

## Samhain 2017

October 27 - 29, 2017  
 at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve  
 near Barneveld, Wisconsin  
*Coordinated by Jenn*



An old year dies and a new one is born from the ashes! Samhain is a time of tears and joy, of spooks and giggles, of looking to the past and embracing the future. Come help us turn the wheel with revelry and reflection. Circle Sanctuary's Samhain festival is a can't-miss celebration, with annual favorites like the Witches Ball featuring the music of Water Street Bridge, Circle Sanctuary's Annual Meeting, and the powerful Samhain Ritual. This festival includes workshops and activities for adults and for families.

Space is limited for this popular festival, so reserve your spot today!

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### SCHEDULE of EVENTS

**Theme:** *At the Crossroads*

<b>Friday, October 27th</b>	
11 am	<b>Gate opens for Arrivals</b>
12:30 - 1:30 pm	<b>Meet the Ministers</b> with Circle Sanctuary Ministers <i>Meet Circle Sanctuary Ministers &amp; Ministers in Training</i>

2:30 - 3:30 pm	<b>Magickal Thresholds</b> with Messina <i>Come join a discussion on threshold magick. The magick of the liminal spaces (the in-between). We will discuss goddesses and gods of the threshold and different types of magick, created by and can be used within a threshold. When we work the threshold we find more of ourselves, of our path and how to better manage our outer world.</i>
2:30 - 3:30 pm	<b>Family programming: Divination</b> with Haley <i>In this light introduction to divination, we will explore the various ways and tools of reading the past, present, and future!</i>
4 pm	<b>Opening Ritual</b> with Casey, Jenn, Rev. Selena and Others Blessing the Festival & Honoring Sacred Land, Harvest End, & Community.
5:30 pm	<b>Dinner</b> behind the Farmhouse
7:30 pm	<b>Arrivals begin for Witches' Ball</b> Gates open from 7:30 pm - 1 am for those coming just for the Witches Ball
8 pm - Midnight	<b>The Annual Witches' Ball!</b> <i>Back by popular demand is the band <b>Water Street Bridge!</b> Come in costume and be part of a merry evening of dancing, fun, refreshments, and friends!</i>
8 pm - 9 pm	<b>Witchlets Ball</b> <i>Costumed activity for youth</i>
9:30 pm	<b>Jumping the Broom Wedding Blessing &amp; Celebration</b> with Rev. Selena <i>At Witches Ball intermission, all are welcome to this short community celebration in the Temple Room that includes a blessing, broom jump, dance &amp; cake celebrating the marriage of Sharon &amp; Jim.</i>
<b>Saturday, October 28th</b>	
7 - 8:30 am	<b>Breakfast</b> in the Summer Kitchen
10 am	<b>Circle Sanctuary Annual Meeting</b> in the Temple Room <i>Rev. Selena, Rev. Bob, and others give an overview of Circle Sanctuary's accomplishments over the last year, present the Annual Report, and celebrate the 40th Anniversary of Circle Network &amp; Circle Sanctuary's 43rd Birthday.</i>
Noon	<b>Lunch</b> behind the Farmhouse
12:30 - 6 pm	<b>Altars Honoring Ancestors &amp; Beloved Dead</b> - Set-up in Temple <i>All Samhain Festival participants are invited to bring &amp; set-up on Temple Room altars photos and other mementos of dead loved ones &amp; ancestors along with battery operated candles and/or tea lights in votive glasses.</i>
1:30 pm	<b>Into the Obsidian Mirror: Analyzing the Dark Night of the Soul</b> with Rev. Tiffany <i>What are the factors that spur transformation in our lives? How is it that we can have</i>

	<p><i>deep and meaningful encounters with the divine for certain periods, and then inexplicably feel as if we have been abandoned or our magic has left us completely? How do we take ownership and understanding of our own growth process, and tailor it to truly enact change in the world? This workshop will utilize concepts developed by Ken Wilber (Developmental Spaces), James Fowler (Stages of Faith), Joseph Campbell (The Hero's Journey), and excerpts from Joyce and River Higginbotham's Pagan Spirituality to both understand and normalize the difficulties we experience as we grow and change, acknowledging the need to properly grieve and mark these changes as we evolve.</i></p>
1 - 2:30 pm	<p><b>Family programming: Family Stories</b> with Haley</p> <p><i>Samhain is about honouring our ancestors. Bring pictures and stories of past friends, family, and loved ones (human or animal!) We will take turns reminiscing and maybe set up our own ancestor altar!</i></p>
3 pm	<p><b>Ordination of Casey as Circle Sanctuary Minister</b></p> <p><i>All are invited to be present for this Community Ordination ceremony facilitated by Circle Sanctuary Ministers. Casey, who lives in Colorado, is active in Circle Sanctuary religious freedom, social media networking, and interfaith ministries and is Lady Liberty League Case Manager.</i></p>
3 - 4:30 pm	<p><b>Family programming: Jack-O-Lanterns</b> with Haley</p> <p><i>One of everyone's favorite part of Samhaintide is PUMPKINS!! I will tell you the story of the first Jack-O-Lantern and then we'll be carving (or painting) our own! (Try your hand at carving a turnip if you dare!)</i></p>
5 pm	<p><b>Raffle &amp; Silent Auction results</b></p>
6 - 9 pm	<p><b>Beloved Dead &amp; Ancestors Meditations</b></p> <p><i>Self-guided meditations in Temple Room prior to Dinner and into the evening.</i></p>
7 pm	<p><b>Dinner: Honoring Beloved Dead Dumb Supper</b></p> <p><i>This year, we will observe the Samhain Dumb Supper tradition, honoring the Dead &amp; dining family style in silence in the outdoor Tent Dining area just prior to the ritual.</i></p>
8:30 pm	<p><b>Samhain Ritual</b> with Minerva &amp; others</p> <p><i>We will gather in drumming and chanting to lead us through the veil. Once on the other side, we will cross paths with the Fates. They will guide us if we are stuck at the beginning, during the process or in letting go of a relationship, person, project, or situation. In preparation, think about what you need to focus upon during the upcoming dark times and let the Fates guide you.</i></p>
9:30 pm - Dawn	<p><b>Samhain Night Candlelight Labyrinth</b></p> <p><i>Self-guided in the Spiral Labyrinth</i></p>
9:30 pm	<p><b>Movie Time</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday, October 29th</b></p>	
7 - 8:30 am	<p><b>Breakfast</b> in the Summer Kitchen</p>

10 am	<b>Hecate: Goddess at the Crossroads</b> with Minerva <i>We will examine some of Hecate's mythology and symbolism. She is the goddess of Witches, childbirth and the crossroads. She appears in several pantheons and guides us through life's changes.</i>
10 to 11:30 am	<b>Family programming: Cemetery Visit</b> with Haley <i>We will again be honoring our ancestors by taking a hike to Circle Sanctuary's own cemetery. Once there, we will sing songs, leave offerings, and clean up the area, if needed.</i>
11:30 am	<b>Circle Cemetery Ritual</b> <i>This annual outdoor Samhain rite at Circle Cemetery by Circle Sanctuary Ministers &amp; others includes honoring of the Dead, ritual sweeping of gravestones, and closing ritual thanksgivings for the Festival. Bring fresh or dried herbs, flowers, or other offerings to decorate gravesites. All welcome.</i>
1:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b> behind the Farmhouse
4 pm	<b>Final Departures</b>

**PLEASE NOTE:** Updates to this schedule will be announced on Circle Sanctuary Community main Facebook page as well as posted here.

## VENDORS:

Owing to limited space on the Green, there will be no vending at this event.

## REGISTRATION

<b>Adults (each):</b>	<b>Through 10/25</b>
3 Days	\$130
Any 2 Days	\$110
Sat. Only	\$70
Witches' Ball Only	\$25
<b>Children 5+ (each)</b>	<b>Through 10/25</b>
3 Days	\$50
Any 2 Days	\$45
Sat. Only	\$35
Witches' Ball Only	\$15

**Children under 5 are free.**

Register [ONLINE](#)

Registration for this event is limited. Please register online to guarantee you will be able to attend. Some same-day registration may be available depending on numbers.

Cancellations received before October 25th will be refunded minus 50% processing fee. Cancellations received on October 25th or later will not be refunded. Please refer to [Circle's cancellation policy](#) if you should need to cancel your event registration.

For more information contact [events@circlesanctuary.org](mailto:events@circlesanctuary.org) or call the Circle office at (608) 924-2216.

## QUESTIONS?

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