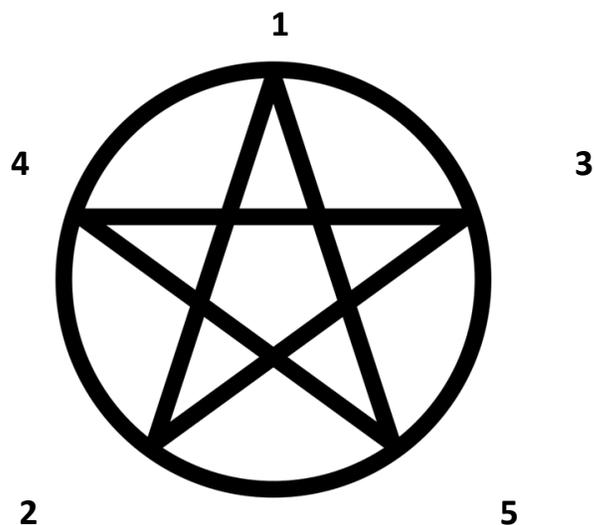


2019

Wild Ginger Organizing Collective

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Pentacle of Birth

1. Contemplation – Opened and attuned to yearning;
2. Conception – Saying yes;
3. Quickening – Immersion in the process: heightened awareness;
4. Transition – Surrender to the change;
5. Birth – Moment of arrival: dream realized.

Wild Ginger 2019

Pentacle of Birth:

becoming *the* world we seek



Wednesday June 12th - Sunday June 16th 2019

Pentacle of Birth

Becoming the World We Seek

Camp is coming up soon and we want to help you be as prepared as possible to spend a wonderful, powerful, magical time together.

If there is anything missing from this document that you would like to know, please send an email to WildGingerWC@gmail.com and we will do our best to answer you quickly.

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About Wild Ginger

Wild Ginger Witch Camp is held in Ontario, Canada. It is an annual 5-day camp based in the Reclaiming Tradition of Witchcraft. Wild Ginger is a multi-gendered and multi-generational community of people interested in earth-based spirituality, social justice, environmental justice, magic, and fun.

June 12 – 16, 2019 will be our 22nd camp and we can't wait to see you!

Wild Ginger Organizers gather 3 or 4 times during the year to plan the camp theme, intention, logistics, and camp policy. We meet in members' homes throughout southern Ontario. Sub-committees then plan rituals and paths that are inspired by the year's theme.



Reclaiming Principles of Unity

"My law is love unto all beings..."

- from The Charge of the Goddess by Doreen Valiente

The values of the Reclaiming tradition stem from our understanding that the earth is alive and all of life is sacred and interconnected. We see the Goddess as immanent in the earth's cycles of birth, growth, death, decay and regeneration. Our practice arises from a deep, spiritual commitment to the earth, to healing and to the linking of magic with political action.

Each of us embodies the divine. Our ultimate spiritual authority is within, and we need no other person to interpret the sacred to us. We foster the questioning attitude, and honor intellectual, spiritual and creative freedom.

We are an evolving, dynamic tradition and proudly call ourselves Witches. Our diverse practices and experiences of the divine weave a tapestry of many different threads. We include those who honor Mysterious Ones, Goddesses, and Gods of myriad expressions, genders, and states of being, remembering that mystery goes beyond form. Our community rituals are participatory and ecstatic, celebrating the cycles of the seasons and our lives, and raising energy for personal, collective and earth healing.

We know that everyone can do the life-changing, world-renewing work of magic, the art of changing consciousness at will. We strive to teach and practice in ways that foster personal and collective empowerment, to model shared power and to open leadership roles to all. We make decisions by consensus, and balance individual autonomy with social responsibility.

Our tradition honors the wild, and calls for service to the earth and the community. We value peace and practice non-violence, in keeping with the Rede, "Harm none, and do what you will." We work for all forms of justice: environmental, social, political, racial, gender and economic. Our feminism includes a radical analysis of power, seeing all systems of oppression as interrelated, rooted in structures of domination and control.

We welcome all genders, all gender histories, all races, all ages and sexual orientations and all those differences of life situation, background, and ability that increase our diversity. We strive to make our public rituals and events accessible and safe. We try to balance the need to be justly compensated for our labor with our commitment to make our work available to people of all economic levels.

All living beings are worthy of respect. All are supported by the sacred elements of air, fire, water and earth. We work to create and sustain communities and cultures that embody our values, that can help to heal the wounds of the earth and her peoples, and that can sustain us and nurture future generations.

Reclaiming Principles of Unity - consensed by the Reclaiming Collective in 1997. Updated at the BIRCH council meeting of Dandelion Gathering 5 in 2012.

Connection between Camps

Yahoo Group mailing list

You will have been added to the group if you checked the box when you registered. This group includes camp updates as well as events in communities where Wild Ginger Witches live, and offerings from community members. Please email us at WildGingerWC@gmail.com if you would like to be added to the mailing list.

Facebook

We maintain a closed group on Facebook. To join, search “Wild Ginger Witch Camp” and request to join. Note that while only members can see what is posted to the group, anyone on Facebook can see who belongs to the group.



When to Arrive

Registration opens on Wednesday at 3pm. We recommend that you arrive by 5pm. Check in at the registration table in the dining hall. You will register, create your name tag, let us know where you will be sleeping, & sign up for your breadwork shifts. Parents who have requested child care will meet with the child care workers. After registering you can find your dorm or set up your campsite, get oriented, take a swim and meet other witches.

The opening ritual is Wednesday night and the closing ritual is Sunday morning. The five rituals are connected in a ritual arc; you don't want to miss any of them.

This camp is an “intensive”, meaning you are intended to remain on site for the duration. This is how we create a solid container and build community.

New Camper Meeting

There is a gathering for New Campers at breakfast on Thursday morning. A special table is designated, usually in the dining tent, where new campers can gather with an organizer.

At the new camper meeting all of the new campers introduce themselves and have a chance to get to know each other and ask any questions they might have about camp. This is also a good time to find out about paths, bread work, affinity groups, optional offerings and other aspects of camp.

The New Camper organizer is available to answer questions as they arise during camp. Frequently they will check-in with new campers. Sometimes additional new camper meetings might be scheduled.

Orientation Meeting

This will be held after dinner on Wednesday. At the meeting we will review information about camp and there will be path presentations.

Parking

Please park in the parking lot in double rows, being careful not to block any vehicle from leaving at any time. Please *do not drive or park in the area on the left of the driveway; it is the septic field for Unicamp.*

If you are tenting you may be able to bring your car to the campsite to unpack. Some sites have parking space. Please refrain from driving past the dining hall once camp has begun.

During Camp

We encourage you to immerse yourself fully in the magic of camp. Disconnect as much as you are able from your home life. Keep cell phone use discreet and only when needed.

Bread Work

Every camper is asked to contribute to the smooth running of camp by signing up for, and doing, three Bread Work shifts. Campers are expected to sign up for 3 shifts .

Bread Work shifts include either set-up before or clean up after meals. Campers will sign up for their bread work shifts at registration. It is suggested that each camper sign up for one set-up shift and two clean up shifts.

PLEASE make a note of your shifts (on the back of your name tag is a handy place to write this) and be sure to show up to do them. This ensures that all campers (and organizers) contribute to camp. Thank you!

When to Leave

A closing ritual is planned for Sunday morning and lunch will be served after the ritual. Some breadwork and clean up duties will remain to be done after this. If you have committed to these tasks, please do not forget! Please plan to stay late enough to complete your breadwork shift if you sign up for Sunday lunch prep or cleanup. Please sweep your cabin and return it to the condition it was in when camp began. Most campers leave soon after lunch, or sneak in one last swim before hitting the road.



About Unicamp

Water and Electricity

All the water at Unicamp is potable so feel free to drink from any taps. The camp uses solar panels for electricity.

Showers

We have private outdoor showers, offering the experience of showering under the warmth of the sun or the energy of the stars!

Beaches

In the spirit of tolerance and freedom Unicamp maintains two beaches, a clothing optional beach (Bob's Beach) and a clothing required beach. Appropriate dress is required in all other areas of camp at all times.

Trash

Please be mindful of depositing all refuse into the correct containers. Try to bring as little garbage as possible with you to camp. Live lightly!

Swimming

Swimming is not supervised so please swim with a friend and use your best judgement. Your children are your responsibility at all times.

Candles and Smoking

Candles are not permitted in the cabins. A smoking area is designated near the Admin building.

Fire Circle

We have designated Fire Tenders who keep our ritual fire stoked and feisty. Please talk to them if you wish to help with stoking, tending or gathering wood for the fire.

Late Night Gatherings

As part of taking care of yourself and taking care of each other, please be mindful of the needs of your cabin mates and other campers. There are many areas at camp that have enough distance from the cabins to allow those who need to rest their space. The Dining Hall and the deck outside are always open for conversation.

Lost & Found

Any Lost or Found items can be brought to the dining hall. Please check there if you have lost something.

Magic Market

On Saturday during the optional offering time slot we will be holding this magical event where you can support the artists who are part of our community

Raffle

Make sure to bring a little extra money to buy tickets for our raffle! The raffle is always full of wonderful items such as tarot, candles, artwork, clothing, ritual wear, jewellery, herbal body products, musical instruments, and other witchy treasures. All campers are invited to bring new or gently used treasures to support our scholarship fund. Thanks to your generosity, we have never had to turn down a request for assistance. If you have something that you would like to donate, please bring it to the dining hall where there will be tables dedicated to the raffle. Our raffle is created by donations from all campers.

Swap Shop

Do you have books, clothes, magical items, jewellery that you no longer use? Is it something another camper might enjoy? Our swap shop has seen costumes, hats, dresses, and ritual garb. Keep in mind that Wild Ginger is an all ages camp! The Swap shop is a relatively new initiative at Wild Ginger and one that is becoming a fun way to circulate treasures.

Kids Raffle

For the witchlets at camp we have our own special raffle where each person gets a prize. So if you have child friendly items please donate them to the kid's raffle.

Scholarships

Wild Ginger's scholarship fund grows through the generosity of camper donations, proceeds from the raffle and vending fees.

Work Exchange

Work Exchange is another energy exchange that we offer whereby people help with camp tasks in exchange for a reduced camp fee. Work exchange opportunities include helping coordinate meal times, fire tending, camp set up and clean up. This is one of the ways we offer that can help make camp more affordable.

This Year's Camp Intention

Pentacle of Birth

Becoming the world we seek

Camp Paths

What is Path?

Path are small group workshops, offered by co-facilitators from the organizing team or the camp community. They have a theme or focus and are a time for you to explore some concepts, skills or growth. Some years paths are closely connected to our camp theme, other years more loosely. You will meet with your path in the mornings from Thursday through Saturday.

2019 Paths

“Limitless Belonging” The mystery surrounds and loves us, would we but count ourselves in. With Tyr and Amalthea

“Birthing the World We Need:” Developing the Skills of Kind Inference, Reflexivity and Revolutionary Love With Sage and Selchie

“Ritual Energetics” With Anna and Strix

Path for children and children at heart”. (all ages path) With Chameleon and Camlin

Into the Cauldron of Transformation: Creative self expression through earth spirituality With Sophia, Amber and Sharon Rose

Unpath Do you hear a different call than the ones listed above , come to unpath where you can dive deep into your own explorations in cocreated sacred space . With Sandra Willow

This year once again paths will be acknowledging the elements as part of our rituals .

Wild Ginger 2019 Schedule

Wednesday June 12th

3:00 Registration dining hall
5:15 Dinner Circle Up / Getting to Know You
6:00 Dinner
7:00 Camp Orientation
8:30 Opening Ritual Post Ritual Snack



Thursday June 13th

8:00 Breakfast
9:30 - 12:00 Path work
12:30 Lunch
2:00 - 3:00 Affinity Group
3:00 - 5:45 Free Time / Optional Offerings
5:45 Circle up
6:00 Dinner
8:00 Ritual Post Ritual Snack

Friday June 14th

8:00 Breakfast
9:30 - 12:00 Path work
12:30 Circle up / Lunch
2:00 - 3:00 Affinity Group
3:30 - 5:45 Free Time / Optional Offerings
5:45 Circle up
6:00 Dinner / Raffle
8:00 Ritual Post Ritual Snack

Children's and All Ages Path

Children and their parents have number of options open to them during path time. Each path will say whether their planned activities will be suitable for younger campers. Some years, there is also a special Children's Path. The difference between these is that the Children's Path is child focused. Feel free to ask the path leaders if you have questions about their path plans and whether they might be appropriate for you and your children.

Events/Offerings

Optional Offerings

Camp is made richer by all of us participating and offering to the community. Optional offerings are a prime example. There is time designated each afternoon for campers to offer workshops or magical workings, to facilitate discussions or share skills. In the past, we have had dance workshops of all kinds, yoga, chant exchanges, rituals to the beloved dead and other rites of passage, death cafe...the sky's the limit. All campers are welcome to sign up with their offerings. The sign up sheet will be in the main dining hall.

Affinity Groups

Each afternoon there is the opportunity to gather with an affinity group. These are small groups who support and witness each other through our camp experience. These groups are an important part of the camp, as it gives us a chance to talk and process through our experiences in path, ritual, or anything we may want to work through. Groups are chosen at random on Thursday at 2pm and you meet with that group each afternoon.

Some guidelines for Affinity group:

- Each person is given the chance to speak. Depending on the size of your group you may want to have a timer on hand to make sure the time is divided equitably.
- Members of the group actively listen and witness their sharing.
- Thoughts, feedback, discussion are not generally the practice, but can be shared with the consent of the speaker within the circle or at another time.
- Confidentiality: What is said in the circle, stays in the circle.

Taking Care of Yourself

It is important that camp is a growing experience but that you take good care of yourself. Make sure to take care of your body (drink water, wear sunscreen, sleep and nap when you need to), heart (find a friend to talk to, attend and support your Affinity Group members) and each other

Children at Camp

Child Care

Wild Ginger is a child-friendly camp. While children are valued and welcomed into camp, not all paths, rituals and spaces are suitable for them. We offer child minding, led by experienced caregivers, during ritual, path, and affinity group, throughout the week.

Child Care Guidelines

- The child minding area is located in the common area of Nellie's cabin, and children can be dropped off/picked up at that location. Caregivers may take children to other areas of Unicamp for play. **Children will not be taken to the beach**
- Child care is available during the ritual, path and affinity group. Specific hours will be posted on the door of Nellie's cabin. Please pick your child up as soon as ritual/path/affinity group is over. Our rituals extend into the later evening, and while there is often drumming and dancing after ritual, we cannot extend child care beyond the length of the ritual itself.
- When you arrive at Nellie's for drop off, you will be asked to sign your child in. In order to ensure that all children remain accounted for at all times, children must remain with the child minders after drop off, until they are signed out by a parent or someone you have designated in advance. Because we are working with larger numbers of children of varying ages, children will not be permitted to leave or wander by themselves.
- Please provide the child minders information about your approximate location at the time of drop off, in case you need to be reached.
- Parents are responsible for their children at all times and are asked to remain at Unicamp while their children are being cared for.
- Please notify the caregivers in advance of any allergies or medical conditions that may affect care. Child minders are not authorized to administer any medication, except in the case of life-threatening allergies.
- Children will be offered fruit and water for between-meal snacks. There is a small fridge in Nellie's for storage of bottles and/or baby food if required. If possible, please send a water bottle with your child.
- Diaper changes will take place as needed. Please send diapers, wipes and a change of clothes for children in diapers. There is a bathroom for hand washing in the cabin.
- For the safety and enjoyment of all children, access to the child care space, equipment and materials will be limited to the hours of care.
- If you have any questions, ideas or concerns, please speak to the child minders or child-care coordinator.

Wild Ginger 2019 Schedule

Saturday June 16th

- 8:00 Breakfast
 - 9:30 - 12:00 Path work
 - 12:15 Circle up / Lunch
 - 2:00 - 3:00 Affinity Group
 - 3:30 - 4:45 Magical Market
 - 5:30 Circle up
 - 6:00 Dinner / Raffle
 - 8:30 Ritual
- Post Ritual Snack & Talent Show



"Side effects include, headache, dry mouth, muscle fatigue and turning into a frog."

Sunday June 17th

- 8:00 Breakfast
 - 9:30 Cabin cleanup
 - 10:30 Ritual
- Lunch

Farewell Sweet Witches



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What to Expect at Camp

Camp Values

Confidentiality

In order to maintain strong boundaries for our magical cauldron and to protect the privacy and safety of campers and the living entity that is Wild Ginger Witch Camp, you agree to protect the privacy of other campers by not sharing your experiences, photos, and stories of camp unless you have received prior permission from anyone who might be identifiable in your sharing. “What happens at camp, stays at camp.”

If you plan to publish articles, blogs or pictures of Wild Ginger in mainstream media (i.e. other than personal social media) please contact the organizers at WildGingerWC@gmail.com before camp.

Drug and Alcohol Free

Wild Ginger is a drug and alcohol free camp.

Sustainable Feedback is:

1. Given with Permission
2. Speaking for oneself
3. Given in a timely manner
4. Specific and Clear
5. Focused on something that can actually be changed
5. Intended to enrich and support the work
6. A two way street

With thanks to Donald L. Enstrom-Reese. Full article here:
http://wearewalkinginbeauty.org/Walking_in_Beauty/Sustainable_Critique.html

Ritual Feedback

Ritual Feedback for the previous night’s ritual is held during lunch on the next day, in the big tent. This is open to all. We often hear from the Deep Witness at ritual feedback. We invite everyone to attend and offer their feedback about the ritual and hear from others’ experiences.

Deep Witness

A special role that we have at most of our evening rituals is that of the Deep Witness. You may see them sitting off to the side of the main ritual space draped in a cloak or scarves with a “tender” sitting beside them. This priestess is experiencing our ritual from a trance state to see our ritual from an energetic perspective. It is important that you allow them space and do not approach them directly during ritual. They will be communicating through their tender and offering their insights to the camp at Ritual Feedback table during the next lunch.

Camp Life

Accommodations

Dorms

Unicamp’s dormitories have two sides, each with 3 bunk beds for up to six people. Some include a double bunk bed for couples or parents with small children. There is a central shared washroom in each dorm. Cooking is not permitted in dorms.

Camping

Unicamp’s sites are large and beautifully landscaped, most suitable for tents and trailers, with some walk-in sites for tents only. Trailers must not exceed 20 feet and generators are not permitted. Some hydro sites are available. Maximum three tents and six people per site.

Please check the map upon check in. We ask that you let us know where you will be camping, in case we need to find you.

Meals and Snacks

Meals are lovingly prepared by our cook Alta who makes a wonderful menu of omnivorous food. If you have food sensitivities, please indicate this on your registration form, or contact our registrar (WildGingerWC@gmail.com) before camp to ensure that proper arrangements are made for you before your arrival at camp. A snack, including protein is provided after ritual.

You may want to consider bringing some snacks or special food such as nuts, protein bars, apples or other favorite treats from home to make sure that you have what you need during your time at camp. Please bring them in a container that cannot be eaten through by any of our forest friends. Please be aware that the **dining hall and kitchen are nut free zones** as there those with allergies at camp.

