

Beltane 2004

April 30th - May 2nd, 2004
 at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve
 near Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin

- **Arrivals and Departures:** Friday arrivals are between 11 am and 8 pm. New arrivals on Saturday are from 8 am until 4 pm. All departures except for those doing event clean-up are by 3 pm on Sunday.
- **Overnight Lodging:** Tent camping space is available at the Sanctuary for festival participants. Facilities are rustic and include portatoilets. There is some space for small RVs (under 25 ft.), but no hookups are available. A list of nearby motels and other lodging options is available to be emailed out upon request.
- **Meals:** A [potluck](#) feast will be held on Saturday evening. Other meals will be provided by events staff. Indicate your dietary preference (omnivorous, vegetarian, vegan) on your registration. Please bring your own specialty food if you are on a severely restricted diet.
- **Event Staffing:** Everyone attending the event is asked to do a workshift or two in the spirit of community. Sign up for this upon arrival.
- **Merchant Faire:** Various merchants will be selling Pagan related goods Friday through Sunday. Merchants must apply at time of registration and contribute a 10% tithe of total proceeds to Circle Sanctuary.
- **Beltane Raffle & Silent Auction:** Win magical prizes while supporting your spiritual community! Raffle tickets will be on sale at the event. If you have a magical item you'd like to donate, please bring it along. Raffle is coordinated by Shel & Shawn.

Friday April 30th	
2:00pm - 2:30pm	Land Honoring with Selena
2:30pm	Nature Walk with Reed: Learn about the plant and animal life at the Sanctuary.

3:30pm	Drum Workshop with Helen: Learn drumming techniques, rhythms and songs. Helen teaches traditional Malinke rhythms of West Africa as well as non-traditional original compositions. Her teaching style allows even the novice to experience the joy of community drumming. No experience needed.
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Dinner
7:30pm	Opening Ritual with Selena and others
9:00pm	Candle Labyrinth with Angie
Saturday May 1st	
8:00am - 9:00am	Breakfast
9:15am	Newcomers Welcome with Amra
10:00am	Handfasting of Teri & Gary by Selena
11:30am	May Court & Handfasting Reception: election and crowning of our May Queen, May King, and May Couple, with music by Turner Collins.
12:00pm	Morris Dancing: Oak Apple Morris Dancers perform traditional English dances.
1:00pm - 2:00pm	Lunch
2:30pm - 4:00pm	An African Journey with Helen: Helen Bond will be sharing stories and adventures of the beauty and culture of Guinea. Items of special interest will be the display of traditional spiritual items and a presentation of film footage produced during her journey. Helen has traveled to Guinea, West Africa for the last four years where she lives among the Malinke and Susu people.
4:00pm	Maypole Dancer's Rehearsal
4:30pm	Maypole Dance Ritual: Maypole Dance and Ritual followed by Bonfire Leaping for good luck. The ritual will include music by Turner Collins. After Ritual Potluck Feast & Celebration
8:00pm	Unicorn Story by Cecilia Farran: Original story accompanied by music by Sharon Lewis.
8:30pm	8:30 pm Raffle Drawing with Shel & Shawn
9:00pm	Community Rhythm with Helen: experience the natural rhythm and playfulness of the ancient heartbeat of the drum. Awaken your creativity; come join us on a joyful introspective journey.
Sunday May 2nd	
8:30am - 9:30am	Breakfast

10:00am	Roman Rites of Spring with Amra: Amra talks about deities and celebrations of the ancient Romans.
12:00pm	Noon Farewell Circle with Drake
12:30pm	Lunch
3:00pm	Departures & Cleanup

Items To Bring

- Contribution for [potluck](http://www.circlesanctuary.org/events/potluck.html) feast to feed at least two dozen. For details see: www.circlesanctuary.org/events/potluck.html. There is no kitchen space to prepare or cook contributions on site, but refrigeration space is available for storage. Label contributions with ingredients and serving instructions.
- 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. Clothing for both warm and cold weather, and sturdy shoes. Most activities will be outside.
- 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 (optional).
- Wedding gift or blessing for Saturday morning handfasting (optional) - not required or expected, but welcome.
- Fresh flowers, crystals, or other offerings for the Stone Circle or other sites (optional).
- Drum, rattle, or other rhythm instrument (optional).
- Lawn chair or mat to sit on.

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