PAGANS OUTDOORS strictly adheres to a "Leave No Trace" policy.

You will be responsible for your own trash. **This includes taking it offsite when you leave at the end of the weekend.** Everyone will be responsible for keeping their personal camping space neat and leaving it in as good, if not better, condition than it was before you attended. If you smoke, this includes your cigarette butts. We are planning to provide some large cans around the Balefyre for disposal of cigarette butts, but we only have a limited number of cans. Trash bags for your garbage will be provided although, please bring an ashtray or can for your area. ****We are required to take all trash with us when we leave the site on Sunday.** Any volunteers to help remove general event trash from the site will be greatly appreciated.

PETS

Pets are welcome, but they must be leashed at all times unless previously arranged with NC Pagans Outdoors staff prior to attendance. Please be responsible and do not engage your pets with others pets. It tends to be very hot and dry in the Foothills. Please make sure that your pet always has shade and water.

DIRECTIONS AND LOCATION

Elchenburg Castle
2239 Center Road,
Boonville, NC 27011
(Yadkin County)

***FROM Winston Salem / 421N**

Take the REAVIS RD exit, EXIT 259
RIGHT onto REAVIS RD
RIGHT onto OLD US-421. 0.6 mi
LEFT onto CENTER RD/ NC-1331 3.1mi
LEFT at the only castle on the left on a
gravel road (Willow Spring Lane / 2239
Center Rd Boonville, NC 27011)
Signs will be posted.

From Interstate 77

Take 421S
Continue on **421S and follow the
directions above.

****FROM Boone / 421S**

Take the REAVIS RD exit, EXIT 259
LEFT onto REAVIS RD
RIGHT onto OLD US-421. 0.6 mi
LEFT onto CENTER RD/ NC-1331 3.1mi
LEFT at the only castle on the left on a
gravel road
(Willow Spring Lane / 2239 Center Rd
Boonville, NC 27011)
Signs will be posted.

From the East or West

From Interstate 40, take exit to Highway
421N toward Boone and Yadkinville.
This road exits from I40 on the west side of
Winston Salem near the intersection of
Business 40 and Bypass I40. Continue on
*421N and follow the directions above.

CAMPERS CHECKLIST

We sincerely hope that you may find the following list of suggested items useful.

General Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tent | <input type="checkbox"/> Lanterns or flashlights | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillows |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hammer or Hatchet | <input type="checkbox"/> Bedding | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clothing changes for everyone | <input type="checkbox"/> Trash Bags | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Towels |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Matches or Lighter | <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel for Lanterns | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Repellent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby Wipes | | |

Food/Food Prep Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Coolers | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice | <input type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Foil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baggies | <input type="checkbox"/> Portable Grill or Propane Stove | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Charcoal and Lighter Fluid | <input type="checkbox"/> Paper Plates | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cups | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic utensils (forks, spoons, etc.) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other utensils (knife, etc.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pots and pans | <input type="checkbox"/> Salt/pepper |

Drinks

Food: **(Reminder this event is a “Tent to Table Potluck” please view the link in the food section of this info pack for a better understanding of what this ~ Thanks)**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mayonnaise | <input type="checkbox"/> Mustard | <input type="checkbox"/> Ketchup | <input type="checkbox"/> Bread |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cheese | <input type="checkbox"/> Sandwich Meat | <input type="checkbox"/> Chips | <input type="checkbox"/> Cookies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Lettuce | <input type="checkbox"/> Tomatoes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Milk | <input type="checkbox"/> Side dishes (i.e. potato salad, etc.) | | |

Hygiene Items

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Towels | <input type="checkbox"/> Washcloths | <input type="checkbox"/> Soap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Combs/Brushes | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrushes | <input type="checkbox"/> Toothpaste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deodorant | <input type="checkbox"/> Lotion | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shampoo/conditioner | | |

Children's Items

If you are bringing children, especially small ones, these are some suggested items you might want to bring for them.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Portable playpen | <input type="checkbox"/> Preferred toys |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating utensils (bottles, sippy cups, etc.) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diapers | <input type="checkbox"/> Wipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby food | <input type="checkbox"/> Snacks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juice | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water toys for water fight zone (for older children) | |

Miscellaneous

Some things that always come in handy.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Firewood for Balefyre | <input type="checkbox"/> Folding camp tables |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra camp chairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Craft items for children's area |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Glow sticks (helps others see you in the dark and they're fun too!) | |

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR IF WE BUILD IT 2011

(Note: An Updated schedule will be displayed and announced at the event)

Group Discussion Times will be announced at the event.

Friday April 15th

12:00 Noon ~ Registration Open/ Camp Set Up/ Volunteer Sign Up Open

Dinner meal (time to be announced)

Opening Ritual/Balefyre Lighting (time to be announced)

Sundown ~ Drumming/ Singing and General Revelry

Saturday April 16th (All times to be announced)

Until 9:30am ~ Breakfast

Shortly after breakfast ~ Handfasting Renewal of Chris and Teresa Hansen
Facilitated by Mama Beth

Lunch (time to be announced)

Main Ritual (time to be announced) Facilitated by Starrah

More time for Fellowship

Family Fun w/ Games (Frisbee, Football, Volley Ball etc.)

Dinner (time to be announced)

Sundown ~ Drumming/ Singing and General Revelry

Sunday April 17th (All times to be announced)

Until 12ish ~ Brunch and Family Fellowship

Closing Ritual/ Balefyre Dousing (time to be announced)

Teardown & Cleanup

Hot Weather Care Packages for the Homeless and Less Fortunate

NC Pagans Outdoors is (and tentatively other groups across the NC area) collecting items for care packages that will be distributed to the homeless during the months of July and August.

Please bring items you may have to add to this community effort.

Some suggested items are:

Hats or visors

Small bottles of sunscreen

Small tubes of zinc oxide

Small bottles of aloe vera gel

Small bottles of insect repellent

Umbrellas (not only for rain but personal shade too)

Bottled water

Gatorade drink mix packs

Some sort of healthy high-carb snack that is heat-safe, like granola bars.

Spritzer bottles

Water guns and small toys for children

Small battery-operated fans (batteries installed and some extras)

Light reading material or word search crossword puzzles and pens (something to do while sitting in the shade)

Oranges (high in vitamin C, water and electrolytes)

Mini-packs of baby wipes or hand wipes (they cool the skin and can be used for cleaning hands/faces too)

Washcloths or bandannas (can be wet down and used to cool off)

Naturally, If you have any other ideas for items to add to this list please bring and/ or suggest them.



Legend

1= Registration, 2= Castle and Water Fight Zone
3= Farmhouse/ Showers and Bathrooms, 4= Pavillion
5= Ritual Space, 6= Balefyre and Fellowship, 7= Parking

NC Pagans Outdoors

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If We Build It 2011

When? April 15th - 17th

Where? Elchenburg Castle

2239 Center Road Boonville, NC

~What's it all about?~

A Weekend Campout with Fun
& Fellowship for Pagan and
Earth-Centered Spiritual Family
with Intent toward Building
Harmony and Unity in the
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Rollicking Rituals
Dynamic Drumming
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