

Welcome to Snowy Owl Clan!



We'll be focusing on soothsaying techniques, history, ethics, and more; if you have any divination tools (whether traditional or New Age), please bring them. *Please* remember to bring your own chair for the clan "working" cabin, since we will be sitting for most of our divination work. If you need one in your sleeping cabin, bring 2 chairs. The dining hall is singularly lacking in loose chairs. We will have a small library of books on divination in our clan "working" cabin, as well as a fairly large collection of divination tools which we can explore. Many forms of divination are done on tables, we want small tables (card tables at the outside)

and cloths to cover them. if you can bring one, that would be a great help. If anyone has a card table, it might be a good idea to bring it, since we only have 4 so far and want one for every two clan members. We will also need three 6-foot plain tablecloths for the tables to be set up in the Clan's Working cabin. & If any of you have, say, India print bedspreads that we can hang up around the walls and between the ceiling beams, that will make the cabin look more Mysterious, (not to mention cutting drafts). Jane has a staple gun to help put those up. Plus, if anyone has twinkle lights, or bead string curtains we could put up over the door into the main cabin, please bring them.

One of the things we'll be doing is a seid utisetá; we'll need a volunteer to drum for that. This volunteer must be someone who can bring (or borrow) a drum, and who can maintain a steady beat for at least an hour. Jane will do the actual Voyaging with Tchipakkan as Link to the Clan. It will be a teaching Voyage, rather than simply a Q & A Voyage.

However Eric has offered to print up the astrological chart of each of the clan members- but we'll need your birth-date, time and location, ASAP so we can send it to him. We will also be giving each clan member a set of basic runes, although feel free to bring your own if you already have them.

Remember that it gets cold in the Berkshires. Bring plenty of bedding, a flashlight that actually works, warm clothing, rain gear (just in case), and your veggie for the Community Soup. You might want to bring extra blankets, too, as well as several enclosed-flame tea candle holders (with new tea candles in 'em). Nothing distracts from psychic activity like discomfort, so let's stay comfortable.

For our Clan table in the dining hall: we will need candles, lots of 'em, plus holders for aforesaid. Jane plans to bring her Melitta coffee machine and freshly roasted coffee grinds so's our Clan has really *good* coffee. She also plans to bring some twinkle lights for either our table or for the wall near it. It would be nice if several of you brought a gallon of sweet cider also to share at our table. We'll need about 6 gallons of cider, methinks. We do have a nearly full-size snowy owl stuffie for the centerpiece; other snowy owls, fall foliage, loose Tarot cards, scrying balls, and mysterious paraphernalia (the weirder and more creative, the better) might help decorate our table. Folks like to "snoop" other clans' tables, and if we can keep 'em guessing, all to the good. Diviners are *supposed* to be mysterious.

Please note that the alternative ritual on Sunday night for those who cannot or who choose not to undergo the physical version of the grand ritual will be held in the Snowy Owl "working" cabin. Being in Snowy Owl does not mean you must do the alternative ritual, of course, you may. Here, we will trance Voyage, following the steps of the grand ritual which will be performed by those who can do the physical version. (You may want to bring a foam mat for that.) We will be the last to leave the Dining Hall, and probably the first to return. It will be our task to get the hall in a welcoming configuration, candles lit, and all set for the folks who will be coming up from the ending point of the physical version of the grand ritual.

For the event and especially for our closing "playlet", it would be great if we all dressed up as wizards,

soothsayers, prognosticators, gypsies, from all cultures, etc. Staffs with feathers and odd stones dangling from thongs, SCA garb, strange headgear, jingly jewelry, arcane scrolls or tomes which look like spell-books, that sort of thing. OK to wear Hogwarts garb, too. The more varied, the better. Remember that the soothsayer, throughout history, was not only a diviner, but also had to have a good theatrical presentation (technique, garb, etc.) in those pre-MTV times. That way, the soothsayer got paid. And got business. When the soothsayer came to town, or when one goes to see a medium or palmist, the locals expect to see something Out Of The Ordinary. Remember, when the soothsayer went into action, it was Showtime!

If you need more info, can volunteer to bring things, have questions, etc. please email

Jane (<<mailto:jrsibley@snet.net>>jrsibley@snet.net) or Tchipakkan (<<mailto:tchipakkan@tds.net>>tchipakkan@tds.net). We will be setting up a Snowy Owl list for pre-Twilight discussion, so anyone who has email who'll be in the clan, please contact both of us?