



Welcome to the Caribou Clan! This weekend we will spend time immersing ourselves in the mysteries of Woman. We will explore the archetypes of the Goddess in all Her attributes, learning those which we possess, and those we should develop. We will explore our experiences around the Blood Moon, understanding the power of She Who Bleeds, She Who Births, and She Who Holds Her Wise Blood Within. Traveling with the drum, we will journey to the wild places where the caribou run- star gazing, breathing the rippling light of the Aurora, merging with the herd....and emerging with the knowledge of what it means to be Woman, and to be Leader, Healer, Protector, Mother, Defender. Rather than allowing the weight of our power to bend our necks, we will wear our antlers proudly, tossing them in the winds as we run.

In order to make this experience as full as possible, I invite you to release anything that ties you emotionally or mentally to your everyday world — entering fully into the ritual that is Twilight Covening and letting go of the need to discuss current events and politics to the greatest extent possible — being mindful of our own and others' desire to enter into a magical space. During the course of the weekend, we will weave back and forth between Clan time and community time through the larger rituals of the gathering including the Opening Circle and Releasing Fire on Friday night, Dream Circle, Trance Dance, and Clear Space on Saturday evening, the Visioning Ritual on Sunday, and finally, the Closing Circle on Monday. Each of these community rituals is designed to bring you back into the larger community that is Twilight Convening, enriching and flavoring the larger gathering with our work as a Clan.

A few important and practical considerations: Weather in the mountains in October is nothing if not unpredictable — plan for anything! Wearing layers is a very good idea, since you can shed them or add to them as the weather changes. Rain gear is also important, as are sturdy water-proof shoes and warm socks (bring extra just in case you get wet). I encourage you to wear garb to help you manifest your magical self, but long cumbersome skirts and cloaks do not work for the visioning ritual, so keep this in mind when planning your wardrobe.

**Things to bring for you:**

- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Blankets/pillows/towels
- Rain gear (poncho/umbrella)
- Personal toiletries
- A drinking vessel for hot or cold beverages

- Snacks for post-journey work — hard cheeses, nuts, dried fruit, and chocolate all work quite well — but be sure to have a secure way to store them as the wee creatures enjoy them too!
- A folding chair or something comfortable to sit on
- A journal or other place to take notes and record visions and dreams

**Things to bring for rituals:**

- Harvest vegetable for Opening Ritual (flavorful herbs can be considered vegetables)
- Jar with a candle (an empty mayonnaise jar with a votive works well)
- Blindfold (a bandana, scarf, or sleep mask work well)
- A token (something small, please, and preferably not toxic when it burns) to place into the releasing fire. You can also make and charge something from the site when you get there, like a bit of wood, a beautiful leaf.....
- If you have a small antler to help decorate our Clan table in the dining hall, please bring it along if you wish

I look forward to sharing this time with you. Safe journeys — and I'll see you Friday.

Starwind

