

Festival Rules

The Festival will open at 2 p.m. Friday, August 8, 2008 and close 4 p.m. Sunday, August 10, 2008.

Registration for the Ninth NH Taillean Games costs \$25 for adults for the whole weekend. Children 16 and under are admitted free. Payment is by registration only. All attendees must be registered, no unregistered guests, and NO unattended minors.

Everyone requesting admittance must fill out a membership form and sign a waiver. A valid picture ID must be presented at the gate. All minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. All minors must have a membership form and waiver, signed by the parent or guardian.

If you want sell items, barter, trade, or offer a service like doing readings for money, let us know by e-mail or with a note on your pre-registration form. No exceptions. Those offering a service for free don't have to register as a vendor.

All minors **MUST** be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Young children must remain in the company of their parent or a guardian at all times!

The Festival Organizers reserve the right to refuse membership to anyone. The Festival Organizers reserve the right to eject anyone creating a disturbance.

The site is primitive. There is limited running water and no flush toilets or showers. An outhouse is provided on site. Bring your solar shower!

Camping is only allowed in designated areas. We will try to set aside space for COWs (Covenstead on Wheels) but where we put them exactly depends on ground conditions at the time of the Festival.

We are VERY sorry but Clothes are NOT optional at this event, they are required.

Ritual fires are not ashtrays or wastebaskets. Please dispose of your trash properly.

Everyone is responsible for their own food, tents, trash collection, children, attitudes and actions. We want every one to have a good time, but if your behavior or that of someone in your party starts to have a negative impact on others, you will be warned ONCE. The second time the festival personel have to address problems with yourself or your party, your attendance at this festival will be terminated.

This is a drug-free festival. Violations will result in immediate termination of attendance, no warnings, no arguements.

Regarding alcohol: the site owners are VERY leery of alcohol on site - they live here 365 days a year and have to deal with the rest of their community. Moderation, people, moderation! Also, you will be expected to obey the laws of the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Canaan. So, NO UNDERAGE DRINKING! Basically, if it becomes a problem, it and you will be asked to leave.

Pets, Familiars and Companion Animals will have to be left home. It makes a significant difference in our insurance premium, and as we are trying to keep the price affordable for all, we've had to ask everyone to not bring your pet(s).

Swimming is permitted only at the designated area. The Indian River will have shrunk to a trickle, but rocks and ledge are slippery. Parents are responsible for their children's water safety, as we cannot guarantee the presence of lifeguards.

All laws, regulations, and ordinances of the State of New Hampshire and the Town of Canaan shall be observed for all activities conducted at the Taillean Games festival site.

There will be an official photographer at the festival - the only photographer allowed at Oenach de Tailtiu - Taillean Games. She will ask each potential subject for their name and permission BEFORE she even points their Soul Stealer at them. NO OTHER PHOTOGRAPHY OR VIDEO RECORDING OF ANY KIND IS ALLOWED AT THIS EVENT! Anyone else attempting to photograph or otherwise visually record the Taillean Games, or any participants in it, will have their film confiscated and may be ejected from the event! Your image and privacy are your own, and they will be protected at this event! Audio recording is allowed but ONLY with the permission of the subject!

Fires are only permitted in the campfire circles, barbecue grills, or in stoves using propane, butane, or other approved fuels. Leaving any fire unattended is prohibited! It is the responsibility of all campers to completely extinguish all fires and dispose of all their trash.

The festival guests are responsible for any damages (accidental or otherwise) he / she does to the grounds. Damage done to turf, out buildings etc. must be repaired (i.e. if you spin out, fill the hole) or the property owners will perform and bill us for said repairs. Any damages arising out of the actions of a member of a party, are the financial responsibility of that party.

Convicted Sex Offenders are PROHIBITED from attending the Taillean Games. This statement shall serve as notice that doing so shall constitute CRIMINAL TRESPASS! Any person who has been convicted of any sexual offense involving a minor, or the use of force, who attempts to join the Gathering, will be arrested!

Wild animals such as Black Bear, Eastern Coyote, Eastern Mountain Lion and smaller animals have been seen and live in the vicinity of the festival site. While we do not wish to cause undue alarm, everyone should be aware that wild animals can be very real feature in this area! If a wild animal does not run from a human, it is most likely NOT a magical messenger, but in fact Rabid! If you encounter any wild animals that appear unafraid, and even friendly towards humans DO NOT APPROACH THEM! Leave the area immediately and notify a staff member of the encounter! Obviously, if you come across an animal that appears vicious and is frothing at the mouth, do the same.

Things to Bring :Costumes and banners should be packed. Bring along your musical instruments. You will also want to bring camping gear, bedding, flashlight, batteries, towels, water flask (and Gatorade), sleeping pad, tent (if desired), waterproof tarps, sun screen, and bug repellent. (Lots of mosquitoes this year.) Be prepared for cold and damp nights (extra blankets, ground cloths and warm clothes) and hot days (hats and sunscreen). Bring kids and good energy, but do not bring candles, drugs or clothing that could be ruined by stickers. Bring utensils, bowls, plates, cups, food, coolers, camp stove etc. Bring a canteen or water container and be sure to drink plenty of water while there. Alcohol is permitted at the festival, but only at camps, dining area and in ritual space, but not in the common areas. Minors in possession of alcohol will be ejected!

Ritual Etiquette:

A ritual is a religious service, and one in which considerable power may be raised. Participants should behave reverently and be careful.

A ritual is not a spectator sport. Those who don't wish to take part should go far enough away so that their conversations, etc. will not disturb participants. Those who are participating should pay attention and guard their tongues.

A ritual need not be solemn, but it should be serious, in the sense that humor should be used purposefully. Gratuitous funny remarks can be disruptive.

Even those rituals that appear to be informal have been planned carefully. Look to those who are leading for cues on how and when to join in chanting, drumming, dancing, etc. so that you will contribute to the build-up and flow of energy, rather than dispersing it.

Once the circle has been cast, enter or leave it only in emergency. Bouncing in and out of a circle may disperse the energy, and will certainly distract the other participants. If you must leave, "cut" an exit or get one of the ritual officers to do so.

Ritual tools (including drums) are personal and powerful. Don't handle, use or play without specific permission from the owner.