

Witchlets In the Woods Reclaiming Family Camp

August 20-24, 2003
Mendocino, California

Camp Schedule



Playing with the Elements

AM	Thursday Option 1	Thursday Option 2	Thursday Option 3	Friday Option 1	Friday Option 2	Friday Option 3	Saturday Option 1	Saturday Option 2	Saturday Option 3
10:30- 12 noon	Elements Path for Older Kids Jonathan, Seed & George Meet in front of the lodge	Prayer Flags Loam Meet at the picnic table by the lodge	The Magic of Stones Moonfire Meet at the grove across the road	Elements Path for Older Kids Jonathan, Seed & George Meet in front of the lodge	Rainsticks and Rattles Mimi Meet at the picnic table by the lodge	Singing for 3-to-5 Year Olds Georgie C. Meet at the fire circle	Elements Path for Older Kids Jonathan, Seed & George Meet in front of the lodge	Making Dream Charms Sarah & Copper Meet at the grove	Pendulum Making and Magic Ewa Meet at the fire circle
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3:30- 5:00 pm	Making Wands Shakti Meet at the picnic table by the lodge	Mentor Table In front of the lodge	Swimming (clothing optional) Meet in the parking lot	Kickball Bill Meet in the parking lot	Mentor Table In front of the lodge	Mystery Workshop Jonathan In front of the lodge	Gratitude, Prayer, and Nature Rose May Dance Meet in front of the lodge	Mentor Table In front of lodge	Swimming (Please wear swim attire) Meet in the parking lot

DAILY SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 20 – Earth

- 3pm – 5pm **Registration**
- 6:00pm **Dinner** at the lodge.
- 8:00pm **Opening Ritual** at the Fire Circle. We will create sacred space and invoke the Elements. We will honor North with drumming and dance. Bring instruments!

Thursday, August 21 – Air

- 8:00am **Breakfast** In the lodge.
- 9:00am **Clean Up**
- 9:30am **All-Camp Morning Ritual – Air**
- 10:30am **Workshop *Elements Path for Older Kids with Seed, Jonathan & George*** Join us to play, learn, and create magic together while exploring the mysteries of the five Elements. Come for any or all of three sessions. No experience necessary! *Day 1: North and East.* Children ages 10 and older and age 9 with a parent's request. 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Meet in front of the lodge.
- Workshop *Prayer Flags with Loam*** Using fabric, paint, glue, glitter and just about anything else we can find, we'll decorate prayer flags to hang up at the camp altar and ritual space. We'll use our creativity to weave our intentions for camp into the flags. All ages (1 hour). Meet at the picnic table by lodge.
- Workshop *The Magic of Stones: More Than Just Rocks! with Moonfire*** Stones have been used as talismans, healing tools, and charms throughout the ages. Come learn about the powers of different stones, how to identify them, and how to "hear" the different ways they "speak" when you hold them. This will be a hands-on class with plenty of rocks for everyone to handle and compare. There will also be a take-home basic list of stones with their correspondences and most widely known uses, as well as a stone for every participant to keep. All ages. 1 hour. Meet at the grove across the street from the lodge.
- 12 noon **Lunch** in the lodge.
- 1:00 pm **Clean Up**
- 1:30 pm **Family Free Time** Feel free to nap, do your daily practice, play games, do chores or visit activity centers.
- 3:30 pm **Workshop *Making Wands with Shakti*** A magic wand is a way to amplify and send our personal Fire energy out into the world so that it can manifest to benefit us all. Workshop is for all ages, and small children may need a parent to help. 1 hour. Meet at the picnic table by the lodge.
- Mentor Table** Questions about Magic? Want to talk to a Witch? This is the place to get different perspectives. Check the schedule on the table to see who will be there each day.
- Swimming** Meet at the parking lot. Clothing optional.
- 5:30pm **Dinner** in the lodge.
- 6:30pm **Clean Up**
- 7:30pm **Children's Story Time** at the fire circle.

Friday August 22 – Fire into Water

8:00am **Breakfast** in the lodge.

9:00am **Clean Up**

9:30am **All Camp Morning Ritual – Fire**

10:30am **Workshop *Elements Path for Older Kids with Seed, Jonathan & George*** Join us to play, learn, and create magic together while exploring the mysteries of the five Elements. Come for any or all of three sessions. No experience necessary! *Day 2: South and West.* Children ages 10 and older and age 9 with a parent's request. 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Meet in front of the lodge.

Workshop *Rainsticks and Rattles with Mimi* Fashion your own rainsticks and rattles. A great way to experience West without getting wet! We'll hammer nails into thick cardboard tubes, fill them with magically charged beans, seal them, then paint and embellish them with all kinds of cool colors for ritual use and musical play. We'll make rattles from recycled plastic containers, which are more accessible craft for younger fingers. Wear clothes that can stand paint stains. All ages, but youngsters (under age 7 or so) will need to bring an adult to participate because of the nails and hammers. 1 hour. Meet at the picnic table by the lodge.

Workshop *Singing for 3-to-5-Year Olds with Georgie C.* Come dance and sing! (1/2 hour) Meet at the Fire Circle.

12 noon **Lunch** at the lodge.

1pm **Clean Up**

1:30 pm **Family Free Time** Feel free to nap, do your daily practice, play games, do chores or visit activity centers.

3:30 pm **Workshop *Mystery Workshop with Jonathan*** Explore the mysteries with Jonathan! All ages.

Workshop *Kickball with Bill* All ages. 1– 1 1/2 hours. Meet in the parking lot.

Mentor Table Questions about Magic? Want to talk to a Witch? This is the place to get different perspectives. Check the schedule on the table to see who will be there each day.

5:30pm **Dinner** in the lodge.

6:30pm **Clean Up**

8:00pm **Sacred Drama *Fire into Water*** Meet at the fire circle.

Saturday August 23 – Spirit

8:00am **Breakfast** in the lodge.

9:00am **Clean Up**

9:30am **All Camp Morning Ritual – Spirit**

- 10:30am **Workshop *Elements Path for Older Kids with Seed, Jonathan & George*** Join us to play, learn, and create magic together while exploring the mysteries of the five Elements. Come for any or all of three sessions. No experience necessary! *Day 3: Center.* Children ages 10 and older and age 9 with a parent's request. (1 to 1-1/2 hours) Meet in front of lodge. 10 and up or 9 at child and parent request. 1 to 1-1/2 hours. Meet in front of the lodge.
- Workshop *Making Dream Charms with Sarah and Copper*** Want to enhance deep sleep and joyous dreams? Make a charm to enhance your night world. All ages. 1 hour. Meet at the grove across the road.
- Workshop *Pendulum Making and Magic with Ewa*** Learn to make and use a pendulum for divination. Bring some favorite crystals to work with, if you have them. All ages. Meet at the fire circle.
- 12 noon **Lunch** in the lodge.
- 1 pm **Clean Up**
- 1:30 pm **Family Free Time** Feel free to nap, do your daily practice, play games, do chores or visit activity centers. Meet at the fire circle to give feedback and get involved in planning *Witchlets 2004*.
- 3:30 pm **Workshop *Gratitude, Prayer, and Appreciation of Nature with Rose May Dance*** Learn the power of connecting with spirit in nature. All ages. Meet in front of the lodge.
- Mentor Table** Questions about Magic? Want to talk to a Witch? This is the place to get different perspectives. Check the schedule on the table to see who will be there each day.
- Swimming** Meet at the parking lot. Please wear swim attire.
- 5:30 pm **Dinner** In the lodge.
- 6:30 pm **Clean Up**
- 8:00 pm **Talent/No Talent Show** Sing! Dance! Bring your favorite comedy routine or make one up on the spot! Individual, family and inter-family performances encouraged!

Sunday August 25th – Farewell

- 8:00am **Breakfast** in the lodge.
- 9:00am **Clean Up and Pack Up** all campers.
- 11:00am **Closing Ritual** Meet in front of the lodge.
- 12:00pm **Depart Camp** **CAMP MUST BE CLEANED AND CLEARED BY NOON**

Witchlets Staff and Presenters

Badger is a witch, Maddy's and Alice's mom, and Thistle's wife. She's a member of *RiteHere*, Reclaiming's East Bay Ritual Planning Cell. Participating in *Witchlets* – as campers and/or planners – has become a part of her family's tradition. You might see her in the kitchen.

Bill Simpich is the father of Kore Margaret Simpich, age 7. He has been in a men's coven for 20 years. He is a witch and a great dad! He is a very fun person.

Copper Persephone has been doing ritual and community organizing work for almost 20 years. She has been student teaching in Reclaiming for a year. She and her community in Boulder Creek offer and host classes, workshops, and multi-age, multi-gender open rituals. Trained as a drama therapist, Copper is particularly drawn to shadow work, movement, and mask-making as a devotional practice. She lives in community with her partner Mike and daughter Sarah in the Redwoods, where they regularly dance and journey with the faeries.

Dress first came to Reclaiming magic 20 years ago via direct action politics around nuclear weapons and power issues. He joined his first small magical circle on a hill in back of Diablo Canyon Nuclear Power Plant. He took on gender bending in 1984 as a daily action, and has walked the edge ever since. Dancing, making music, and playing are integral parts of his approach to life and magic. He has two beautiful children by blood, and a cherubic granddaughter via love.

Ewa is a witch, mother of twins, hypnotherapist and traveler between the worlds. Her first earned money came from a mostly purple witch painting when she was 8 years old. She has been actively involved with Bay Area Reclaiming for the past five years and a part of *Witchlets* since its beginning. Using magic in everyday life manifests right now in digging in her garden.

George is a Witch, grassroots activist, and journalist. He loves playing and teaching guitar. He is scared of anything larger than a squirrel that lives in the woods.

Georgie Craig is a witch, teacher, storyteller, writer, editor, wife, and mom, in no particular order. She teaches Reclaiming tradition classes in Marin and plans public rituals with the Marin Ritual Planning Cell. She's Miranda's mom and Keith's wife. Georgie has attended six Reclaiming California Witchcamps, but this is the first time she and her family have come to *Witchlets*. Georgie loves to drum, dance, sing, and play. She looks forward to playing in the woods with other families.

Kala has been a witch since childhood but came out and became active in the 90's. She has worked on Reclaiming's Sonoma Ritual Planning Cell and the San Francisco Ritual Planning Cell, and has been a member of the Wheel for four years. She has been at *Witchlets* for two years (her daughter and granddaughter have attended since the camp's beginning). Kala has a passion for costumes and brings them whenever she can. Dress, Kala's love, and his son, Morgan, join her at camp this year.

Loam Akasha-Bast is a Reclaiming tradition witch, writer, and Lydia's Mom. She has helped produced *Witchlets in the Woods* since it started in 2001. Her specialties are chanting, drumming, anchoring, and rampant silliness. She is delighted to partake in this abundance of community and magic this harvest season.

Mimi is a Piscean Witch and Mother who loves incorporating art, music, and dance into ritual. She is known to spend hours browsing cool craft stores, and prides herself on a rather impressive glitter collection. Offering her workshop *Rainsticks and Rattles* is a dream come true!

Moonfire has been a practicing pagan for four years and is one of the original *Witchlets* campers. She has a strong interest in the wonderful gifts of Gaia, such as herbal healing and stone magic. Moonfire is the mother of four children, ranging in age from 10 to 21, and she considers her role of mother as the most important in her life. She is involved in Rite Here (Reclaiming public ritual planning for the SF East Bay), and is also a member of FireDrumCircle (a group dedicated to pagan-friendly community development through drumming, song, and fire-spinning). Moonfire feels that her mission is to better our planet and community through public service. She loves group gatherings that include drumming, dancing, song, kids, animals, and everything that makes our pagan community vibrant.

Rose May Dance is a mother and a grandmother; she is also a priestess and witch. She is creatively exploring how those identities come together. Rose has taught in Reclaiming since 1981. She has taught community classes and at adult Witchcamps since their beginning. Rose's specialties are ritual planning, healing and story work, tarot, and all forms of nature worship. She is accompanying her partner Bill Simpich and their daughter Kore, 7, to camp for the second year.

Sarah is 7 years old, and has practiced magic and ritual her whole life. She especially likes large public rituals and performances. This year she will go into second grade. This is her second year at *Witchlets*.

Shakti is a Boulder Creek Mountain Witch, whose passion comes from Mother Earth, sky, and everything in between. She is mother to Deidra and Allan. This will be her second year at *Witchlets* and two other Reclaiming California witchcamps. Shakti shares a coven with eight beautiful witches that create powerful magic. She calls herself a "cone junkie," who specializes in *magic*, love, and laughter.

Thistle is a witch, Maddy's dad, Alice's stepdad, and Badger's husband. He's a member of *RiteHere*, Reclaiming's East Bay Ritual Planning Cell. Participating in *Witchlets* – as campers and/or planners – has become a part of his family's tradition.

Uncle Jonathan (aka Jonathan Furst) is returning for his second year of fun and silliness at *Witchlets*. Jonathan has trained – and assisted – with Tom Brown's Tracker School. He also teaches nature awareness classes in the Santa Cruz Mountains. He has student-taught *Elements of Magic for Activists* and will co-lead the *Older Kids' Path* with Seed and George. But why is Jonathan really here? To play tag. Lots and lots of tag. Try chasing him some time.