

TNS Greetings from Sun Meadow

It's time for the Gathering! Thursday through Sunday this week.

A clarification on the \$50 registration fee: If you volunteer, you don't pay a fee at all. There is a volunteer sign-up sheet on the white table by the lodge front door.

It has always been our policy that if you do not participate, you do not pay the fee. Participation includes the sports, the seminars/workshops, the concerts, the snack bar, the meals, the games. If you don't take part in any of those, you don't have a registration fee to pay.

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1. The Western Naturist Gathering Is This Weekend!

No soup and salad Friday night because of the Gathering. There WILL be a pot luck on Sunday, though. There will be lots of sports tournaments, games, seminars and workshops, plus a welcome reception on Saturday. This will be our normal wine and cheese get-together, with a few extra snacks and some wine thrown in by Sun Meadow.

Roberta will be here for massage Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Sign up outside the office.

The Gathering will begin on Thursday morning. Here is the meal line-up for the 4-day event:

We will offer hot breakfast **8-9:30 AM** all four days. Waffles, eggs, bacon or sausage, plus everything on the continental breakfast line. There will be a sign-up sheet for each morning.

Lunch will be the snack bar **11:30 AM-1:30 PM**: order in the dining room, pick up your order in the dining room, and take it to a table or to the patio to eat.

Dinner will be at **6 PM** in the dining room, and the sign-up sheets are set out. **Salad, sourdough bread, and dessert are provided with each dinner.** This is the menu for the rest of the dinner:

Thursday: Baked lemon chicken with mushroom sauce over noodles, green beans sautéed with sweet chili sauce

Friday: Marinated salmon, brown rice, broccoli

Saturday: Dijon baked pork chops, quinoa, roasted asparagus

Sunday: Pot Luck

There will be a booklet available in the office as soon as they arrive, probably on Wednesday. Until they do, here is a little bit to get you started on Thursday:

7 AM Yoga in the fitness area
7:30 AM Aquacise in the indoor pool
7:30 AM Walk in the park with Terri
8-9:30 AM Breakfast
9 AM Water Aerobics - Outdoor Pool
9 AM Disc golf: meet outside the office by the lodge entrance
9 AM Workshop: Operating a Clothing Optional B&B - Meeting Tent
10 AM Workshop: The Biggest Issues Facing Naturism - Meeting Tent
10 AM Horseshoes
11 AM Safety and Security of Computers - Library
11 AM Women in Naturism - Meeting Tent
11:30 AM-1:30 PM Snack Bar
1 PM What Made You You? - Meeting Tent
1:30 PM Bocce
2 PM Introduction to Bonsai - Patio
3 PM Nudist vs Naturist - Meeting Tent
3 PM Cribbage tournament - Mezzanine
4 PM Paella cooking demonstration - Patio
5 PM Ping Pong
5 PM The Study and Discussion of Naturist/Nudist Photography as a Means to Heighten One's Descriptive and Storytelling Writing Skills - Meeting Tent
7 P Opinion surveys: Help the Naturist Education Foundation choose and refine its next questions - Meeting Tent
8 PM Concert: Blaze and Kelly

August 17: We'll start the Western Naturist Gathering with a concert by Blaze and Kelly Singer / songwriter Niccole Blaze and her bassist, Mo Kelly draw an audience with their compelling lyrics and angelic harmonies that audiences' say "open your heart and tear it apart at the same time." With influences ranging from Bonnie Raitt to the Indigo Girls, they are known for their comic banter both on and off the stage.

August 18: PK Gregory. Careening wildly around the alt-country and Americana genres like Hank Williams on a hot-rodded Vespa, PK Gregory's music is rooted in tradition, but with a kind of eclecticism and idiosyncratic storytelling bent that is decidedly modern. Described as "Johnny Cash meets John Prine, with a smattering of Townes Van Zant", fans of the great troubadour tradition will find much to like, but this is not an attempt at a purist revival by any stretch!"

August 19: Jen Hajj returns to the Sun Meadow stage for the final night of the Western Naturist Gathering. After schooling and a career working in a variety of scientific venues, she realized something was missing. She was not expressing herself musically. So she ran away to join the circus as a performing songwriter. She won the Tucson Folk Festival Songwriter Competition in 2015. Jen lives in the tiny mountain town of Idyllwild, California, where the mayor is a golden retriever. She has been writing and performing for nearly a decade. She also manages the San Diego Bird Festival, kind of like Comic Con for birdwatchers.

2. August 21: Solar Eclipse

As he did at the Skin to the Wind Festival, John Mosley is going to take some time during the Gathering to give us some insight on the spectacular event that will take place the day after the Gathering ends. The full effect will be on a track including southern Idaho, but John tells us we will have 92% coverage of the sun as far north as Sun Meadow, so it still will be dramatic even this far north. We'll have the time in mind, and some sun filters so we can watch it as it happens.

The eclipse will begin shortly after 9 AM on Monday, and totality will be around 10:30. We'll be out at the pool to use the filters John is leaving with us.

We have published the article John wrote about the eclipse for the bulletin. If you missed it, email margie@sunmeadow.org and we'll send you a copy.

To learn more:

Solar Eclipse at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Solar_eclipse

3. Labor Day Weekend

September 1: We always celebrate Labor Day weekend with at least a DJ dance, and this time it will be with a concert as well. Flagship Romance will be returning to Sun Meadow to help us round out the summer season. Fluent, intense acoustic guitar playing; lyrics of life's peaks, troughs, mysteries and wonders; soaring, yearning vocals; tender, though oft-anthemetic melodies, and harmonies one could barely separate with a single human hair: this is the Flagship Romance sound.



Then on September 2, we'll have our last DJ Dance of the summer. The next day we'll pile into cars and carpool to St. Maries to see their amazing fireworks. If you have not had the chance to see this, try to make it this year. It's spectacular. Bring a blanket to lie on and something warm to put on after dark.

4. September 8-10: Young Nudist Leaders Summit

We'll be hosting a group of young adults who are members of AANR for their annual summit meeting. We plan to listen in on their discussions on how to attract younger people to social nudism.

We will also have a DJ dance on Saturday during that event.

5. Black Tie/White Glove Dinner: October 21

Seems like we just started talking about Memorial Day, and it's time to announce the October event already! We'll ask for reservations once we settle on a menu.

6. 2019

7. Just Passing It On

"What spirit is so empty and blind, that it cannot recognize the fact that the foot is more noble than the shoe, and skin more beautiful than the garment with which it is clothed?" -Michaelangelo



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