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Beltane 2011

April 29th - May 1st, 2011 at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve near Barneveld, Wisconsin

It is Beltane! The Earth softens under the caress of the sun and all the world is new. We emerge from the darkness of a long, difficult winter; our eyes drink in rolling green hills budding branches and tender shoots. We breathe deeply the fresh fragrance of radiant blossoms. Merriment calls!

Featuring:

* Kids' Programming * Maypole * Labyrinths * Morris Dancing * Music * Magical Merchants Faire * Green Cemetery Blessings * Kids Activities * Bonfires * Feasting * Workshops * Drumming Circles * May Court

About Beltane:

Celebrating the Seasons: Beltane

	April 29th
9 am	Open for arrivals
9 am - 8 pm	Raffle & Silent Auction Donations accepted
9:30 am	Newcomers Meet & Greet
10 am	Merchant Faire on the Green begins
11 am	Fairy Shrine Blessing at the Fairy Shrine
Noon	Lunch behind the Farmhouse
ı pm	Learn about your favorite Stones with Vic Wright
3 pm	Create a Personal Balefire with the Ghetto Shamans
4:30 pm	Unwrapping of the Maypole
5:30 pm	Dinner
7 pm	Ritual of Welcome with Selena Fox
8 pm	In Concert: Ruth Barrett

9:30 pm	Candlelight Labyrinth Ritual with Florence	
10 pm	Late Night Drumming at Festival Circle with Doonbali and others	
SATURDA	AY, April 30th	
8 am	Open for Arrivals	
8 am - 7 pm	Merchant Faire on the Green	
8 - 9:30 am	Breakfast	
9 am - 4 pm	Raffle & Silent Auction Donations accepted	
9 - 10:30am	Craft Workshops: Garland Crown Making with Blode, Katrina, & Meghan: Make a headdress to wear. Sacred Staff Making with Reed, Jeremy, & Eric: Find a Sacred Staff and adorn it.	
11 am	May Court Selection & Crowning with Joey & others	
11:30 am	Oak Apple Morris Dancing The dancers remind us of the fertility customs of our ancestors; the clacking of antlers and high stepping as a symbol of the jubilance of Spring and the Summer ahead.	
12:30 pm	Potluck Lunch	
1:30 pm	Green Man Magic Workshop with Selena Learn ways of attuning to the Green Man, Green Gods, & related Green Ones for healing & renewal of self & planet through imagery, lore, meditations, & rites.	
3 pm	Beltane Mating Games with Garland Crowns & Staffs	
4:30 pm	Drum & Dance practice for Maypole Dance	
5:15 pm	Raffle & Silent Auction Winners!	
5:30 pm	Dinner	
7 pm	Community Beltane Ritual with Joey, Selena & others Bring in the May with Maypole dancing, baby blessings, fire leaping, & other traditions!	
8:30 pm	Fire Spinning, Fire Majik at Festival Circle	
9 pm - dawn	May Eve Self Guided Spiral Labyrinth Journeying The labyrinth will be open and lit for silent meditative walking.	
10 pm	Drum & Dance Ritual with breeze Bring drums & other rhythm instruments to celebrate the	

	beauty, strength, and joy of Beltane with high energy sound and motion. A facilitated, late night full-on journey of the senses.	
SUNDAY, May 1st		
8 am	Open for Arrivals	
8 am	May Day Morning Nature Walk with Reed Celebrate the May with a guided nature walk.	
8 - 9:30 am	Breakfast	
10 am	Exploring Native American Spirituality with Shine of the Lac du Flambeau Reservation	
Noon	Farewell Circle with Joey	
ı pm	Lunch	
2 pm	Cleanup and Departures	

Items to Bring

- Ritual garb and/or brightly colored clothes, as well as a crown of flowers or greens for your head
 or bells for your feet, to wear during the Beltane ritual. Faerie, elven, pixie and fantasy garb
 are encouraged throughout the weekend and especially for the Beltane ritual Saturday
 evening. (optional)
- Contribution for potluck feast to feed at least two dozen, for Saturday lunch. For details, please see our Potluck Guidelines.
- Your own cup to use for drinks at meals and other times.
- Camping Gear: tent, sleeping bag, pillow, air mattress, flashlight, water jug, towel, biodegradable soap and shampoo, personal toiletries, sungear, raingear, cold weather gear, insect and tick repellent.
- A lawn chair, mat, or blanket for outdoor seating. Many activities will be outside.
- An item for the Raffle and/or Silent Auction (optional)
- Drum, rattle, or other rhythm instrument. (optional)
- Chants, songs, or rhythms for late night drumming/dancing (optional)
- A stone to give away to the Stone Circle. (optional)



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