



*Creator, shapeshifter, trickster,
messenger of spirits,
Raven is elder sibling to Crow,
and partner to Wolf.*

Raven Clan

Raven was known as the first being to experience altered states for visioning and divination (the Koryak people call Raven "the First Shaman"). Raven chose to ensure that all beings of the earth would have access to these states. Our Raven Clan will devote ourselves to helping manifest Raven's decision by:

- Holding magical focus and awareness for extended periods (including mealtimes).
- Building and deepening energy and containers for the Fire Releasing, Trance dance, and attunements.
- Connecting to the joy and ecstasy of magic while pacing yourself - keeping a personal anchor to the natural world.
- Being active facilitators of the magical flow for the Visioning ritual.

Raven released the Sun, Moon, and stars, bringing light and the cycle of day and night into the formerly dark world. In honor and recognition of this, the Raven Clan will be present at every attunement during the weekend of Twilight Covening, to give magical support to the clan facilitating each attunement.

In preparation for this, we ask that for the week before Twilight, you perform your own daily attunements. They don't have to follow any specific formula (as you know, Twilight Covening attunements vary broadly in their form), so long as you make time to stop and ritually acknowledge each of the four quarters of the day.

Also during the same time period, do the Taoist Healing Breaths exercise at least once a day, and, if you're feeling ambitious, the centering and grounding Ma Kuso breaths as well.

We hope you will be able to come early Friday to help with the set up of the Fire Releasing Ritual (any time after 4PM). Your part will be some different from the Crow in that you will be more focused on the energy of the ritual than the logistics of running it.

As with the Crow clan, we would like you to come prepared with a word or phrase which expresses the essence of your intended work over the coming winter season. You should also bring a rattle and a blindfold for use during clan time.

In Norse myth, Odin's Raven companions were called Huginn ("Bold") and Muninn ("Mindful"). Clearly, seeking vision requires a careful balance between courage and mindfulness. As the Wolves helped participants to prepare for the journey and walked the edge exploring their connection to community and their separateness from it, and the Crows gave invisible support from behind the scenes working with one foot in the magic and one in the logistics of the ritual, the Ravens will act as guides and spirit messengers, lending our energies to facilitating the ritual participants' quests and standing fully present within the magic of the gathering.

To Bring:

Blindfold and Rattles (to share if you have some)

A word that represents your Winter work

A vegetable for the opening circle

Sage if you have it on hand

Something burnable that represents your blocks to your Winter work to release in the fire releasing ritual

Raven items - pictures, statues, feathers, whatever you have to decorate the clan table and clan cabin.

The usual stuff you'd bring to a gathering, of course, drums, magickal tools and such. A heater for the cabin if you have it.

Rain gear in case there is prolonged period of time outside during a ritual in the R...

Sturdy footgear suitable for climbing rocks.

Oh and Warm clothing in layers, probably a black outer set of garments to be on the safe side.

See you at Twilight,

Duncan & Moira