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KITHAKA DUN SCHEDULE 2024



Programming	Meals	Rites	Spicy	Workshop Track
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FRIDAY

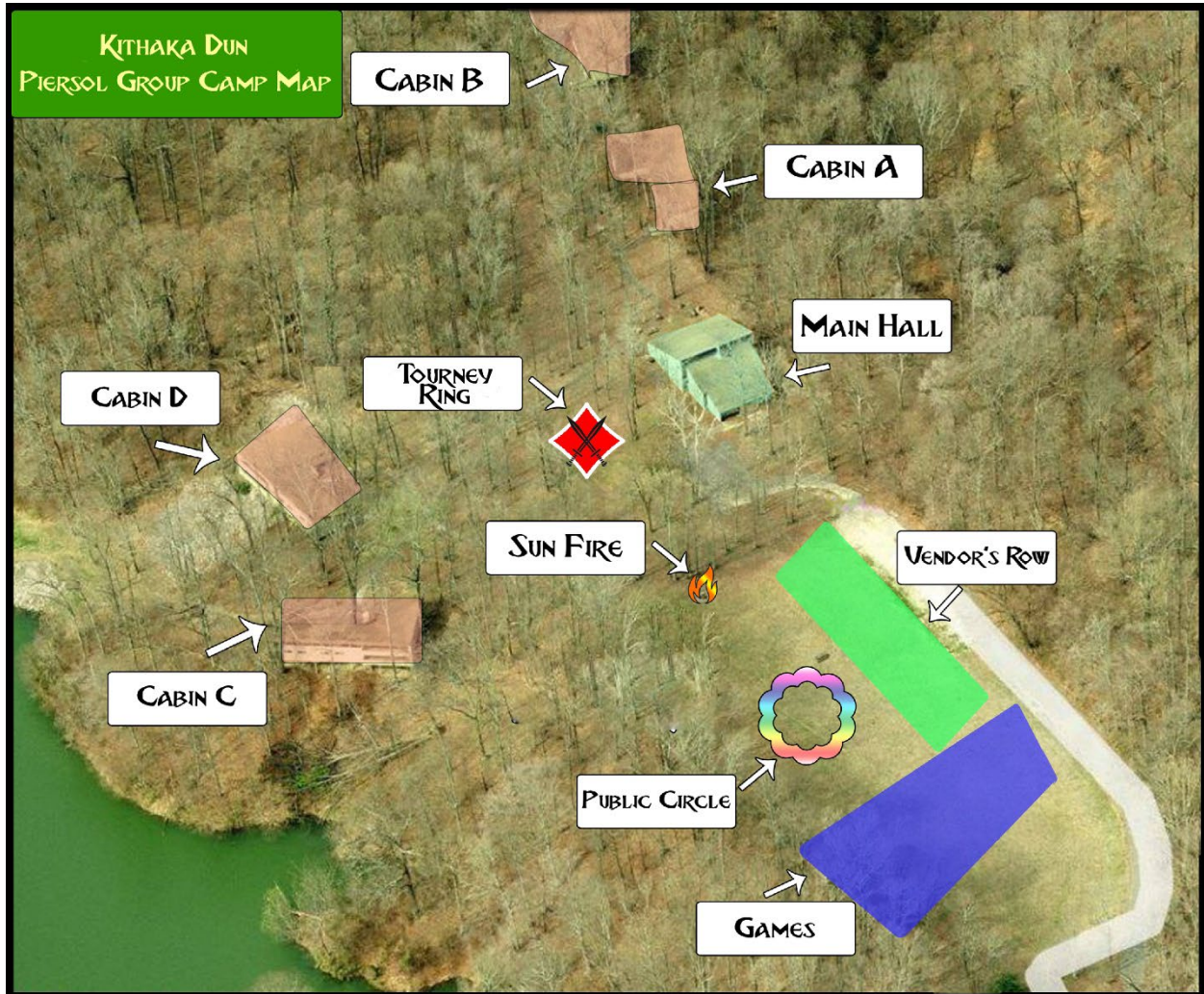
2:00 PM	Doors Open- Registration	Main Hall
2:30 PM	Opening Fire Rite	Sun Fire
4:15 PM	Spellcasting 101	Triangle Room A
4:15 PM	Sword Demo with Mythos	Tourney Ring
6:00 PM	Dinner	Main Hall
7:30 PM	Gathering and Story for the Wild Hunt	Main Hall Porch
8:00 PM	Wild Hunt Rite and Wicker Man	Public Circle
9:00 PM	Pop Culture and Paganism	Main Hall
9:00 PM	Finding Your Dragon Meditation with Tim Rickman	Sun Fire
9:00 PM	Astrology and Stargazing	Triangle Room A
10:15 PM	Open Divination and Gaming	Main Hall
10:15 PM	[18+] Beltane Rite with Bifrost Coven	Triangle Room B
10:15 PM	[18+] Shibari, Knot Magic, and Self-Care with Polly Popjoy and Harley	Triangle Room D
12 Midnight	[18+] Primal Play	Triangle Room D

SATURDAY

7:00 AM	Morning Ritual with Paladin Gabriel	Sun Fire
8:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast	Main Hall
9:30 AM - 11:45 AM	4th Annual Delta Highland Games	Field
9:30 AM	Cast & Chat with Krysten Mercury	Main Hall
9:30 AM	Mythos Jeopardy!	Triangle Room A
10:45 AM	Dragon Lore with Tim Rickman	Main Hall
10:45 AM	Your Own Personal Constellation	Triangle Room A
12:00 PM	Lunch	Main Hall
1:30 PM - 3:45 PM	Sword Tournament	Tourney Ring
1:30 PM	The Moonlit Path: Ethics of Balance in Paganism with our Guests and Leaders	Main Hall
1:30 PM	Dancing the Fairy Circle: Fae Magic 101	Triangle Room A
2:45 PM	[18+] OTO Rite	Triangle Room D
2:45 PM	Jewelry Making Workshop	Main Hall
5:00 PM	Kithaka Dun Main Rite	Public Circle
6:00 PM	Warrior's Feast	Main Hall
8:00 PM	The Handfasting of Tim and Chey	Main Hall Porch
8:30 PM	The Unseelie Masquerade Ball	Main Hall
~10:15 PM	Open Divination and Gaming	Main Hall
10:15 PM	[18+] Upon the Altar: Pleasures of the Flesh	Triangle Room A
12 Midnight	Primal Howl	Public Circle

SUNDAY

8:00 AM	Breakfast	Main Hall
9:15 AM	Reiki Share	Main Hall
9:15 AM	Storytime and Coloring for All	Main Hall Porch
10:30 AM	Closing Fire Rite	Main Hall Porch
11:00 AM	Vendor's Row Closed - Checkout	



Programming

Friday 4:15 PM - Sword Demo with Mythos- Let's open May Day with a bang! Join our local Mythos group for sword demonstrations with boffer weapons. Come brush up before the Sword Tournament, or just enjoy the ability to beat up your fellow attendees!

Friday 4:15 PM - Spellcasting 101- It's easy to talk about being pagan, but a little harder to get down to the practical magic. Join Corinne for a primer on Spellcasting, including spell components, preparing spaces, and safety. Walk away with a recipe for your own Black Salt!

Friday 9:00 PM - Finding Your Dragon Meditation with Tim Rickman - The High Priest of Apple Oak Grove will guide you through an inner journey to find and communicate with your own personal dragon. Come ready to be comfortable and meditate.

Friday 9:00 PM - Pop Culture and Paganism - Hey, listen up! Phillip and Gena are hosting a super cool panel discussion on the wild connections that can be made between pop culture and spirituality. You know, those movies, shows, and books that we all love? Turns out, they can have a profound impact on our spiritual journeys. Phillip and Gena have seen firsthand how pop culture can transform our practices. From the wise teachings of Yoda to Rachel Smythe's creative take on Greek mythology, we can learn and grow through our fandoms. So come on, join us for this open-minded discussion, and let's explore how pop culture can feed, influence, and foster our spirituality. It's gonna be a blast!

Friday 10:15 PM (18+)- Shibari, Knot Magic, and Self-Care with Polly Popjoy and Harley Hefner - Tying isn't only for the bedroom! It can also be healing or a part of magickal practice. Join Polly Popjoy, our Guest of Honor, and Harley Hefner as they do a hands-on demonstration and discussion of all things rope. Consent is critical, but opportunities will be provided to experience Shibari for yourself.

Friday Midnight (18+) - Primal Play - Primal play is a part of the Primali path, but this is open to anyone 18+. Be ready to hit the mats - exercise wear is acceptable. No nudity, no sex, just primal energy.

Saturday 9:30 AM - Cast & Chat with Krysten Mercury - Come join a witch's workroom roundtable. We'll be making Spell Jars while chatting about the growing time - growing in paths, growing communities, and growing your magick. Bring any special ingredients you wish to add, but basics are provided.

Saturday 9:30 AM – [Children’s Event] – Rainbow Story and Craft Time! - Hey, kids of all ages! Get ready for some rainbow fun with Gena! Do you know the cool story about the Rainbow Serpent? Do you know what the color indigo means? And guess what, you'll even get to make your own rainbow crown! Storytime, crafts, and games are all part of the plan. Everyone's invited to join in on the fun. Just a heads up for parents: if your little one needs extra help, we kindly ask that you stay and assist them so that Gena can give everyone her full attention. Don't worry about craft supplies, we've got that covered!

Saturday 9:30 AM – Mythos Jeopardy – Mythos Jeopardy is back! Come test your mythology trivia know-how with Allen and Aaron! Free candy and bragging rights to the winners. So come show us that you know the difference between Lady Rainbow and the Rainbow Snake.

Saturday 10:45 AM – Dragon Lore with Tim Rickman – Join the Pendragon as he introduces you to the world of dragon magic – how dragons created the world, humankind, and magic. The storyteller will tell stories of his interactions, and how you can tap into the magic of dragons as well.

Saturday 1:30 PM – The Moonlit Path: The Ethics of Balance in Paganism – Light and dark magic, candles in the dark, and hidden knowledge. Paganism tends to have different ethical systems than more conventional Abrahamic paths. Join a panel of our Guests and Leaders for a discussion of the harder edges of magickal practice and morality systems that lie on the left-hand paths.

Saturday 1:30 PM – Dancing the Fairy Circle: Fae Magic 101 - Come with us on a journey through the fairy circle as we learn the wonders of sagely working and communicating with the fae. Though this will be just the beginning, there are still many wonders to learn, how to make offerings, rules to abide by, and ways to incorporate fairy magic into your own practice.

Saturday 10:15 PM (18+) – Upon the Altar: Pleasures of the Flesh - In the dark, we explore the pleasures of the flesh, both culinary and carnal. Bring a partner or two, bring your gods, bring yourself. We will traverse the world of aphrodisiacs as we embark on a journey of relationship, connection, trust, and intimacy. Libations will be provided and enjoyed, and we will gain a deeper understanding of ourselves and how we interact with the divine, our partners, and ourselves through sensual energy.

Saturday Midnight (18+) – Primal Howl – Sometimes, you just need to howl at the moon, or

scream at the stars. It's time to let go of all those things that have been building inside. Sean Akins leads us in a midnight howl and primal scream designed to help us release our inner turmoil in the most primal of ways. Hot cocoa and cookies afterwards in the Main Hall!

Sunday 9:15 AM – Reiki Share – Join us at the end of the weekend for a sharing of Energy to lift and rejuvenate our spirits. Kit will lead a healing circle and teach some basics of Reiki and Energetics.

Workshop Track

This year's Workshop Track features four new workshops for hands-on learning and experience. Youth or Adult badges required unless otherwise noted.

Friday 9:00 PM – Astrology and Stargazing with Elder Nicky – Elder Nicky leads us in some basic Astrology knowledge – how to read a birth chart and what the stars can mean to us. Stargazing is a component of this workshop, as Nicky will guide you to read the sky in a personal way.

Saturday 10:45 AM – Your Own Personal Constellation – As we look to the night sky, we see many groups of stars telling stories – some stars, a story of one. Astrology gives twelve stories of human trends, but what about a picture of You? Join us as we help each other create our own individualized starmaps and stories – materials provided.

Saturday 2:45 PM – Jewelry Making – Join one of our Traveling Tinkers, Aerafel, and Allen Night as they teach you the basics of jewelry-making for fun, faith, and profit! They'll be covering tools, equipment, and technique with a hands-on method that will leave you with a pair of earrings or a necklace charm of your very own!

Sunday 9:15 AM – Storytime and Coloring for All – Coloring isn't just for kids! Appease your inner child with coloring and juice while listening to tales from mythology with Elder Nicky. Part of caring for your Self is seeking wisdom in times of pure, uncomplicated joy. All ages are welcome.

Rites

Friday 2:30 PM – Opening Fire Rite – Welcome the Fire Festival by helping bless the campsite – we'll be lighting the flame of the Sun Fire for the weekend!

Friday 7:30 PM – Gathering and Instruction for Wild Hunt – Come hear a brand-new story, bedeck yourself with glowsticks, and step through the smoke before we head out to the

Wild Hunt.

Friday 8:00 PM – Wild Hunt and Wicker Man – Join us for our 4th annual Wild Hunt! The Hares have hidden the sun, and the Hounds must bring him home. We will burn the Wicker Man to welcome the Spring and bring back the day. Glow sticks are provided, all mobility levels welcome.

Friday 10:15 PM (18+) – Beltane Rite with Bifrost Coven - Gardnerian is a British Traditional Wicca created by Gerald Gardner in the 1950s. This is a closed tradition, but Bifrost will be leading an open court Beltane ritual to connect with fertility and growth. Gardnerian rites are highly structured and focus worship on the duality of the Lord and Lady.

Saturday 7:00 AM – Morning Tree Journey with Paladin Gabriel – Join us at the fire first thing in the morning for a wakeup journey to find your roots and meet the warrior within.

Saturday 2:45 PM (18+) – OTO Gnostic Mass – Liber XV, the Gnostic Mass, is the central ritual, public and private, of Ordo Templi Orientis. It is a participatory Eucharistic ritual in which a small cake and chalice of wine are magically identified as the "Life of the Sun" and the "Joy of the Earth". Attendees are expected to participate in the ritual. A brief overview of participation will be made just prior to the ritual.

Saturday 5:00 PM – Kithaka Dun Rite – Join us this year for the Ritual of the Firstborn Army, where we will anoint ourselves as warriors in the dark, bless our weapons, and joyously jump the fire into the new year!

Sunday 10:30 AM – Closing Fire Rite – Extinguishing the fires of a festival is a moment that should be marked, and so we will. Join our Kitchen Witch Kieran as they bless us all and send us on our way.

Special Events

May Court

Over the course of the weekend, we'll be crowning a May Court to sit at the High Table at Saturday's Feast, with one guest! Don't forget to **stop by Registration** and cast your vote for Coronet or Princet!

- Regent – Leader of the Wild Hunt
- Coronet – Elected of the May Court
- Marshal – Winner of the Games
- Princet – Elected Youth of the May Court

Sword Tournament

Come Saturday afternoon and test your mettle against others! You will be provided with a boffer sword and pitted against other combatants on the field of battle in a double-elimination Tournament! Youth or Adult badge required.

The winner will be **knighted by the May Court** and take home a **beautiful (real) sword** made by our own GoH, Pendragon!

4th Annual Delta Highland Games

Saturday morning, join us for the fourth annual Delta Highland Games! Our Games-master has designed tests of strength, cunning, and derring-do. **Open to all contestants, Youth or Adult badges.**

The one who ends up with the highest cumulative point total will be **crowned Marshal** and sit at High Table with one guest!

Non-Profit Raffle And Auction

In the Main Hall, there **is a table full** of Wonders and Gotta-Haves. These will all be raffled off at the Saturday Feast. Raffle Tickets are **\$1 for 1, \$5 for 6, or \$20 for as many tickets as will fit between your belt and the floor.** A few select items will be chosen and placed on live auction instead!

We are honored to announce that all proceeds from this raffle will continue to be donated to **Friends for All.**

Don't forget to bring a little extra – you might win something amazing, and you'll be supporting our community too.

The Unseelie Masquerade Ball

This year, our Saturday Night event will be a **Masquerade Ball**, right after the Maypole and Handfasting. Dress in your Unseelie best – we're welcoming the fae with caution to the dance floor! Under the magickal night sky, we will have a **prize for the best mask and best outfit.** We even have traditional dance cards for a lovely evening under the stars!

Join our Majordomo, Cole, for a night of music to wrap up the festival!

Handfasting

Just after the Feast, we'll be celebrating the **Handfasting of Tim and Chey.** Join us to celebrate their union and then wrap them in the **ribbons of May** just before the Masquerade!

Meditation Room

Triangle Room B is set aside as our Meditation Room.

Too many people? Need a moment to focus and find some peace? Please enjoy something comfortable and quiet. There will be chairs, assorted squishy things, blankets and soft décor.

Please respect the Meditation Room – **no cell phone noise, no loud talking**. This is a place of centering and grounding.

Festival Policies

1. Registration begins August 1st, 2023 and ends April 20th, 2024. There is a \$10 dollar minimum, non-refundable required down payment. Full payment is due by April 20th, 2024. Vendor applications and payments are due by April 6th, 2024.
2. If you need to cancel your registration, you must notify us by email or personal contact by April 14th, 2024 to get a full refund minus the \$10 dollars non-refundable. Later than this, we cannot guarantee a refund of any kind.
3. Please respect park rules. Please do not bring any firearms or weapons of any kind to the park. (Ritual tools are allowed.) Illegal drugs are not allowed for any reason and will constitute an immediate ban for the next 5 years of the festival. Illegally distributing alcohol to a minor will also constitute an immediate ban for the next 5 years of the festival.
4. Photo ID will be required at badge pickup for all adults. Anyone under the age of 18 being registered by a non-guardian must have a notarized letter of temporary guardianship at time of check-in, which will have copies onsite or available for request in the weeks prior to the festival. You must wear your valid event badge visibly at all times outside your cabin to attend the event. Badge is required for reentry if you leave the park. Replacement of any lost badges will come with a \$5 fee.
5. Help others out! If you see someone who might need some help, ask how you can assist them. This is *your* festival too, and if we all pitch in, it's going to be amazing for everyone.
6. Parking spots in front of the cabins are reserved for loading/unloading. If you are not mobility challenged, please do not park by the main hall. Vehicles must be moved to the far lot after loading and unloading.
7. Please do not bring any pets or familiars, as they are prohibited by Campground rules. We welcome ADA-recognized service dogs only. We politely remind you that it is a criminal act to interfere with service dogs.

8. If you bought it or brought it, you leave with it. Do not throw cigarette butts in the trash, on the ground, or in the Sacred Fire. Please use the proper receptacle provided. Leave the campsite nicer than you found it - we want to have a great relationship with our park next year!
9. Store your snacks in your cabin. The kitchen staff needs the refrigerators for storing meal ingredients. However, there is endless ice. If you need any, please go to the registration table, and someone from our staff can get you what you need. Please don't interrupt the Kitchen Witches. They get testy and may bake you into a pie.
10. Unless your children are in the activities area or with a childcare professional, they are your responsibility. Children should be signed in and out of the activities area and childcare spaces by their guardian. If you're not watching them, no one is. Please, under any and all circumstances, do not feel like you are entitled to yell at or discipline a child other than your own. Find that child's parent or locate a member of staff to assist you.
11. If you are not medical staff, please do not give anyone any medications, herbal preparations, or over-the-counter drugs, or treat anyone without permission. If you have medication that must be kept in the refrigerator, please coordinate with our medical staff to ensure access.
12. Each dorm room is to be cleaned, swept, and trash taken out before you leave. Supplies will be provided.
13. All food items need to be properly disposed of in plastic bags and placed in the dumpster. We are in the woods. We are not the only animals here.
14. We are, by nature, passionate folk. As a community, it is our responsibility to ensure that all who enter can learn and grow. Make a commitment to live and let live and leave your troubles at the gate. Leave the drama outside. Pitch in and enjoy the festival.

Sacred Fire Rules

1. This is a fire festival. As such, the main fire is a Sacred Fire, with a dedicated Fire team. It will be lit at the beginning of the festival, transferred to a candle overnight or during inclement weather if necessary, and extinguished at the end of the festival.
2. Do not add anything to the Sacred Fire without consulting the Fire team.
3. Do not throw trash into the Sacred Fire. That is disrespectful.
4. If the Fire team gives you a direction near the fire, please follow it. They are certified and need to be able to assure everyone's safety for everyone's enjoyment.

Rules of Rites

1. If you are participating in one of the Rites, please be on time. We understand that things happen, but once the Rite has begun, it's difficult to maintain focus if people are coming and going.
2. If you have questions, please save them for after the Rite. We're excited and happy to discuss any answer you like with you.
3. During the two Main Rites, the campsite will be closed. If you are attempting to return to the site during this time, you will have to remain at the gate until the guard opens it.
4. Give your Rite and its participants your best attention. We ask that you silence cell phones and address any mobility accommodations or concerns with the Rite Leader beforehand.
5. If your child is not old enough to enjoy the Rite you've chosen to attend, please feel free to make other arrangements. It is your choice, but there are options that should allow you to give your full attention to your Rite Leader.

Code of Conduct

By entering our events, all attendees accept our General Policies and agree to abide by our Code of Conduct. Attendees must respect common sense rules for public behavior, personal interaction, common courtesy, and respect for private property. **We reserve the right to revoke, without refund, the membership and badge of any attendee not in compliance with this policy, and this ban may last up to 5 years.** This action may be undertaken *when an individual's presence or behavior causes significant interference with festival operations or adversely affects the organization's relationship with its guests or with its venue.* This Code of Conduct applies to everyone at the venue and participants in our social media channels. Guests, staff, volunteers, vendors, and press will be held to the same standards.

1. First Polestari has a zero-tolerance policy on harassment at events. This includes unwanted advances, touches, language, images, or comments. It also includes intimidation, bullying, or stalking. Anyone in violation of this policy will be immediately removed.
2. First Polestari events are a "Safe Space" for any public person who wishes to attend regardless of sexual orientation or gender identification. Any person participating in

discriminatory behavior based on perceived gender or sexual orientation will be asked to leave.

3. Non-structured violence of any kind is not permitted at any First Polestari events. Any persons involved in any violent behavior will be removed. Any altercations will result in the review of all participants' membership, up to and including immediate removal and ban.
4. Discrimination against any religion, path or practice is not allowed. Discrimination against any race, age, or place of origin is not allowed. The Pagan Community has enough opposition from without. We don't need it within.
5. When at any First Polestari event, all people regardless of experience in Paganism are welcome and may have their voice heard. Please be considerate and respectful as each person shares their own personal experiences or situation. Each person's magical or religious items are unique and special to them. Please always remember to ask permission before touching the personal items of others.
6. Remember that all events are open to the public and not all attendees can be vetted by the First Polestari. Please always be aware of yourself and your belongings. Please report any suspicious behavior to a member of the Security team.
7. If you are taking photographs of attendees, please respect those that do not wish to be photographed or recorded by asking permission to take pictures. In the past, we have had some attendees who are sensitive to camera flash or strobe lights. Always ask.

HAVE AN AWESOME FESTIVAL!

