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KITHAKA DUN SCHEDULE 2025



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FRIDAY

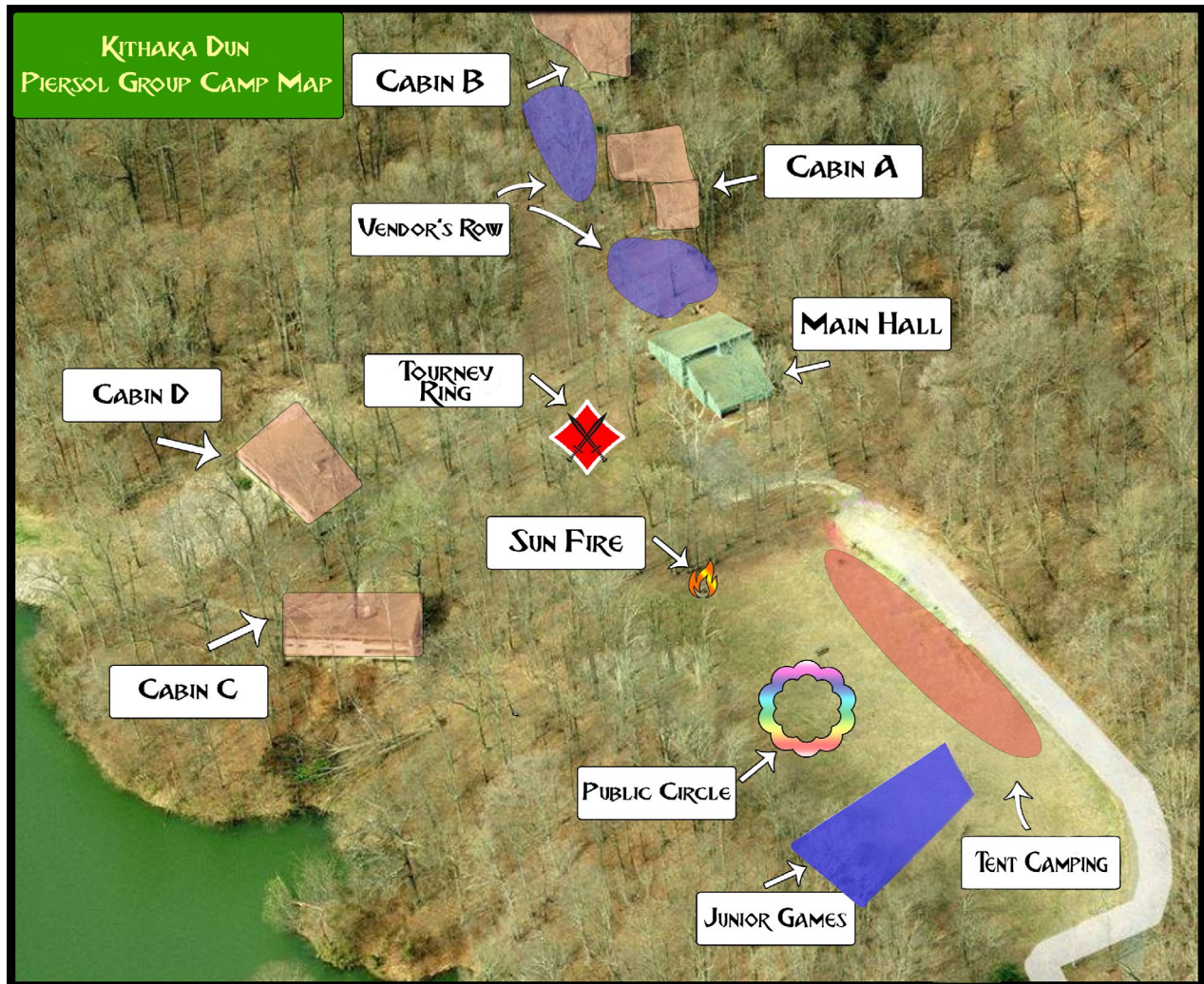
2:00 PM	Doors Open- Registration	Main Hall
2:30 PM	Opening Fire Rite	Sun Fire
4:15 PM	Open Coloring and Paladin Chat	Triangle Room A
4:15 PM	Drum Class with Glenn Garrison	Sun Fire
6:00 PM	Dinner	Main Hall
7:30 PM	Gathering and Story for the Wild Hunt	Main Hall Porch
8:00 PM	Wild Hunt Rite and Wicker Man	Public Circle
9:00 PM	[13+] Men's Mysteries with Tim Depoe	Sun Fire
9:00 PM	[13+] Women's Mysteries with Woodbine	Meditation Room
10:15 PM	Open Divination and Gaming	Main Hall
10:15 PM	[18+] Primal Play	Triangle Room D
12 Midnight	[18+] "Bad Reputation" Herbs with Rayne Nightwulf	Triangle Room A

SATURDAY

7:00 AM	Flame Father Meditation with Kit Bollinger	Sun Fire
8:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast	Main Hall
9:30 AM	Tai Chi with Kit Plummer	Triangle Room A
9:30 AM	Primali 101 with Gabriel Gordon	Main Hall
9:30 AM	[Children's] Junior Highland Games	Field
10:45 AM	The Community Fire with Terry Riley	Sun Fire
10:45 AM	The Labors of Hercules Walking Workshop	Tourney Ring
10:45 AM	Reiki Share with Kit Plummer	Triangle Room A
12:00 PM	Lunch	Main Hall
1:30 PM – 3:45 PM	[13+] 5th Anniversary Sword Tournament	Tourney Ring
1:30 PM	Primali Runes and How to Divine	Main Hall
1:30 PM	Your Own Book of Shadows with Amberly Riley	Triangle Room A
2:45 PM	[18+] OTO Rite	Triangle Room D
2:45 PM	Meet our Friends for All!	Main Hall
5:00 PM	Kithaka Dun Main Rite	Public Circle
6:00 PM	Warrior's Feast	Main Hall
8:00 PM	Maypole	Sun Fire
8:30 PM	Primeval Fire Dance and Drum Circle!	Sun Fire
~10:15 PM	Open Divination and Gaming	Main Hall
10:15 PM	[13+] Non-binary Mysteries with Allen Night	Triangle Room A
12 Midnight	Primal Howl	Public Circle

SUNDAY

8:00 AM	Breakfast	Main Hall
9:15 AM	<i>Witch Craft with the Travelling Tinkers</i>	Vendor's Row
10:30 AM	<u>Closing Fire Rite</u>	Main Hall Porch
11:00 AM	Vendor's Row Closed - Checkout	



Programming

Friday 4:15 PM – Drum Class – Join Rev. Glenn Garrison for an introductory drum class/circle on the Friday afternoon of KD. Many people like to drum but don't have much experience at it, so join us to learn a few beats and chants while we jam out to start the festival.

Friday 4:15 PM – Open Coloring and Paladin Chat – Setting the tone for the Growing Year festival, join Paladin Gabriel for coloring, fellowship, and path discussion. Come sit and breathe – the Paladin certainly needs to.

Friday 9:00 PM – (13+) – Men's Mysteries with Tim Depoe – Unravel the mysteries of the masculine with Timothy Depoe. How are our paths and our lives influenced by our identity? We are open to anyone who is masculine-identifying or leaning. Come and enjoy the company of other pagan men as we dive into the greatest secrets of the universe.

Friday 9:00 PM – (13+) – Women's Mysteries with Woodbine – Awaken the Divine Feminine within. Step into a sacred space where all are welcome to explore and connect with the Divine Feminine energy that lives within each of us, regardless of gender. This workshop is a journey of self-discovery, inviting you to embrace your inner goddess, honor your intuition, and tap into the powerful, nurturing energy that transcends form. Come as you are, in perfect love and trust, and let your inner wisdom guide you.

Friday 10:15 PM – (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 – Primali 101 – Join the clergy of the First Polestari for an introduction to the primal path of the Forces. Kithaka Dun is the festival of Crom Cruach, but why? What does it mean to be Primali, a Wanderer? How is it different from other paths, and how does it fit into the community, the faith, and the world?

Saturday 9:30 AM – [Children's Event] – Junior Highland Games – Get ready, young champions! Open to all kids under 15, this is your chance to test your strength, speed, and spirit in a series of fun, age-appropriate May Day challenges! With cheers, laughter, and maybe a bit of friendly rivalry, the Junior Highland Games celebrate the daring spirit of young warriors. Every participant is a winner, walking away with a medal, a Highlander's pride, and memories of a grand adventure. So, gather your wee bairns,

don your warpaint, and let the games begin! Spectators welcome.

Saturday 9:30 AM – Tai Chi with Kit Plummer – Wake up and get your Chi moving with a gentle Tai Chi morning flow. Ease the crick in your back from sleeping outside or on those bunks. Breathe in the Meeman-Shelby Park air and start your day off with Kit Plummer on the back porch.

Saturday 10:45 AM – The Community Fire with Terry Riley – Wiccan/Pagan religions can coexist within the communities in which they live their lives. The Fire of Compassion can change the opinions of societies and cultures, and clear up misinformation. Our Circles must become “a part of” instead of “apart from” their communities, and Rev. Terry is opening his experience and wisdom for a frank and open workshop.

Saturday 10:45 AM – Reiki Share with Kit Plummer – Join Reiki Master and healer Kit Plummer for a moment of shared healing. Whether you are an experienced energetic practitioner or have never heard of it before you can still benefit from some shared energy and talk about the basics of Reiki.

Saturday 1:30 PM – Primali Runes and How to Divine – Did you know that the Norse are not the only path with a rune set? Come learn about the meanings behind the Primali runes, general practices for rune readings, and a bit about the research that went into creating them. Presented by "Archeologist-In-Residence" Rowan Haven and Priest Allen Night.

Saturday 2:45 PM – Meet Our Friends for All! – Join our Friends for All Memphis—a dedicated non-profit committed to supporting the health and well-being of the Memphis community. For nearly 40 years, they've offered comprehensive services, including free HIV/STI testing, clinical care, behavioral health support, and mobile care units reaching individuals across the Mid-South. Discover how their initiatives are making a profound impact and learn ways you can get involved.

Saturday 10:15 PM – (13+) – Non-Binary Mysteries with Allen Night - Hello babies, theybies, and maybes! Ever wonder what magic looks like from the other side of the aisle? Feel as if your path does not give your nonbinary heart a way to express itself? Worried that society will not accept you? Worry not! Priest Allen Night and Temple Guard Jonathon will be answering questions and lifting spirits in this one-of-a-kind panel. See ya'll there!

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 our second annual 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!

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 Midnight – **[18+]** “Bad Reputation” Herbs – Join Rayne Nightwulf for a workshop on herbs with a bad reputation. We will explore the benefits and uses of herbs which are traditionally set aside or avoided. From Cannabis to St John’s Wort, we will learn what these herbs are good for and what they definitely are not. You will get a small mirror and some herbs as a takeaway to use in your own practice.

Saturday 10:45 AM – The 12 Labors of Hercules Walking Tour – Ever wonder how Hercules became so well known? Do you like Improv? Then come to this one-of-a-kind interactive workshop where we will explore the Twelve Labors of Hercules in a fun and enriching way. Audience participation is mandatory.

Saturday 1:30 PM – Your Own Book of Shadows with Amberly Riley – Unlock the magic of creating your very own Book of Shadows! In this workshop, I’ll share unique ideas to help you begin your Book of Shadows from scratch or add to an existing one. Whether you’re just starting out or looking for fresh inspiration, you’ll find tools and techniques to make your book truly personal and meaningful. Join us and discover how to weave your own mystical journey!

Sunday 9:15 AM – Witch Craft with the Travelling Tinkers – Bring the tools of your craft (or one new to you), whether it be yarn and needles, wire and stone, or thread and beads. Sit under the tent with the Tinkers, learn the basics of crafting with intent, and get a few pointers on patterns and methods.

Rites

Friday 2:30 PM – Opening Fire Rite – Join our new Fire Team Lead, Sean Akins, as we open the Fire Festival of Crom Cruach. Add your energy to its protection and get excited for our weekend in the woods!

Friday 7:30 PM – Gathering and Story for Wild Hunt – Come hear the story of Hounds and Hares, 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 5th 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.

Saturday 7:00 AM – Flame Father Meditation with Kit Bollinger – I see Fire burning the trees, I see Fire hollowing souls – Fire burns, but this is both a destructive and constructive matter at the same time. The Primali tradition believes that each of the Forces is a deep and complex matter – wake up with one of our Students for a morning meditation at the Sacred Fire.

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 – We dance into the circle of our Fire Festival on ancient beats and worn stones. Join our Paladin, our Student Priest Harley, and the Clergy Team for a new story and our Weapon Blessing as we connect to the elements we honor in the most fundamental of ways. Kithaka Dun, Dun, Dun!

Sunday 10:30 AM – Closing Fire Rite – As the festival draws to a close, join our Kitchen Witch, Keiran, for the Closing Fire Rite – a powerful moment of reflection and release. We've enjoyed delicious food, shared unforgettable moments, and built lasting connections. Now, it's time to honor the fire that has brought us together. As we extinguish the flames, we embrace the warmth of the memories made and prepare to carry the spirit of the festival home with us.

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 – Champion of the Sword Tournament
- Princet – Elected Youth of the May Court

Sword Tournament [13+]

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 **become the Marshal of the May Court** and take home a **beautiful (real) sword!**

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.

Maypole

Join us for a maypole dance right before the Dance and Drumming! Start your revelry by spinning around others in one of the most ancient rites of Mayday and end in laughter and love.

Primeval Fire Dance and Drum Circle!

This year, our Saturday Night event will be a Fire Dance and Drum Circle! Back to the thing that drove us here, to the fire and the drum and the dance! We invite people to bring their drums, and to join us in moving to the beat of the primeval call. We will process out to the Main Fire with our special guests – the fire dancers from QCG - stoke the one on the back porch and sing the night away!

Meditation Room

Triangle Room C 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, 2024, and ends April 11th, 2025. There is a \$10-dollar minimum, non-refundable required down payment. Full payment is due by April 11th, 2025. Vendor applications and payments are due by March 28th, 2025.
2. If you need to cancel your registration, you must notify us by email or personal contact by April 4th, 2025, 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 event. (Ritual tools are allowed.) Illegal drugs are not allowed for any reason and can 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. Identity verification will be required at badge pickup for all adults. Anyone under age 18 being registered by a non-guardian must have a notarized letter of temporary guardianship at time of check-in. 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. Our festival should be as safe a space as we can make it. This means that we require all flash photography to be announced and all light-up props to be either solid or slow-moving so everyone can enjoy.
7. 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.
8. 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.
9. 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!
10. 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. The rooms behind the main hall are for use of the Kitchen and Programming staff only.

11. Children are your responsibility. Children must be accompanied by a responsible party to any activities. Childcare may be arranged with our coordinator *during Rites* on a case-by-case basis. If you're not watching them, no one is. Parents are responsible for ensuring that children follow the Code of Conduct. 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.
12. If you are not medical staff, please do not give anyone any medications, herbal preparations, or over-the-counter drugs. If you have medication that must be kept in the refrigerator, please coordinate with our medical staff to ensure access.
13. Each dorm room is to be cleaned, swept, and trash taken out before you leave. Supplies will be provided.
14. 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.
15. 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 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, including that based on perceived gender or sexual orientation, will be asked to leave.
3. Violence of any kind is not permitted at any First Polestari events, with respect to harm of a personal or property nature. Any persons involved in any non-consensual 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!

