

PEACE AND DIGNITY CAMP

"A time of Preparation"

A weekend of camping, learning with Indigenous elders, being close to Earth

JUNE 10-12, 2011

Camp Nahaco, Eastford, CT

WHAT IS PEACE CAMP?

Peace Camp began in the summer of 1990. The purpose is to allow people access to Native Elders as they share ceremony, their insights and thoughts for our future. Maestro Tlakael, a Tolteka-Chichimeca Elder, will act as the Spiritual Advisor for the camp. One of the originators of the first Peace Camp, Tlakael has traveled the world bringing a message of unity and peace to all peoples regardless of their background or race. Other Elders are being invited as well. The Peace and Dignity Camp welcomes all ages to join us with their family & friends.



ACTIVITIES:

Much of the benefit is for folks to participate in the many tasks that make a working/communal weekend happen. There will be organized talks with the Elders and other group activities, including the youngsters. We typically have a number of activities, such as talks by Elders, talking circles both for adults and children, a medicinal/food herb walk and other indoor and outdoor activities. You can take a dip in the lake too or canoe or kayak if you have one! Also, we will be building and pouring a Temazkal (often referred to as a sweatlodge) as part of the Camp, most likely Saturday evening. We have a combined experience of over 75 years with the Temazkal so it is a safe/orderly and respectful ceremony done with care and consideration. Finally, we end with a Four Colors ceremony on Sunday morning. This is a beautiful ceremony honoring the Four Sacred Directions and all the colors of people of the Earth... all are invited to participate.

As this camp begins and ends with a ceremonial fire, we request that participants abide by our Elders tradition regarding clothing worn during ceremony. Throughout the weekend, men are asked to wear long pants (vs. shorts) and women skirts and modest tops or simple dresses. Shorts for men and skirts or simple cotton wraps for women are fine in the sweatlodge itself.

WHERE AND WHEN:

We will be camping again this year at Camp Nahaco, a former Boy Scout camp, in Eastford CT from Friday evening June 11, until Sunday afternoon, June 13. We have use of most of the facility including a large indoor meeting/dining hall and kitchen. The camp is located in a rural, wooded area with trails, and is on the edge of a lake. Peace Camp gates will open at 2 pm Friday for folks to come set up their tents, etc. but come any time you can.

PEACE CAMP... YOUR CONTRIBUTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

In order to share this effort there will be sign-up sheets for such things as kitchen duty, fire watch, security, camp cleanup, etc. Each camper is responsible for their own tent, camping gear, and removing all trash to the camp dumpster. There may be lean-to shelters or primitive cabins available, but you will need your own sleeping bags etc. It can be rainy or quite cool in June. We all share food and the responsibility for its preparation as well as the clean up. Food, dishes and utensils are provided. If you bring food to share, please take care in its preparation and storage until it arrives at camp where refrigeration is available!

In order to share this effort, we ask that each person or family attending bring or find a few pieces of firewood, a large, thick blanket or quilt that is OK to get a little dirty and one or more stones (double-fist sized is good) for the lodge. The stones should NOT be taken from near a river or stream. This is a gathering where drugs, alcohol or weapons are not appropriate or allowed. We do have Lyme ticks here, so light-colored clothing and precautions/ frequent tick-checks for kids are a good idea. There are knowledgeable medical people present during the weekend.

COST:

We request a donation of \$45 for individuals, and \$90 for families to help defray the costs of the camp, our food, to assist with travel expenses and to help support Tlakael's work. Your donation above the requested minimum is tax deductible and very appreciated. Contact us if you wish to come and are not able to afford the donation, and please donate more if you are able. You are welcome regardless of ability to donate. Please register early so we can prepare for the camp!

DIRECTIONS to Camp Nahaco, Weeks rd, Eastford, CT, 06242: Share a ride if you can! From Rt. 44 in Phoenixville, go north on RT 198. At the center of Eastford where six roads come together, take a left on Westford Rd. Go past the school and fire house and take your first right onto Weeks Rd. About a mile down Weeks Rd., the pavement ends and about 500 ft further is the entrance to the camp on the left. There will be Four Colors (Red, Black, White, Yellow) signs to direct you. You can drive all the way down thru the camp to the dining hall to register, but parking will be near the road.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) _____

Address: _____

City _____ St. _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

NO. OF INDIVIDUALS _____ AT: \$45 _____

OTHER \$ _____

FAMILIES _____ \$90. _____

OTHER \$ _____

extra to help defray costs \$ _____

(Tax deductible)

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please register early to save your place, make checks payable and return to: Kalpulli Chaplin, 18 Bedlam Rd Chaplin, CT. 06235
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