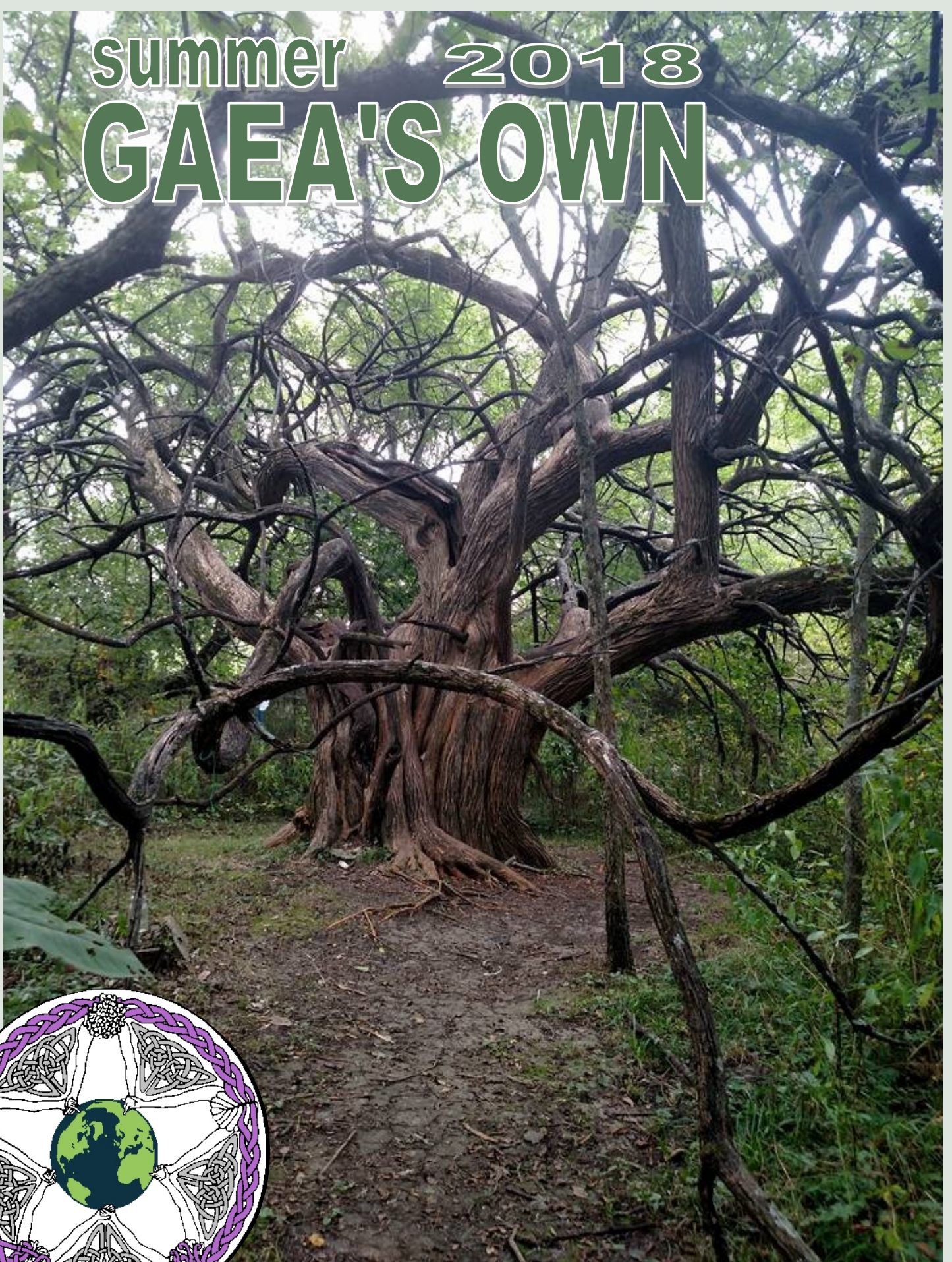


# summer 2018 GAEA'S OWN



*RESPECT YOURSELF*

*RESPECT OTHERS*

*RESPECT THE LAND*



# Gaea's Own

[newsletter@gaearetreat.org](mailto:newsletter@gaearetreat.org)

The festival season at Gaea is now underway and that means that Laid Back Labor Day will be here before we know it (GASP!). If you would like to be involved with the planning of Laid Back Labor Day we started our planning meetings after the June Board meeting. Following is the schedule for the meetings for anyone that would like to join in:

July 15th, Time: TBA;  
Aug 5th, Time: TBA;  
Aug 26th, Time: TBA

If you are interested in helping work on any of the Work Exchange Committees or just curious about how we plan for this event, please feel free to join us for any of the meetings.

On that note, we are always in need for Work Exchange to make the festival run smoothly. If you have never before done work exchange, or you have not gone to LBLD because of funds, please consider Work Exchange. We can work with anyone to find the committee that will be the best for you. Again, feel free to contact us on our Facebook Page, on our Contact page on our Website, or the email [lbldworkexchange@gaearetreat.org](mailto:lbldworkexchange@gaearetreat.org).

-Erin Marshall,  
President

## Earth Rising Inc Board:

Erin Marshall, President

JD Besares, Treasurer

Rhi Koetting, Secretary

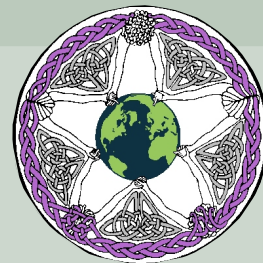
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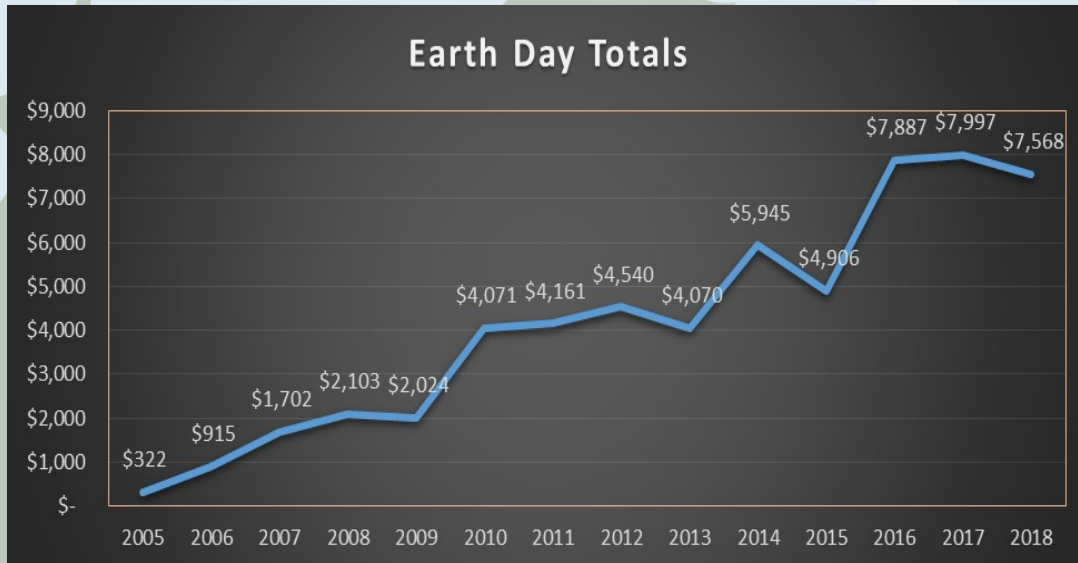
April 21, 2018

SUMMER 2018 Earth Rising, Inc.

# Summer Financial Report, From Our Treasurer

Hello Camp Family!

We are having a great start to the season! Earth Day 2018 brought in our third highest total to date at \$7568. Check out our steady growth!



This year the art show brought in \$163 and the rummage sale, an awesome \$204. Thank you to all those who participated and supported Gaea through your creativity and donations. I had a great time painting and chatting in the Main Hall amongst all those great works of art.

Speaking of our gathering space... Donations and volunteer labor were hard at work in the Main Hall. We invested about \$3,500 in the ceiling, lighting and insulation project. We will see a great return on that in energy savings over the years with the LED lights and added insulation.

Camp was within budget through the first quarter. April was a little light on camping fees with the weather but we are looking forward to the summer months and spending conservatively. Come out to camp for the weekend or swing by for a day pass. Your fees go right back into the land.

Are you looking for other ways to give? Earth Rising is on Amazon Smile. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-1589203>. Each time you shop, Amazon will donate 0.5% to camp for your eligible purchases. Now how easy is that? Save this link to your browser for quick access. They even have a handy little button you can install in Google Chrome, if that's your sort of thing.

As we prepare for the new season, perhaps you might consider picking up a Home Depot gift card for Gaea? Even with our careful budgeting and project management, we always need small supplies to supplement these jobs and random repairs around camp. If you would like to send a gift card to camp, please mail it directly to the caretakers at: P.O. Box 696, Tonganoxie, KS 66086.

In her service,

JD Besares

Our rituals are open to the public and celebrate the pagan wheel of the year. Rituals at Gaea are opportunities to bond as a community and perhaps learn something in the process.

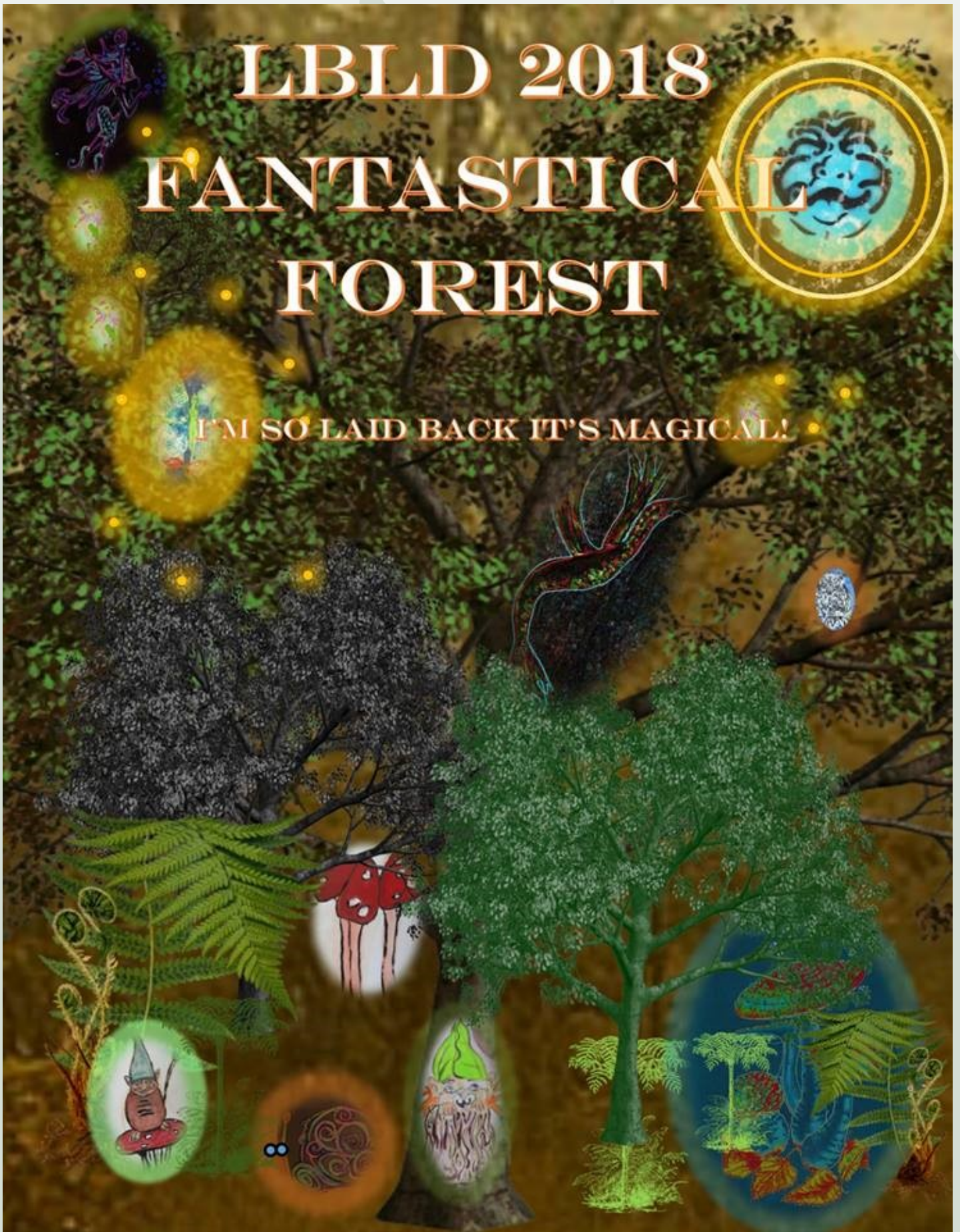
We welcome all pagan traditions to officiate. If you would be interested in facilitating a ritual, please call Rhi at camp (913-796-2141) to discuss putting you on the schedule.

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



# LBLD 2018 FANTASTICAL FOREST

I'M SO LAID BACK IT'S MAGICAL!



Online registration for Laid Back Labor Day will be open soon!



# Helping Gaea Helps You

Did you know you can help Gaea and pay for your camping fees at the same time? It's true. Complete an approved task, and earn one Gaea Buck for every one hour of work. Each Gaea Buck is worth \$5 off camping fees. Let's say you weed eat for three hours, you get three Gaea Bucks, each worth \$5. Pretty sweet deal, right? How do you get on this bandwagon? Get with a caretaker (either Rhi or Clint) when you get to camp, and they will show you the list of priority jobs that need to be done. It's a simple thing, but every hour volunteered helps keep Gaea beautiful, safe and accessible. Thanks in advance for your help!

Donations can be made on the website, <https://gaearetreat.org/donations>



Earth Day Art Show: April 2018



## Our Rules for Dogs

All dogs must be on a leash, and under your control. This means the leash is in your hand.

Although you believe your animal will never harm someone, you cannot predict every situation.

You don't know how another animal, or another person, may react to your animal running up to them.

Dogs are NOT allowed in the Dining Hall or Bath House.

You must clean up after your dog when it makes messes (i.e. poop).



## Extended Stay Policy

**(festivals excluded)**

Effective January 15th of this year, camping stays lasting more than 14 days in a rolling 30 day period will require approval of the Board of Directors. Approval must be obtained at a board meeting prior to your arrival. Requests can be submitted in person, via a Caretaker, or can be emailed to camp (<https://gaearetreat.org/contact>) for inclusion in the next scheduled meeting. A cash deposit of 50% of the total approved extended stay period is required. If you will be doing work exchange for your stay, the deposit is still required, but will be refunded to you after the completion of your assigned work exchange. Any unpaid fees will be due at the end of your extended stay and must be paid before an additional extended stay can be approved. Check-out will be at midnight the last night of your extended stay, and all tents and personal items must be removed from property at that time.

# Upcoming Events



**July 13-15, Heartland Naturist Festival**

(Sunset Ridge, the Pavilion and Fire Circle are reserved)

**July 15, ERI Board Meeting**

(Laid Back Labor Day Meeting at 11:30, General Board Meeting at Noon)

**July 17-26, Midwest Men's Festival**

(Entire facility is reserved)

**July 27-29, Temple Scarlet**

**July 28, Lammas Ritual**

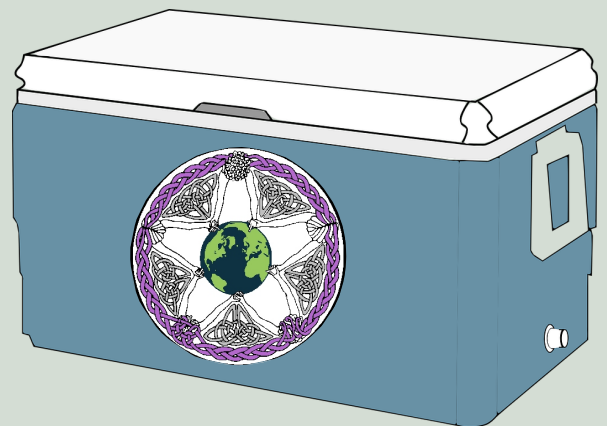
**Aug 5, ERI Board Meeting**

**Aug 17-19, Tribal Gathering**

**Aug 31– Sept 3, Laid Back Labor Day**

**Sept 7-9, RSG**

**Sept 9, ERI Board Meeting**





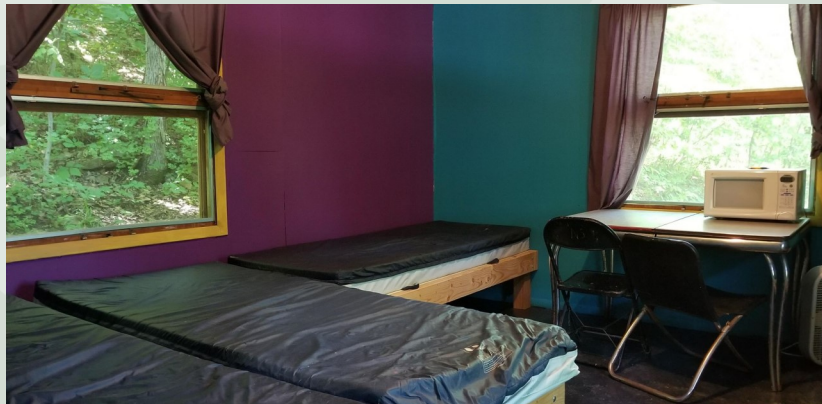
# Earth Day Community Art Project and Art Show

The art show and community art project were amazing! Our community brought all their creative energy and the outcome was stunning! The painted wooden discs will be sealed and placed on wooden posts around camp. Look for the ones you painted soon! Thanks to everyone that participated and brought all your talents to share. We made money for camp and had a wonderful art show and created a great art project and a great experience. Stay tuned for a picture of the finished posts in our next newsletter! If you helped out or showed art, thank you! If you came by and looked or shopped or made art with us, thank you!

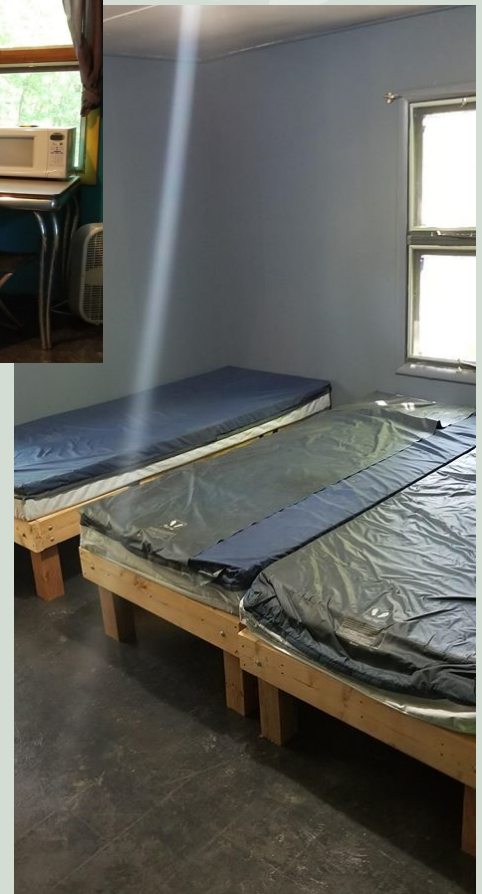


## Check Out the N5 Cabin

Our gnomes and elves have been feverishly working to paint, build new beds and restructure the yard for easier access.



You can reserve cabin spaces on our website, [gaaretrear.org](http://gaaretrear.org) or by calling (913) 796-2141.





## *The Mission of Earth Rising Inc.*

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...

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

*For More Details:*

Our Website

<https://gaearetreat.org/>

Calendar

<http://gaearetreat.org/calendar>

Donations

<http://gaearetreat.org/donations>

Contact Us

<http://gaearetreat.org/contact>

Earth Rising has partnered with Best Choice food brands to raise funds for camp. You give camp a Best Choice label and Best Choice buys it back from us for 3 cents. For every thousand we collect, camp raises \$30! Bring your labels to camp. instead of throwing those labels away. Recycle them for a good cause!

