

## Yule 2012

Saturday December 22, 2012

at Circle Sanctuary Nature Preserve  
13 miles west of Mt. Horeb, Wisconsin  
9 am - 7 pm



### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT:

Regretfully, we must announce that this year's Community Yule is CANCELLED, owing to hazardous road conditions following the blizzard on 12/20. For more information, please contact the Circle office at [circle@circlesanctuary.org](mailto:circle@circlesanctuary.org).

Circle Sanctuary Community invites you to join us as we celebrate the Yuletide season. This year's theme takes on a Shamanic Norse flavor, as we embrace the darkest time of the year and weave our plans for the upcoming season. It is another shift of the wheel, and though the days grow longer with the promise of Spring returning, the coldest days still lie ahead.

We will be crafting Evergreen Besoms for protection that will bless us through the cold Wintry days ahead. In addition, we will be creating emblems of the Sun to invite Light and Warmth back to the land and its people. Learn more about Heathen Goddess Holda and the Yuletide traditions that honor Her. You may also simply enjoy a walk on the Land and enjoy the Winter beauty.

Bring your merriment and laughter and enjoy a day of Community, learning, relaxing, feasting and so much more! Come and raise the horn with us as we celebrate the return of the sun.

While you are here, you can see the amazing transformations of the Farmhouse roof and porch area, and the finish your Yuletide shopping in the newly renovated Owl's Nest Resource Shop.

**Articles, rituals, & more about Winter Solstice lore & traditions**

[Celebrating the Seasons: Winter Solstice](#)

# Archive of previous Circle Yule celebrations:

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## Event Schedule:

### 9 AM - Arrivals

- Owl's Nest open for Yuletide Shopping!
- Charity Food Drive: canned goods donations accepted

### 9:30 AM - Welcome Meet & Greet

- Community Welcome of Winter Solstice Day

### 10 AM - Yule Besom Workshop & Crafting

- Honor the balance between the Oak King and the Holly King and celebrate the Great Mother of Yuletide. Connect with Evergreen representing the continuity of Life and Renewal. The Besoms will be used in the Yule Community Ritual later in the day.
- Children's Yule Crafting

### Noon -Break/Snacktime

### 12:30 pm - Yuletide with Holda - workshop by Selena Fox

- Learn lore and ways of working with the ancient Heathen Goddess Holda to celebrate Yule, to attune to Winter, and to bless hearth, kin, and home with peace, wellness, and prosperity year round.

### 1:30 pm - Break

### 2 pm - Ornament Making

- Join in celebrating the return of the sun by creating your own ornament!

### Nature Walk

- Join Reed in a short walk to enjoy Circle's wintertime beauty!

### 2:45 pm - Break

### 3 pm - Yuletide Gift Exchange

- Shaman Santa will join us for this annual joy of gifting! Bring a wrapped gift that has spiritual significance to you to exchange. There will be a children's gift circle and one for adults.

### 3:45 pm - Break

### 4:15 pm - Yule Log Community Ritual with Selena Fox, Blodie, Jen & Shaman Santa

- Using old traditions, Shaman Santa and the Holly King offer blessings of health, productivity, and prosperity to the community. Join us as we raise a Horn to honor Holda, the Ancestors, and the beginning of the Sun's return and the breaking of Winter.

### 5:30 pm - Community Potluck

- Join in our community feast to celebrate the return of the Sun!

7 pm - **Clean-up & Final Departures**

## Items to Bring:

- 3 or more cans of food to donate to Circle's annual food drive that benefits the local food pantry
- Magical gift to exchange: please write your name and something about the spiritual significance of the gift on the card so that the receiver of your gift can thank you! Wrap the card and the gift in non-see through paper!
- Contribution for potluck feast. Please if your dish needs heated bring it in a crock pot. Please be sure cakes, pies, cheese, etc. are sliced! For more information, please read over our [Potluck Guidelines](#).
- Work gloves to wear for Besom making. (*suggested*)
- Drum, rattle, or other rhythm instrument (*if you have one*)
- Dress in holiday colors (red, green or white) if you want.
- Stone for the Stone Circle (*optional*)

## Registration:

**Adults:** \$20 in advance by December 19th, or \$25 at the door

**Youth (5 - 17):** \$5 in advance by December 19th, or \$5 at the door

**Children** under 5 are FREE.

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