



## **Sacred Fire Circles in Oak Ridge, NC**

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Dear Friends of the Hearth,

The purpose of the Sacred Fire Community is to foster a global community that rekindles our relationship to each other and the world through the universal and sacred spirit of Fire. This is YOUR invitation to join us there! I look forward to sharing around the Fire with you...silence, stories, song, poetry, drumming, tears and much laughter...and don't let the idea of coldness stop you, friend! Bundle up warmly, and appreciate Fire all the more...really! (There are other hamlets having fires in minus ten degrees & snow!) ~ *In peace, Christine Staub, Firekeeper*

### TYPICAL ORDER OF EVENTS:

- 5:30 pm optional potluck (come earlier if you would like to help with set-up or to walk the land)
- 6:15 pm Gather around the fire. We will consecrate the fire in the tradition of the Huichol people of Western Mexico, making offerings of tobacco, copal, chocolate and wood to Grandfather Fire (Tatewari). These offerings will be provided. No matter your own spiritual tradition, you are invited to participate in this ritual which is used for thousands of years by a People deeply connected to Sacred Fire. This creates a heart-opening portal for whatever aspect of the Divine is important to you.

Children are very much part of community, and are welcome. So far the flavor of our Fires seems to have leaned to adults, but every time the young ones join us, it is a gift. The younger children may fall asleep around the fire, which is a delicious thing to do. Please leave your pets home as ours don't have much experience with other animals.

### WHAT TO BRING:

- If you are coming for the potluck: A nutritious dish to share.
- For the fire: A chair (we have some extra benches), Flashlight (optional), Musical instruments (optional), Bug repellent (optional- good idea in the summer), and layers appropriate for the season.

If you want to stay, feel free to pitch a tent or find a place to put your sleeping bag on our playroom floor. If you want to come early to walk the land or to help with setting up, please do.