

SAVANNA MOON MUSIC CELEBRATION

August 18-20, 2017

Let's create an amazing event this summer! If you are interested in the Savanna Moon Celebration or have already registered, this document will provide more information about the event. Our inspiration for this event is derived from the 40th and final Michigan Womyn's Music festival, our ongoing commitment to building compassionate communities, and our desire to share the healing energies of our homeland. We are a small production team with limited resources. We ask that you help us birth this event. Embracing a philosophy of-how can I contribute, how can I take care of my own needs and what can I let go of so that women with different lifestyles can all attend in peace-will go a long way toward creating a safe, nurturing and harmonious event.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What does "women only" mean?

The intention of our festival is to celebrate and foster all that is precious, powerful and mystical in women. We seek to provide a safe and healing space for women; a span of days to be in retreat from the sexist society in which we live. We expect all participants to honor this sacred space and to honor the other participants. It is not our intention to judge who is a woman and who is not. We invite women to name that for themselves.

If you are a woman drawn to creating a loving atmosphere for bonding, support and empowerment from past and current attacks on women, we welcome you to join our Savanna Moon Celebration. This is not a forum for debate and divisiveness, but a space for kindness and healing. We welcome those transgender women and genderqueer folks who feel that the healing and empowerment vision we describe meets their current needs.

I don't have much experience with singing or am shy – what can I expect from the singing and voice workshops?

No prior singing experience necessary! Barbara says "In every culture on the planet, people make sound together as a way to work cohesively, affirm connection, build courage, and cultivate joy. In a dominant culture that over-emphasizes the individual, many of us never experience the power of belonging and sense of flow that comes from joining with others."

All that is needed is a gentle curiosity and a willingness to experiment to discover joyful expression.

If I am brand new to drumming can I attend the workshops? Will I keep up?

Workshops are designed to be suitable for first time drummers through advanced drummers. Cynthia Lane has taught many workshops for drummers with different skill levels. This is an incredible way to start drumming – in a community of supportive women.

When can we arrive?

The event officially starts Friday the 18th, but to facilitate spending more time on the land and with each other, we are opening registration for early arrivals on Thursday the 17th at 2:00 p.m.

What are the camping facilities?

We will have three forms of camping available.

- 1) Most of the camp space is designated for tent camping, shaded camp spaces are somewhat limited and small tents will have more options for shade camping, beyond that there are lots of partially shaded or full sun spots to set up bigger camps.
 - 2) We have a limited number of spaces available for campers, vans, or popups that will **not** be using generators. No hook-ups, but water and portajanes are nearby.
 - 3) We have some space for RVs that **will** be using generators. We do not have hookups or portajanes in this area. It is about 400 yards down our gravel driveway from the RV area to the activities areas. Bicycles are a good option if you plan un camping here.
- ❖ There will be faucets and sinks where you can do dishwashing, get drinking water, brush your teeth, etc.
 - ❖ We will have Portajanes in a few locations on the land, including oat least one wheelchair accessible facility
 - ❖ We will have one shower with hot water available to attendees. However, there are lots of tree branches to hang a solar shower from and acres of sun drenched prairie to warm them.

If I am coming to join the celebration for the weekend but not attending the workshops, what is included in the \$85 ticket?

Your ticket will cover camping, Saturday night dinner, performances, DJ led dance party and opening/closing ceremonies. Of course there is always dancing to the drumming, wandering the prairie and bathing in the glow of sisterhood too!

What are the food arrangements?

Included in the ticket prices is the Saturday night community dinner. The vegetarian meal will be made from locally grown and prepared organic food, and will include gluten-free elements.

You will need to bring and prepare food for other meals. We will have an area set up with a tent and tables for you to use your cookstoves and store your coolers. If it is not raining, there are lots of nice places to sit on the lawn and eat. In case of rain, there will be space in the food tent and open pole barn to eat.

Differently-abled Sisters

The festival is on a rustic farm site with grass and gravel paths. We will save a number of campsites closest to the activities for women that are not able to travel the longer distances. There will be a wheelchair accessible bathroom in the core area of the activities zone. If you have special needs contact us and we will do our best to accommodate.

Are there hotel or B&B options to stay nearby?

There are a few hotels and B&B's in the area. Make reservations ASAP to reserve the event dates. The closest towns are Pepin and Stockholm. In Pepin there is *The Pepin Motel*, the *Great River Amish Inn*, and *A Summer Place B&B*. In Stockholm there is the *Spring Street Inn*. There are also several B&B's and listings on AirBnB near Pepin and Stockholm. One AirBnB house that just came online is a short drive to the farm, see "Beautiful Country Getaway" on Goatback Road.

Note: Some hotels across the Mississippi River may state they are only 1 or 2 miles from Pepin or Stockholm, but only if you have a big boat!

What type of vehicles are allowed on the land for traveling around beyond the designated car camping areas?

Any type of wheelchair (including electric) is allowed anywhere on mowed areas or trails. Bicycles and other non-motorized transportation are allowed on the main driveway, especially for travel to and from the RV area. No motorized vehicles are permitted in the workshop, camping or prairie trails areas. Cars must be parked in designated areas.

Since we will be camping, can we have campfires?

Because much of the land surrounding the festival/homestead is restored prairie and potentially very dry at this time of year, we need to limit campfires to the designated fire pit. All smoking will also be confined to a designated area. Because, while fire is actually good for the prairie, it would prove to be inconvenient during the festival ☺.

Ticket Refund Policy

- ❖ Tickets are refundable, minus a \$25 administrative fee, up to 30 days prior to the festival. Because this is an event we are producing on a shoestring, we ask the participant to consider a donation to help ensure the success of this event this year and into the future.
- ❖ Tickets cancelled up to 14 days prior to the event can receive a refund of 50% of the purchase price.
- ❖ Tickets are non-refundable less than 14 days prior to the festival.
- ❖ All tickets are fully transferrable to another woman. Simply contact the festival and provide the name of the new attendee.
- ❖ There are no refunds due to inclement weather or acts of the Goddess. This is an outdoor

event and will be held rain or shine. Women should come prepared for the elements.

❖ Any refunds will be sent post festival.