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Oak Spirit Sanctuary presents:



Growing Together

Ostara 2025

March 21st- 23rd

About the 4 Unique Rituals

The 3 main rituals create an arch celebrating growing together. Participants will germinate in community, celebrate their individuality as they make up the community and feel prepared to take the community grown over the weekend with them afterwards. These rituals celebrate that together we make a beautiful tapestry of people and connection. Friday and Saturday nights at 7pm, closing ritual Sunday at 2pm.

Chocolate Bunny Ritual- Join us for a kid focused, interactive ritual. Our intent will be to HOP into spring with the help of peeps, jelly beans and a chocolate bunny! We'll raise energy to bless the candy and ourselves. This kids ritual will be lighthearted and playful, both magickal and sweet. Saturday afternoon at 3pm.

About the Workshops

House Cleansing and Blessing by Fae- I am honored to be leading the House Cleansing/Blessing Workshop, as it has become one of Oak Spirit Sanctuary's emerging traditions. Together, we'll discuss cleansing rituals and the spiritual significance they hold across different times and places. From ancient practices to modern techniques, we'll delve into how these rituals can bring peace and positive energy into your space. After the discussion, we'll move into a hands-on experience where you'll learn and perform your own house blessing. Bring your intentions and your energy as we create a harmonious environment in our home away from home. Workshop Friday at 6pm and Blessing of the Retreat Center after Opening Ritual.

Why Prairie Matters- In this program, Tracy Lewandowski, Missouri Prairie Foundation Board Member, will introduce us to prairies and other grasslands and help us understand why they are so relevant today. Saturday at 11am.

Dandelions by Jennifer- All things Dandelions including folklore and practices, magical uses and historical associations and scientific information. Eating dandelions, nutrition and recipes will be discussed! Sunday at 11am.

About the Activities-

Community Black Salt Creation with Sarah JoySparker- Combine traditional ingredients with the power of community to make this witches protection ingredient. Saturday before lunch!

Get into the spirit of the season with egg painting, paper flower crowns and egg wand crafting! Empower your wand for ritual use all weekend long! Crafting tables open Saturday afternoon!

Egg Hunt- Like finding candy in a haystack, we're having a twist on this years traditional egg hunt. Make sure your kids bring their baskets! Saturday at 4pm.

Potluck Community Dinner- Bring a dish to share and enjoy an eclectic, delicious dinner with community! Prep starts Saturday night at 4:30 and dinner at 5pm!

Chant Circle Fireside- We'll be Drumming and singing by the fireside Saturday night after ritual. Bring your voice, instruments and favorite songs!

Shrine Tending at the Fae village- Help us tidy up from winter and leave them something that sparkles! Sunday after lunch!

General Information

Gate Hours: Gates open Friday at 3:00 and close at 9:00 PM Friday and Saturday nights. No entry from 9:00 pm unless other arrangements have been made by contacting info@oakspiritsanctuary.org Gate opens at 9:00 am Saturday and Sunday mornings. Event closes at 3:00 PM Sunday.

Camping Spots: The grounds of OSS are open and do not have designated camping sites as one might expect at a state park campground. You may camp anywhere that is not a ritual or community space. Tent, pull-behind campers, and drivable camping vehicles are all allowed. Camping is rustic: there are no electric or water hook-ups, no flush toilets. Porta-potties are available on site. The shower house is not opened for the season yet.

Fire Pits: All fires must be kept enclosed in the already established fire pits around the property. All fire pits are treated with the respect given to ritual spaces and we ask that no trash or cigarette butts are thrown in.

Pack-in Pack-out: OSS does not offer trash disposal services. Please plan to remove your own trash and recycling.

Ice will be available to purchase on site for \$3.00 per bag.

If you have accessibility challenges and need more information about the grounds or amenities at OSS or how we can help you, please contact info@oakspiritsanctuary.org

Thank you to all who attend, Blessed Be!

Thank you to everyone who helped to plan and run this event.

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