

## THE WILD HUNT

### A COMMUNITY SHAMANIC PRACTICE

The dark days will soon be on us and action is required. Please join us to create balance. And bring something sweet to share with the spirits and your shamanic community.

**Saturday Eve November 9, 2019**

at BirchGrove Hearth (Reid & Alida)

*Call for Address*

Leader – Reid Hart: 541-686-1610

Donation requested \$5 to \$20, sliding scale

Arrive and settle 5:45 p.m.

Drumming Starts: 6:00 p.m.

Preparation Starts at 6:15 p.m.

Concludes around 8:30 p.m.

POTLUCK dessert 'til 9:00 p.m.



**Bring a fist-sized rock or stone for addition to a cairn. Also bring drums and rattles and a dessert potluck item.** Participants may bring power objects that are suitable for ritual battle, such as ceremonial weapons, shields, eye curtains, or masks. The leader will supply each participant with a blessed weapon.

The event will be lead by Reid Hart. He is a graduate of the Foundation for Shamanic Studies 3-year program and Tom Cowan's 2-year course in Celtic Shamanism. You may reach Reid at 541-686-1610 if you have questions.

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This event is intended for intermediate to advanced shamanic practitioners who have been journeying or involved in sacred ritual for at least three months and feel connected with helping spirits.

According to ancient European tradition, the time between Samhain and Yule is considered a time of danger when raiders from the Otherworld create chaos and ill fortune for the men, women, and animals of this world. Fierce winter spirits approach. Green spirits of fertility decline into their annual winter torpor. The fairy hosts visit and scavenge our world in their seasonal journey to change dwellings. The Lords of the Dead conduct wild rides to round up the wandering ghosts who have died and not yet crossed over into the next life.

Traditionally Europeans have participated in these awesome nights by waging ritual warfare with the dark forces, making a stand for life and the survival of the human spirit and forces of life. They used shamanic flight and combat to oppose the forces that bring death each winter and to assist suffering beings trapped in the chaos between the worlds and the seasons.

We act as warriors, to create a balance between light and dark so we can move forward into winter in a place of love and joy and brilliance. While the dark forces are ominous and dark, they are not seen as evil. They are respected as the dark half of light; yet inaction will lead to being swallowed by the dark. It is important for the forces of light to take a stand. We assert life to maintain the balance. So you are not invited to a fight between good and evil, but to stand for the balance between dark and light. We will explore this further in the preparatory journeys.

The first third will focus on preparatory journeys. Then we will raise power in this dark season and prepare for the ritual hunt. The final third will focus on the "Long journey" to engage the Wild Hunt. Afterwards, we will share our experiences and some sweet (or savory) desserts.