

House Kheperu Gather

June 9th - June 11th, 2017

Ballroom

Conference Room C

Friday

1:00 PM	Registration Opens	
3:30 PM	Hitchhiker's Guide to Gather Presenters: Chris Miller & Cindy 3:30pm-4:30pm	It All Seems Familiar Presenter: Deborah Squires Rogers 3:30pm-4:30pm
5:00 PM	Kheprian Castes Presenters: Aaron, Jay & Sarah 5:00pm-6:00pm	The Star Ruby Presenter: Eilfie Music Edwards + 5:00pm-6:00pm
6:00 PM	Opening Ritual 6:00pm-7:00pm	
7:00 PM	break	
7:30 PM	Ritual of the 7 Gates Presenter: Michelle Belanger + 7:30pm-9:00pm	Stoned, Sedimentary, & Crystal Clear Presenter: Deborah Squires Rogers 7:30pm-9:00pm
8:00 PM	Registration Closes	
9:00 PM	break	
9:30 PM	Club Kheperu Presenters: Th'Elf & Lydia Dahmer *beach legal clothing required 9:30pm-Open	Subtle Body Art Presenters: Gryphon & Cat Mason 9:30pm-Open

Saturday

8:00 AM	Registration Opens	
9:00 AM	Basic /Intermediate Energy Work Presenters: Amber, Gryphon & Spencer	Survival for Empaths Presenter: Samuel Sanfratello

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	Ballroom 9:00am-10:30am	Conference Room C 9:00am-10:30am
10:30 AM	break	
11:00 AM	Inner Energy Yogas Presenter: Ges 11:00am-12:30pm	The Care & Feeding of Vampires Presenter: Heather Corus 11:00am-12:30pm
12:00 PM	Registration Closes	
12:30 PM	lunch break (90 mins)	
2:00 PM	Counselor Caste Class Presenters: House Kheperu Counselors 2:00pm-3:30pm	Energy of Conflict Presenters: Traeonna & Kiltgrll 2:00pm-3:30pm
3:30 PM	break	
4:00 PM	Priest Caste Class Presenters: House Kheperu Priests 4:00pm-5:30pm	Energy & Gender Presenter: Ian Unger 4:00pm-5:30pm
5:30 PM	dinner break (90 mins)	
7:00 PM	Warrior Caste Class Presenter: House Kheperu Warriors 7:00pm-8:30pm	Tantric Tech & The Tarot: Part 2 Presenter: Ges 7:00pm-8:30pm
8:30 PM	break	
9:00 PM	Here We Go Again Presenter: Michelle Belanger 9:00pm-10:30pm	Playing with Energetic States Presenters: Shae & Kallisti + 9:00pm-10:30pm
10:30 PM	break	
11:00 PM	Glamour:	Burning Bright:

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<p>Ballroom</p> <p>The Good, The Bad & The Ugly</p> <p>Presenter: Th'Elf & Nami</p> <p>11:00pm-Open</p>	<p>Conference Room C</p> <p>Utilizing Fire in Ritual, Energy Work, and Other Practices</p> <p>Presenters: Traeonna & Kiltgrrl</p> <p>11:00pm-Open</p>
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Sunday

9:00 AM	<p>Moving Your Body & Energy</p> <p>Presenters: Rez & Lisa Webb</p> <p>9:00am-10:30am</p>	<p>Color and Knots</p> <p>Presenter: Heather Corus</p> <p>9:00am-10:30am</p>
10:30 AM	break	
11:00 AM	Hotel Check Out	
11:00 AM	<p>What is Satanism?</p> <p>Presenter: Corvis Nocturnum</p> <p>11:00am-12:30pm</p>	<p>Love, Luck & Penny Talismans</p> <p>Presenter: Jim Leach</p> <p>11:00am-12:30pm</p>
12:30 PM	break	
1:00 PM	<p>Closing Ritual</p> <p>1:00pm-2:00pm</p>	
2:00 PM	Farewells	
2:00 PM	<p>Post Gather Lunch</p> <p>In ballroom next to closing ritual</p> <p>2:00pm-4:00pm</p>	

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Class Descriptions

Basic-Intermediate Energy Work

What is vital energy and how can we consciously harness it? Join House Kheperu members and allies as they lead you through an introductory workshop, recommended for those who are new to energy and its related concepts.

Presenters: Amber, Spencer & Gryphon

Burning Bright:

Utilizing Fire in Ritual, Energy Work, and Other Practices

Fire is an element that can bring destruction, but it can also nourish, sustain, and transform. Participants will learn techniques using both physical fire and the fire within. Safety and risk awareness when working with fire will be discussed followed by a demonstration of several tools and techniques including fleshing, drumming, flash cotton, and cupping as well as a presentation on how to incorporate these into your practice. Participants will explore this tool through discussion, demonstration, sensory experiences, hands-on exercises, and ritual. An understanding of energy work is assumed; however, no prior fire work knowledge is assumed or required.

Presenters: Traeonna & Kiltgrl

The Care and Feeding of Vampires

Here's the class on vampires and vampirism from a donor's point of view that you've been waiting for. From handy tips and tricks on how to help support the vampire in your life to funny anecdotes about when vampires and donors butt heads and ways to diffuse the situation and get back to level ground.

Presenter: Heather Corus

Club Kheperu

Join DJs Th'Elf & Eclipse(Ash) for social time and dancing the night away. We are bringing back a blast from the past and resurrecting the Vampire Club! Put on your dancing shoes, stomp boots, or bare feet and express yourself through fashion and move energy through music and dance. ****Beach Legal Clothing Required****

Presenter: DJ Th'Elf & DJ Eclipse (Ash)

Color & Knots: Subtle Magick on the Go 102

Pinterest and magick have mixed once again! Combining color and knot magick, this hands on class will go over the many variances in color correspondences and different ways of incorporating it into craft projects, like knot magick and the traditional Japanese handicraft of kumihimo. Craft kits will be available for \$5, or feel free to bring your own project to work on.

Presenter: Heather Corus

Counselor Caste Class

In the Kheperian system counselors are the most diverse group in form and functionality, yet we all pull together to work as a cohesive unit. How can a group with such variety and skills get on the same page and move metaphysical mountains? How is it not chaos all the time?

Come and join the counselor caste for discussions on the integration of individual opinions, skills, and talents into a collaborative effort. Learn how members of the caste use their different abilities both within and outside of the Kheperian system. Join us for discussions on how not fitting the mold can be a benefit in both the metaphysical and mundane sides of life. Come and discuss the adaptive nature of counselor energy and how personal and dynamic group change always keeps us learning and growing.

Presenters: House Kheperu Counselors

Energy & Gender

Western culture has taught many of us that "feminine" and "masculine" are gender-specific terms, but the lines are actually quite blurry - especially when related to energy. We will explore how feminine and masculine energies exhibit fluidity regardless of gender or expression; how energy can be one, both, or neither; and how these concepts can relate to the castes and their roles in ritual.

Presenter: Ian Unger

Energy of Conflict:

Managing Conflict in Energetic Relationships

How does the energy of conflict affect your life and the world around you? What happens energetically when you are in conflict?

Things can and often do not go the way we plan them. Handled badly, conflict can do real harm, both to you and the people you care about the most. It can lead to quarrels, mistrust, or even causing people to part ways. Handled well, however, conflict can be extraordinarily useful. If you have the skills needed, it can actually be your ally. It can help you identify and solve problems leading to the building of deeper and stronger connections.

This class is an introduction to different perspectives on conflict and strategies for resolving interpersonal conflict. Learn to assess your own response to conflict as well as skills to recognize, manage, redirect, and diffuse difficult situations so you can get things back on track and preserve connections, with minimal damage.

Presenters: Traeonna & Kiltgrl

Glamour: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly

From the stage to the office, at home or while chasing Pokemon in the park, Glamour is one of the most mentioned uses of energy by Otherkin and one of the most tricky.

Nami and th'Elf will discuss conscious and unconscious use of Glamour, how to build an internal framework for your Glamour work without losing yourself as well as using physical elements to modify or enhance your Glamour. They'll also offer ideas as to the types of Glamour uses and how responsive Glamour works (mostly).

They look forward to hearing your experiences, thoughts and ideas about this incredible (-y dark and shiny) system as we settle into a new and, as yet, 'untouched' home for Gather.

Presenters: Th'Elf & Nami

Here We Go Again

You've found someone you have a past life connection with. You've remembered a past life experience that is seriously bothering you. What do past lives mean to us in the present? How can we honor past life relationships without falling into patterns that may not fit where we are this time around? Bring your questions, experiences, or concerns about how to integrate past life connections and memories to this conversation with Michelle Belanger.

Presenter: Michelle Belanger

Hitchhiker's Guide to Gather

Are you new to Gather? Are you worried you are about to land on an alien planet where they all speak a language you don't understand? What do you need to know about classes, energy, and self-care while you are at Gather? Come chat with two veterans of Gather and many other types of conventions about how to navigate the weekend.

Presenters: Chris Miller & Cindy

Inner Energy Yogas

The Buddhism of Tibet places a great deal of focus on the inner yogas: energy work involving the channels, winds, and drops of the bodies. Learn meditations and practices to work with the subtle energies and elements, to strengthen the channels, and purify the bodies.

Presenter: Ges

Introduction to Kheperian Castes

For those who are new to House Kheperu and the concept of the Kheperian Caste System: Warrior, Counselor, and Priest. Join us in discussing the differences between the three, how they operate and their roles in correlation to the House, to energy, and to each other.

Presenters: Aaron, Sarah, & Jay

It All Seems Familiar, But Where Am I Now?

Current Explorations in Quantum Theory and Consciousness

The Elephant in the Room for scientists everywhere is, "What is consciousness?" To even suggest something psychic or magical is verboten. And in our community, we wonder if science will ever find that link between consciousness and energy work. This seminar will break the concepts down, compare what scientists, believers and skeptics say on this mind-bending subject that has reappeared in the quantum theory world with a vengeance. An annotated resource list will be provided.

Deborah Squires Rogers

Love, Luck and Penny Talismans

Ancient Graeco-Romans wrote their dark wishes on metallic "curse tablets" and communicated those primal desires to chthonic deities by tossing them in rivers and wells. In this workshop we will craft modern day "defixiones" using found pennies and four letter words. Four letter words? Unlike the more flowery words that come from Latin, which often have polite and socially acceptable connotations, Anglo-Saxon words are considered crass, direct and are more suitable expressing basic impulses. Plus, four letter words fit better on small coins.

Presenter: Jim Leach

Moving Your Body & Energy

We will explore how movement of the body may lead to altered states of consciousness and wellbeing. Discussions will include a brief look into the new science theory of Embodied Cognition and the relationship between body movement and cognitive output.

Based off of the response from last year's class "Ritual without Tools", we will be retouching on walking and breathing techniques, grounding and centering, and an introduction on martial arts concepts that require complete body relaxation.

We will also discuss how the energy aware and gifted can benefit from applied physical and breathing techniques; as seen in practices such as IE Yoga, Kundalini Yoga, Qi Gong, Bellyfit™, and others.

Presenter: Rez & Lisa Webb

+ Playing with Energetic States

Come watch and join in as Kallisti and Shae demonstrate what can happen when A kheprian style and non-kheprian style interact. Will cover how to connect, how to balance the connection from either side, and troubleshooting when things go off the rails.

Presenters: Shae & Kallisti

Priest Caste Class

Being a Priest in the modern world can be overwhelming. How do you balance being what you are with daily life? Does being a Priest affect your health or wellbeing? If so, how do you find balance and take care of your health? Come join the members of House Kheperu's Priest caste in a discussion of these topics.

Presenters: House Kheperu Priests

+ Ritual of the Seven Gates

Descend into the Underworld in this guided journey that harnesses energy work and archetypal imagery to strip away illusions and attachments until only your core remains. Like Ishtar on her own descent, stand naked in the Hall of Judgment to assert your identity and reclaim your power before ascending, renewed, to mortal flesh.

Presenter: Michelle Belanger

Subtle Body Art

Cat Mason and Gryphon M. Once again offer a class on Subtle Energy Art. Last year they introduced the concept of opening up to your creative intuitions and translating those impressions into art. This year they will discuss taking those impressions a step further toward your own unique set of symbols and interpretations via hands on drawing. Cat and Gryph will also discuss the results of their Kickstarter campaign and where that leads to now. After, they will be setting up to do personal sketches and take Subtle Energy Art commissions.

Presenters: Cat Mason & Gryphon

+ The Star Ruby

Star Ruby Ritual: Intone like you mean it. This will be a public demonstration of the banishing ritual, the Star Ruby, along with a talk on the importance of intoning in ritual space beforehand. The act of intoning is something not always focused on in magick when it is vital for both pronouncing correctly but also using your voice in the act of ritual work.

Presenter: Eilfie

Stoned, Sedimentary, & Crystal Clear:

Using Rocks in Energy Work and Grounding

Call them crystals, stones, whatever, but for this Warrior, it's all about the rocks! Learn how various geological rocks and their conductive properties are used in many forms of energy work. Specific attention will be paid towards defining and claiming space, grounding, cleansing, and meditation. Hands on audience participation will be encouraged, and a light-hearted bibliography will be distributed.

Presenter: Deborah Squires Rogers

Survival For Empaths

Can you feel what others are feeling? Do you get a knot in your stomach around certain people or places? Does your 6th sense make everyday living tough in certain places or at certain times? This class will give you hands on training with a variety of different techniques that may help you "dial down" your empathic abilities - allowing you to use your gifts with less of the negative side effects.

Presenter: Samuel Sanfratello

Tantric Tech & The Tarot: 2

The Tantric system of Tibetan Buddhism has a highly developed method of passing initiations and performing evocations and invocations, but the figures in this tradition are foreign and esoteric to most people. The tarot is a complex system of archetypes which can be used for divination, but also as forces to embody and work with. In this class learn some of the history of both systems, how the tantric system can mesh with tarot archetypes to make something more accessible for non-Buddhist practitioners, and even receive an initiation into a triad of tarot figures.

Presenter: Ges

Warrior Caste Class

What does it mean to be a Warrior in today's world? What roles do Warriors take in their community? How do they function in the practical and metaphysical worlds? What is their value? How do they relate to the other castes? This class will be mix of discussion and energy work as we will discuss the importance of Warriors and practice techniques for grounding, shielding, and ritual work.

Presenters: House Kheperu Warriors

What is Satanism?

This often maligned religion has frightened religious and nonreligious people all over the world since the 1960s. For many, the term "Satanism" brings to mind many unpleasant thoughts and images. Through Hollywood stereotyping and contemporary religion gaining power through the Devil in propaganda, as supposedly Satanic deeds distorts the reality. Find answers to frequently asked questions about Satanic practices and beliefs. Learn from a reverend and media representative for the official Church of Satan.

Presenter: Corvis Nocturnum

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Teacher Bios

Aaron

Aaron is the Priest caste second. His interests include Buddhism, Aleister Crowley, and Sumerian/Akkadian history.

House Member: Priest Caste Second, Warrior Caste

Amber

Counselor caste dedicant. Interests include all forms of healing & medicine, psychology, necromancy, and making things grow.

Dedicant: Counselor Caste

Cat Mason

Cat Mason is a professional illustrator and artist, working in various media with a focus in the digital. A native from Louisiana, the rich local color has allowed her to observe all walks of life and death. She's worked in energetic observational art for over 10 years has developed a style that records the form in a method similar to medical illustration.

Chris Miller

Maker. Wizard. Minimalist. Has not yet been eaten by a grue.

House Member: Counselor Caste

Cindy

A natural healer and empath for most of her life, Cindy was first exposed to the nature of energy work at 18. Hailing from the Detroit area, she has been working with ConVocation since 2001. With a deep passion for learning and new experiences her interests vary from costuming, music and food to history, science and both traditional and alternative psychotherapies. Her beliefs are that spirituality and religion can and should be a fluid and all inclusive system.

House Member: Counselor Caste

Corvis Nocturnum

Corvis Nocturnum is an author, publisher and lecturer who has written over two dozen books on popular culture. The content ranges from vampires and zombies to the Devil and the occult. He has also been a consultant for A&E Channel's Paranormal State. He has appeared as a guest speaker at Dragon Con, Scarefest, Parafest, and interviewed on the BET Channel's The Lexi Show episode "The Church of Satan". He was also interviewed in an October 2009 Penthouse Magazine article on sex and Satanism.

www.corvisnocturnum.com

Deborah Squires Rogers

Deborah and her better half, Carla, live in north central Massachusetts. There, she spends time following theoretical physics, using her rocks, communing with the Elements, and pissing off the ill-informed. Both are practitioners of the Old Religion and view their frequent paranormal experiences as a natural part of life. Find Deborah on Twitter @NemesisDuJour.

<http://improbable-fiction.blogspot.com/>

Eilfie

Eilfie Music Edwards grew up in a Pagan household where the Occult was synonymous with everyday life. Her father, Dr. James Music, was a Ceremonial Magician and artist, which was an influence on her artistic career as it intermingled with her desire to learn more about the Occult. Most of her interest moved more into the investigation of the paranormal. From 2007-2011 Eilfie was a regular on A&E series Paranormal State as a researcher in occult knowledge. She continues to investigate the paranormal. She lives in PA with her wonderful husband Chris, puppy Temujin, and kitties.

House Ally

Ges

Ges is a ceremonial magickian and a Vajrayana practitioner ordained in the Gelug tradition. Buddhist studies have been under the graces of a local lama of the Karma Kagyu sect and a Rinpoche of the Gelug sect. Ceremonial practices are largely Solomonic and grimoiric, and influenced by the Golden Dawn and Thelemic models. A focus on death, dying, the energy body, and practical "real-world" magick have always driven Ges's practices.

House Ally

Gryphon

Gryphon is a member of the Warrior Caste with one foot firmly among the Priests. He has studied, practiced, and taught the Occult for over 30 years. Prior to becoming a member of House Kheperu in 2005, he was the founding member of other spiritual groups in Columbus, Ohio. After living in New York for several years, he returned home to Ohio where he continues to pursue a career in Security & Safety. His interests include: weapons (specifically the bladed sort), science fiction, forbidden history, handcrafting (wood, plastics, leather, metal, etc.), camping / hiking, and a whole sack full of other things.

House Member: Warrior, Priest

Heather Corus

Heather Corus, better known as Acrophobic Pixie in certain circles, has been a practitioner of magic(k) and divination for over 20 years, following her mother's footsteps. She's been a member of the Voices of the Vampire Community social group and the vampiric/otherkin community for many years, speaking at HK Gather 2015 and NOVA's Cirque du Nuit in 2013. An avid crafter and Pinterest addict, she's found many ways of combining the two together, much to the dismay of her crafting budget.

Ian Unger

Ian Unger is a transgender man and activist. He founded Gender Outfitters, a clothing service for trans and non-binary individuals in need. Ian continues to serve on many LGBTQ+ equality committees at his alma mater. His passion for LGBTQ+ equality extends into his personal beliefs, which he uses to help educate about acceptance and encouraging diversity in all spaces.

Twitter: @genderoutfitter, Facebook.com/genderoutfitters

Jane

Jane Pierce, the 2017 Gather Chair, is a professional Tarot Reader, a Kheprian priest and a practicing Catholic. She teaches Astrology, Qabalah and Shamanism as well as helps organize the Michigan Energy Workers. Since all of this fits around her most sacred role as the mother of 4, Jane believes sleep is a symptom of caffeine deprivation.

House Member: Priest Caste, Warrior Caste

Jay

Jay is the Warrior Caste Elder and has been since the group's creation. He handles the House's security matters for events and has assisted in the security planning of other events in New York, Detroit, and New Orleans areas. You may have seen him handling event security Endless Nights, Convocation, or at our own Gather. Jay is a writer by trade, but it's working as a de-icer in Detroit that helps pay "some" of the bills.

House Member: Warrior Caste Elder

Jim Leach

Jim Leach writes darkly speculative poetry, fiction & drama and is a contributing editor to the website and Youtube channel DailyNightmare.com which celebrates Midwest Highbrow Horror. He co-authored "Til Death: Marriage Poems" (Raw Dog Screaming Press, 2017) with his partner Janice Leach. A Gemini with Gemini rising, Jim is fascinated by the magical power of words from the sounds and rhythms they make when spoken to the shapes and patterns of letter forms when written.

<http://jamesfrederickleach.com>

Kallisti

Kallisti is a mischievous discordian who enjoys working with chaos energies. She has been involved in the energy work for many years, and loves sharing her experiences with others. She is bubbly, outgoing, and always up for a conversation! She travels the country presenting on alternative lifestyle topics.

Lisa Webb

Madame Webb is a long time member of the living vampyre community. Her early days started as a member of the Toronto Vampire Meetup group. She was the Head of the Ontario Chapter of Bloodlines International. Creator and organizer of the Toronto Noir Haven event Black Trillium and is an Elder member and co-head High Priestess Palantine of Temple Sahjaza, formerly known as House Sahjaza. Appearing in books such as the Vampyre Almanac, The Allure of the Vampire by Corvis Nocturnum, and the Gotham Vampyre Archives, Second Edition by Shaolin Asura-MacPhee. She has appeared in the History Channels "Vampire Secrets", and Laurent Courau's "Vampyres" film. Her own personal work with energy comes through art and movement. As a professional Oriental dancer, teacher and fitness instructor, she combines the energetic projection needed to be an effective teacher and to share in the experience with an audience during a performance. Her work with NLP training has brought new depths into her studies and energetic work, and will continue to develop and share techniques to help others tap into their own potential and to get the most out of this wondrous journey called life.

Lydia Dahmer (Ash/Dj Eclipse)

Ash has been studying occult and metaphysical topics for over 15 years. His areas of focus range from shamanism, tarot, and energy work to quantum mechanics and analytical psychology. His more physical interests include music collecting and mixing, theatrical and beauty makeup, costume construction, and prop fabrication. More widely known by DJ Eclipse within Pittsburgh's dark alternative club scene and as Lydia Dahmer within Pittsburgh's drag and sideshow communities.

Michelle Belanger

Best known for her work on television's "Paranormal State," Michelle Belanger is the author of over two dozen books on the supernatural. The founder of House Kheperu, Belanger has lectured on occult and paranormal topics at conventions and universities across Canada and the US, with her work featured on numerous documentaries and television shows. More information can be found at www.michellebelanger.com or kheperu.org

HK Founder, Priest Caste Elder

Rez

Rez has been a member of the house since 2001. Her interests include art, design, dance, mechanics, motorsports, bodybuilding, nutritional science and others. She has always searched for truth and seeks to find beauty in the world.

House Member: Counselor Caste Second, Warrior

Samuel Sanfratello

Samuel Sanfratello served on the pastoral committee for Plymouth Spiritualist Church (the mother church of Modern Spiritualism) and teaches mediumship development classes in Rochester New York . He has a Master of Science in Education and enjoys teaching students at all levels and of all ages.

<https://www.facebook.com/samuel.sanfratello>

Sarah

Sarah has been a member of House Kheperu since the early 2000s. She is the elder of the counselor caste and also works as a medium in the greater energetic community. In addition to her involvement with House Kheperu, Sarah has been active in teaching in the Michigan area as a member of Michigan Energy Workers (MEW). When she isn't in a ritual or chatting with ghosts she enjoys working as a research chemist.

House Member: Counselor Caste Elder

Spencer

Not a member of any house, this "free agent" has been a practicing Warrior within the Kheprian system since 2011 with a "Have Shields-Will Travel" mentality. Spencer has participated in House Kheperu and Michigan Energy Worker rituals and has served as lead Warrior more than once. Spencer is an avid gamer having played in and run numerous tabletop campaigns and LARPS. He is also a fan of comic books, movies, and video games. A former retail manager, he has recently graduated from the University of Michigan-Dearborn with a Bachelor's in history and currently works in an American history museum.

Th'Elf

Cliff (you may have seen him before... that Canadian guy who wears interestingly dapper outfits, DJs, drinks and is an elf) has been an otherkin all his life and part of the community for quite some number of years. Friendly, approachable and opinionated, he is a dedicated infophile always exploring, experiencing and looking to learn (and share) new stuff whether it's music, energy work or some relevant bit of trivia. Yeah, he talks too much but never behind the decks where it's ALL about the dancefloor and what you are doing with it. He plans to just keeps doing stuff, going places and meeting peoples for a long, long time.

House Ally

Traeonna & Kiltgrrl

Kiltgrrl and Traeonna are a committed couple who are also involved with others in alternative relationship styles. They bring laughter to the adventure of learning by sharing their life experiences, both the successes and mistakes, and blend their skills and knowledge to present on a variety of topics including communication, energy work, connective practices, alternative relationship styles, and conflict resolution in relationships.

A peacemaker by nature, Kiltgrrl enjoys the puzzle pieces that are human beings. She is a mediator for the Michigan and Ohio courts as well as a conflict consultant that helps people settle disputes in their everyday lives. She enjoys teaching what she calls "human being skills" and has developed conflict resolution classes tailored to different settings and lifestyles. Kiltgrrl has practiced an eclectic spirituality and healing arts for almost 20 years. She is a Level 2 Reiki practitioner and energy worker. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, playing with power tools, and making her red head laugh.

A trainer and curriculum developer by profession, Traeonna is a passionate and experienced educator that teaches hands-on workshops and presents on a variety of topics in the leather, kink, occult, flow arts, and other alternative communities. She has been involved with the leather and kink communities for 20+ years. Traeonna has practiced a blended style of magick and spirituality for 25+ years, has founded and been a member of several occult groups, and is a co-author of *Creating Magickal Entities*. Fiber and flame are two tools she frequently uses in her ritual and energy work. When not teaching she loves to sew, bake, hula hoop, and amuse her Bear with her antics.

<http://www.Traeonna.com> & <http://www.Kiltgrrl.com>

Gather Ground Rules

Before things get started, there are some ground rules you must follow at all times while you are at this gathering. If you break any of these rules, you will be asked to leave without any possibility of refund.

No Politics or Drama.

If you don't get along with someone because of the group they belong to or the beliefs that they hold, please keep it to yourself. We do not want our discussions disrupted with petty social games. Also, if you're the kind of person who resorts to attention-getting behaviors in order to be the focus of a group — quit while you're ahead and leave now. We do not tolerate such behavior at any of our events.

No Drugs or Alcohol.

This weekend is not a party. You are here to exchange ideas, to learn, and to forward your spiritual path. You may use alcohol in moderation in a private setting or a local establishment if you are of legal drinking age for the United States, but do not come to any of the discussions intoxicated. If it is determined by a caste elder or second that you are impaired by the use of drugs/alcohol you will be required to leave any public space for the duration of the day.

Respect Your Neighbors.

When traversing the halls, do not be rowdy or boisterous as there are other guests present at the hotel. Also, please avoid vulgar behavior and inappropriate sexual innuendo. Remember that “no” means “no”. If you are hitting on someone and they make it clear they're uncomfortable, please stop.

Take Energy Only With Permission.

Taking in the ambient energy of the room is okay, but if you plan on feeding directly off an individual, please ask their permission first.

3-2-1 Rule.

We highly suggest all gather attendees follow the 3-2-1 Rule in regard to personal grooming and health. For every 24 hours you should have at the least 3 hour sleep, 2 meals, and 1 shower.

Keep an Open Mind.

Please remember that not everybody believes the way you do. There are many different interpretations of spirituality, and what is right for one person may not be right for another. Please do not preach your beliefs as the only right way, please allow others time to express their beliefs, and please do not use the open discussions for bragging, boasting, or spiritual grandstanding.

Look for Red Badges.

Our security personnel can be identified by their red badges. If someone is bothering you or making you uncomfortable please take it to security, that is why they are here.

If we observe these simple rules in addition to following regular etiquette and common sense, this weekend should be enjoyable and productive for everyone.