

GAEA'S OWN

FALL 2013



President's Letter

Erin Marshall



Another Laid Back Labor Day has come and gone. I can honestly say that this has been the best one I have had the pleasure of working. The amount of teamwork involved in making this a great festival was amazing. I am reminded of a picture that a boss of mine had hanging in his office, it was one of those inspirational pictures that many offices use, but the quote has always stayed with me:

Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things,
but just look at what they can do when they stick together.

-Vesta Kelly

I want to thank everyone that was involved in this event, the entire community. Everyone has a part to play and when the right people have been cast in the roles, everything works well.

This year between the actual fees for attending, the auction, and the multitude of donations from different groups holding fundraisers, the community raised about 27K for Camp Gaea at Laid Back!! I know many of you wonder what there is to do now that the land has been paid off. Well to accomplish this last year, we actually paid off the land a little early. And so many projects over the years that were small or costly have been put off. Little things like repainting the buildings, working on replacing/improving the electric in the cabins, fixing minor repairs. To major projects, the water main (read more about that in the Caretakers Corner), major repairs in the cabins and other buildings. You have already begun to see some of the work that has been done if you have visited camp in the last 6 months, just by driving through the new entry area with a new guard "shack", gate, and landscaping. I also mentioned at LBLD that the board is researching solar energy options as a possible future project. If you ever want to learn more about what is going on around camp or what plans the board has please feel free to attend any one of our board meetings. They are usually held the first Sunday of the month at noon in the Main Hall.

Treasurer's Report

Jonnie Elliott

The Fall Equinox is behind us and with Samhain approaching I see this traditional end of a cycle in a new light. Just over a year ago I took on this post and immediately had one of the greatest honors thrust upon me that a treasurer could have. I got to write the check to pay off the land. Gendah had been the one to figure out we could do this early and save a bit of money, so I took him with me to experience that little bit of history. Really, it was neither Gendah nor I that made that happen it was you, each and every one of you. Whether you have donated your time, money, or just came out to enjoy and experience the land we all love, you have been a major part of the success of our community. We came together and accomplished this common goal.



Now it is no big secret that the funds that support us tend to follow the sun as we cycle through the year and with the common goal having been accomplished I started to fear that we might see some decline in what we brought in just when we needed so many projects to get done. But Gaea has her own magick and that comes with the connection that each of us has with the land, and she will draw towards her what she needs when she needs it. So now after a year of having the land paid off I can compare where we are now to where we were and honestly say, we as a community have done a great job this year and I am sure we will have the funds to do some much needed upkeep for the land.

All of this has made me very excited to sit and do the winter budget planning for this year and I can't wait to see what Gaea has in store for us all in the next cycle.

As always it is a pleasure to serve you as treasurer.

May many hearts burn with the desire to see Gaea receive the care she needs and many blessings upon those who give to her in this spirit."

If YOU are feeling the desire to contribute money right now, the best ways are:

campgaea.org - look for the PayPal donations button

send check/money order to:

Earth Rising

PO Box 300654

Kansas City, Mo 64130-0654

Caretakers' Corner

Rhi & Clint Koetting

Mabon 2013



It is a near perfect day at camp. There is a breeze, the sun is out, and hey, it's camp. How much better can you get? Autumnal Equinox has passed and that means the festival season is almost over, and the autumn/winter project season begins.

The project list for the off season is larger than in years past. The first thing we will be doing is replacing the main water line into camp. This will help eliminate those pesky pipe breaks, which seem to constantly plague us all. This will happen after the water is off. We will, however, let you know as there will be no potable water available.

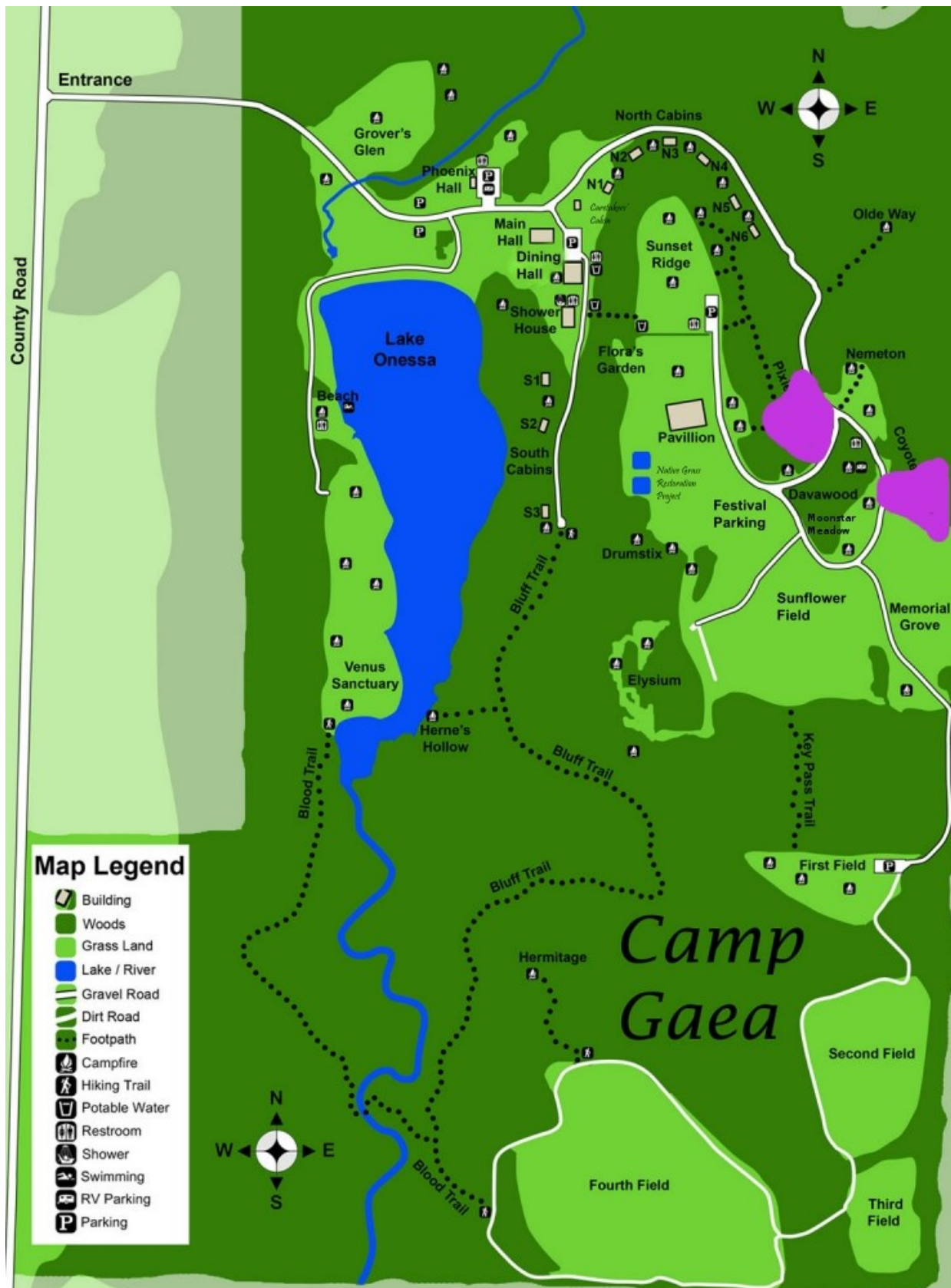
Continuing the work in First Field will also be in the offing, with more topsoil to be spread and seeding to do. We will be seeding with grass and white clover. The white clover will add the benefit of green compost to the mix, as it has a short life and decomposition cycle, which will feed the grass around it and the soil beneath it. Barring any weird weather, we will be working on that Saturday, October 19th, if you would like to come and help. Watch our website and Facebook page for updates on the work day.

We will also be trimming trees and doing brush clean up throughout camp. There will be a work day on November 23rd to accomplish this. Once again, if you would like to help, keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for updates on the work day.

Last but not least, slated for this fall is repairing the bare patches on Sunset Ridge, at Main Fire Circle and in the Elysium camping area. Please be respectful of any areas that are roped off or marked for repair. Your cooperation and help equals less mud at your campsite and more dirt staying in place.

That's the news from the caretakers' corner. Best wishes for a happy autumn!

Heads up! Due to a mix of drought conditions and high traffic in both Leather Lane and Pixie Sticks, there are camping areas that will remain closed for the 2013 season to undergo turf repair. They are noted on the map below in hot pink. No camping or traffic is allowed in these areas. Provided everyone does their part, they will be lush and back open for the 2014 season. Thank you for respecting Gaea getting her green on!





**The Lane,
New grass**

**Pixie,
New Grass**



First Field New Rocks.

First Field Ruts filled in.



Samhain Ritual

October 26

Samhain Schedule

3:00 Games and Pumpkin Carving

5:00 Trick or Treating

5:30 Judging for best decorated
cabin

7:00 Ritual

8:30 Potluck Feast
Costume Contest



*Times subject to change. Please check our website or
Facebook page for any updates.



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Autumn Equinox

By Cecilia Jones

The soft breeze blows through my window
faint whispers,
unclear promises,
hints of richness,
Autumn Equinox come to call.

The changing light, more golden in hue
deep aromas,
opulent shades,
poised abundance,
Incongruent with death so near

. I yield to my senses, overwhelmed
inhale perfume,
moist fertility,
soft sounds,
My lips graciously accept- Harvest.





Yule 2013

December 21



FESTIVAL OF LIGHT

Crafts – 4:00 pm

Ritual – 5:30 pm

Potluck Feast – 6:00 pm
(Roast Pork with Apples & Onions)

White Elephant Gift Exchange –
After Feast

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Facebook page for any updates.



Seasonal Celebrations

Gaea offers eight seasonal celebrations to the community throughout the year. They are open to the public and offer the chance to learn and participate in different spiritual paths.



If you are interested in performing a public ritual, contact Rhi at 913-796-2141.

Cabin Etiquette

Be respectful of your cabin mates. The Gaea community is varied and diverse. Be respectful of their beliefs and expect them to be respectful of yours.

Leave the cabin in better condition than you found it. Wipe down the beds, sweep the floor and take trash to the dumpster and recycling to the recycling corral by Registration.

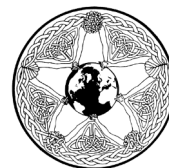
Don't block the door or the path in front of the cabins. Others use the doors and path too.

Don't smoke in the cabin. Not only is it illegal, it's rude.

Turn the lights off. When you leave, turn off the interior and exterior lights. YOU have the power to save power.



Fall-Winter Events

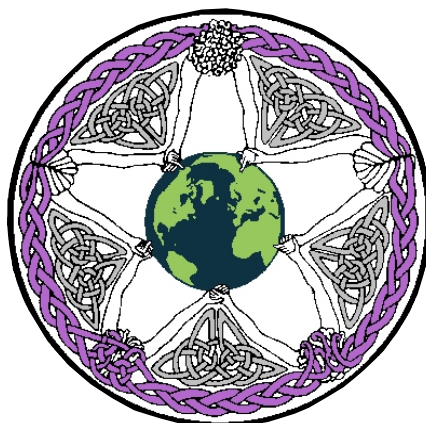


Gaea Goddess Gathering	September 19-22	Exclusive Event
Lightning Across the Plains	September 26-29	Exclusive Event
PPPF	October 11-13	Public Event
ERI Board Meeting	October 6	Public Event
Samhain Ritual	October 26	Public Event
ERI Board meeting	November 3	Public Event
ERI Board Meeting	December 1	Public Event
Yule Ritual	December 21	Public Event

Most Cabin Sponsor meetings will be on the Sunday
after the Public Ritual at Gaea.

Please visit <http://calendar.campgaea.org> to ensure there have
not been changes to this list!

Work weekends are a good opportunity to give back to Gaea, and earn some Gaea
Bucks too! Check our [Announcements forum](#) or our [facebook page](#) for more
information on projects as it becomes available



Mission of Earth Rising Inc

The Mission of Earth Rising is to provide a recreational retreat center in a natural setting for the purpose of cultural and spiritual education.

This Mission will be met through the achievement of certain goals.

These goals are:

To encourage the free exchange of ideas, views and experiences.
To promote greater understanding and respect between groups and individuals.

To support ecologically sound practices and land and wildlife conservation in the belief that the Earth and all life are interrelated and interdependent, and that respect for all life is a Universal Mandate.

To provide sanctuary to people who have experienced oppression or discrimination due to their cultural or spiritual practices.

For More Details:

Earth Rising, Inc. –
<http://eri.campgaea.org>

Cabin Sponsorship Program –
<http://cs.campgaea.org>

Calendar –
<http://calendar.campgaea.org>

Donations –
<http://donations.campgaea.org>

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