

## **Sowing Bliss Our Common Future**

*"How many city people remember, of their own accord, to chop wood – so that as soon as the weekend is over and they've gone home, the woodpile still exists?" – Faygele, "Elwha."*



Sowing bliss can sometimes be serious business.

Bliss is the accelerant which sparks the fire of revolution within; empowering us to spread that fiery consciousness of lovefilled transformation outward. Sustainability is predicated on an abundance of love – for ourselves, for our brothers, for all creatures. By gathering on the land, we recognize this place as a navel of the spirit, receiving the sustenance of bliss.

In 1987, the first major report and recommendations dealing with sustainability and climate change was published. A commission headed by former Norwegian Prime Minister Gro Harlem Brundtland released "Our Common Future" to wide acclaim. In it, the authors called for "development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs."

At this gathering, you're invited to consider how we – personally and collectively – can sow bliss on our land; so that others coming here can feel stirrings within their own treasure chests of love. Our needs are the same as the needs of others – food, water, shelter, love – all within the context of a sustainable society. As Radical Faeries, one of our missions is, as Harry Hay put it, to create spirit children of creativity and love, which can lead the physical children from the woods of ignorance and folly. It begins with sowing bliss for our common future.

Will you join us?



### ***What to expect***

As in some previous years, folks coming to this gathering will be invited to participate in a construction project. We're talking to Nomenus about ideas; and the project will be announced before the gathering. You're invited to help with the work, contribute money, or simply offer up your prayers and energetic support.

Many of us love SGRF for the chance to bond over a week on Faerie land, where we're free to inhabit and express our beings. The magic comes from caring for each other – getting each other to the land; planning, buying, and preparing food; washing dishes; maintaining safe and healthy spaces; and manifesting activities. Ideas include a mud ritual, workshops, massage tables, gay tantra, a talent show, and the Miss Wolf Creek contest. There will be a daily heart circle after breakfast.

And of course there'll be lots of faggot intimacy and faggotsex, because we're faggots.

### ***A Note on Intoxicants***

We invite you to be present with clear, focused consciousness. A consistent rule at Wolf Creek is no speed, meth, heroin, or cocaine. In the interests of being fully available to each other, and supporting those in recovery, we discourage drinking; and, especially, being drunk in public. If you choose to drink, please do so in the parking lot, or the privacy of your tent. The exception is libations night (should anyone choose to focalize that). If there is a libations night, a designated sober area will be set aside, and sober volunteers recruited to monitor everyone's safety.

### **General Information**

#### ***Date***

**The gathering this year is July 11-17.** Wolf Creek will be a closed container to accommodate faggot-only space. The land will be self-identified male-only space from July 1-20. Those coming early, please note that Sex Magick will be on the land from July 2-9, which is closed container – so only part of the land will be available to visitors. We encourage those coming early to help on Sunday get things ready for SGRF; and those leaving late to help clean up.

#### ***Cost***

No one is turned away for lack of funds; but please be aware that creating this gathering costs money. We ask that you donate at least \$35/day for the time you are on the land. Extra money

not only covers our expenses, but also helps maintain the sanctuary and its facilities. Please give more if you can; less if you can't.

### **Registration**

Please click:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16xiR4nyWbiMcBKX2YIi3IQd3ZXT7eW8dPI4xokG5Gk/viewform>

Your registration helps us plan buying food and other aspects of the gathering. Please indicate how much you will pay now, and how much later (either at the gathering or before).

### **Accessibility and Transportation**

Wolf Creek Sanctuary is located at 4525 Lower Wolf Creek Rd., Wolf Creek, Oregon, about 20 miles (32 km) north of Grants Pass. It is easily accessible by car; and with prior arrangement, rides from the Grants Pass Amtrak station will be available. We'll have decorations at the top of the driveway so you can find us. A link to Google maps is here: <http://goo.gl/maps/ecKzh>. Carpooling is encouraged and a ride share list can be found at <http://bit.ly/WC-rides>.



### **Facilities**

Wolf Creek is rustic 80 acre sanctuary in a rural area. There are pit and flush toilets scattered around the property and an outdoor solar shower. Because of water limitations, you are encouraged to keep showering to a minimum. Swim in the creek instead! We make our meals in a communal kitchen in the barn; with more intimate gatherings indoors in the Garden House. You are invited to tend or add to the many altars

located on the land; and to help out with the garden and the greenhouse. In the summer, rattlesnakes are around – be informed and aware.

Smoking is restricted to designated areas. Wolf Creek is extremely dry during summer months, and fire is a real danger – one which came close to destroying the sanctuary shortly after the 2013 gathering. Absolutely no fire, smoking, candles, or incense on paths or at campsites.

### **Accommodations**

There are tenting spots all over the land. There are no specifically designated areas, but be conscious of the presence of poison oak in and around wooded areas. You must bring your own gear. A limited number of cabins are available to those with special needs (request through the registration form *as required*). A limited number of spots for RVs and trailers are available. Be aware that larger RVs cannot make it over the train tracks crossing the driveway, so you may need to camp on the other side of the creek.

### **Meals**

Our kitchen queen, TBA, will need help. We are each responsible for feeding one another; and cleaning up. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided. If you have special dietary needs, please indicate on the registration form, and we'll accommodate as best we can. You're encouraged to bring food to share. Self-care is sexy, so please bring supplemental food if needed, especially if you have particular dietary needs, and we can help with preparation. Because of bears and other critters, do NOT keep food in tents!

For those with extreme food sensitivities which make it impractical to share space with the communal kitchen; please be aware that the kitchen in Garden House is available to prepare whatever special meals you require.

### **Communications**

You're invited to turn your phone and internet OFF. Be present here, now. If needed, however, there is (often spotty) cellular service on the land and the garden house has internet available.



### **Safety/Respect/Fae Ethos**

Our principles are simple: safety, confidentiality, and love and respect for one another, nurtured by heart-centred subject-to-subject consciousness. We are responsible for our own experiences, while respecting the dignity and enjoyment of others. Ask for what you need or want. Speak your truth with compassion. Be direct, be honest. Let your yes mean yes, and your no mean no. Consent is sexy. Different

faggots have different boundaries. Check-in and ask. Nothing is sexier than "yes, please." But above all, be kind and patient with one another. Note: Please take or post photos and videos with permission of the subjects.

### **Directory**

We are looking for volunteers to help assemble an on-line directory; and set up a photo booth at the gathering to take pictures for it.

### **Guidelines**

Please NO:

- Speed, heroin, meth, or cocaine—not in you, not on you, not in your car.
- Violence or intolerance.
- Fire, smoking, candles, or incense on paths or at campsites.
- Pets. For the safety and comfort of everyone at the gathering, please leave your dog at home. A kennel is available in Merlin, the next town south, where you can board your furry loved one. It is called Creekside Boarding, (541) 471-7144, ask for Donna.