



# *Oak Spirit Sanctuary*

## *Harvest Homecoming 2021*

### *Rise of the Phoenix*

Oak Spirit Sanctuary is an Earth-centric community working to create a safe haven in a sustainable environment for people of diverse cultures and belief systems.

Oak Spirit Sanctuary is 160 acres of gardens, groves, woods, and beautiful high meadows. Located on the western bluffs of the Missouri River overlooking thousands of acres of conservation wetlands, it lies at the intersection of the Ozark Shield, Great Plains, and Missouri River biospheres. Because of its unique location, it is home to an enormously diverse array of plant and animal species. Archaeological finds on the property indicate periodic habitation and possible ritual use for several thousand years.

Oak Spirit Sanctuary is a diverse nature-centric community. People from many different beliefs and paths come to our events. What unites us is desire to care for nature and honor nature's role in spirituality — and a willingness to see the magical side of the world. In practical terms, we do this through hosting seasonal rituals, chanting songs around the bonfire, and connecting to the forests and fields of OSS' lands.

All are welcome at our monthly Lunar ritual events (on the Saturday nearest the full moon), as well as our Sabbat festivals, which we celebrate based on the Wheel of the Year.



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# Harvest Homecoming 2021 Schedule

Time	Friday 9/3	Saturday 9/4	Sunday 9/5
8:00		Gates Open / Registration	Gates Open
9:00		Morning Meeting- Community Meadow	
9:30			
10:00		Lego Magic : Stage	Art Raffle: Registration Area
10:30			
11:00			Community Meeting: Community Meadow
11:30		Listening Circle- Community Meadow	
12:00			
12:30			
1:00			
1:30			Closing Ritual: Community Meadow
2:00		Broom Making workshop Community Meadow	
2:30			
3:00	Gates Open / Registration		Event Ends: Merry Part!
3:30		Tri Goddess Blessing of the Vine: Community Meadow	
4:00			
4:30			
5:00	Meet and Greet (Stage)		
6:00			
6:30	Ritual Conspiracy	Ritual Conspiracy	
7:00	Opening Ritual: Main Ritual Circle	Main Ritual: Main Ritual Circle	
8:00 +	Open Mic Bardic night / Concert: Stage		
Later evening	Community Fire: Bardic Circle	Community Fire: Bardic Circle	

## General Information

Please maintain COVID-19 guidelines as you attend this event

Please keep fires in designated fire rings, do not create new ones

OSS is pack-in, pack-out camping. Please take trash and recyclables with you.

Services such as First Aid and Lost and Found may be located at Registration. If registration is closed and you need assistance, have questions, need help: seek an OSS Council Member (Red Wrist Band).

There will be on-site ice sales starting Saturday.

## Workshops, & Rituals

Most workshops take place in or near Community Meadow. Gather there and the workshop presenter will take the group to a shady area.

### **Art and Craft Raffle—Located at Registration, Ticket sales ongoing -- Drawing Sunday: 10:00 before Annual Community Meeting**

Get your tickets (\$1.00 each) and choose items to win from a drawing. Please write your name on the back of your ticket.

### **Meet and Greet (Friday 5:00: Stage)**

Bring your snacks, drinks, and chair to the stage area to welcome each other home!

### **Opening Ritual (Friday 7:00: Community Ritual Circle) *Ritual Facilitators: Frank Griggs and Larry Brown***

The older members of the community, those with years of service and connection build the Phoenix. This ritual gives honor to that smithing process as we manifest the Phoenix

### **Open Mic Bardic Night (Friday 8:00: Stage) *MCs: Frank Griggs and Joshua Kirby***

OSS's Got Talent! Do you have a song, chant to share, poem to recite, dance number to perform, or any other clever human trick? Come onstage and shine! Our MCs may even have a few jokes up their sleeves to share! Additionally, we may have guest musician performers for some sets onstage as well!

### **Community Fire, Singing, Drumming (Friday, later evening: Bardic Circle)**

Come drum, sing, and chant your favorites! It's good to be home!

### **Morning Meeting (Saturday 9:00: Community Meadow)**

Rise and shine! Bring your coffee and let's greet the day together. Information will be shared for the day's activities, questions answered, mischief managed!

### **Lego Magick! (Saturday 10:00am: Stage) *Presenter: Frank Griggs***

A how-to for using this simple children's toy to add to your rituals and magick! Family friendly, children are encouraged to help play legos and remember all the possibilities! And now you can use them with intent too!

### **Introduction to Listening Circles (Saturday, 11:30: Community Meadow) *Presenter: Patrick Finney***

The Listening Circle is a technique for sharing deeply, a format for discussion, a tool for exploring difficult topics or complicated issues, and an exercise to develop the skill of deep listening. This workshop will be both a theoretical introduction to the process and provide an opportunity to put it into practice.

### **Broom Making (Saturday 2:00: Community Meadow) *Presenter: Kerry Lynn***

Harvest is a great time to make one of the most iconic of witch's tools: the besom or broom. Materials will be provided by Kerry and you can harvest some materials from the land to incorporate into your broom for extra special magic!

### **Triple Goddess Blessing of the Vine (Saturday 3:30pm: Community Meadow) *Facilitator: Dawn Finney***

Bring any gifts of the vine, field, or tree in bottles or cans. Instead of the traditional Triple Goddess Grape stomp, we will bless our beverages (both with and without alcohol) to take home for personal use in our own rituals.

### **Main Ritual (Saturday, 7:00: Main Ritual Circle) *Ritual Facilitator: Taz Chance***

"Smithing for change, growth, and prosperity" is our theme. Come join the community in celebration of the work everyone has done as we get ready to rise from the flames and be reborn with the Rise of the Phoenix.

**Community Fire, Singing, Drumming and Basic Drumming Workshop**

(Saturday, following Main Ritual: Bardic Circle) *Presenter Madeline Wright*

At the beginning of tonight’s bonfire, Madeline Wright will teach some basic drumming rhythms as we sing, chant, and enjoy the night’s reverie.

**Art Raffle Drawing (Sunday 10:00 at Registration Area) *Facilitator: Dawn Finney***

Bring your morning cup of coffee and your good luck! Drawings for art raffle mean you might go home with a lovely new prize. May the odds be ever in your favor.

**Annual Community Meeting (Sunday 11:00 am: Community Meadow Shade Tree)**

The Harvest Homecoming meeting is open to all in the community and serves as OSS’s official annual church meeting. The Board will present an overview of important issues for the church. The Board and various OSS committees will report on their work in the past year and discuss future plans and goals moving forward. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Closing Ritual (Sunday 2:00pm: Community Ritual Circle) *Ritual Facilitators: Naiya Jones and Joshua Kirby***

This ritual is about the actual rise of the Phoenix. Spearheaded by the young adults in our community, those that will come into leadership soon as they take the work done and rise to new glorious adventures.

**Oak Spirit Sanctuary General Council**

<p><b>Board of Directors</b>  President: Patrick Finney  Secretary: Joshua Kirby  Treasurer: Dawn Finney  Madeline Wright  Larry Brown (Retiring)  Kerry Lynn Easter (Retiring)</p>	<p><b>Advisory Board Members</b>  Tori ‘Taz’ Chance--Head of Clergy Committee  Chuck Cook--Head of Land Management  Robyn Nall--Head of Policy Review Committee  Darcy Higgins  Shannon Bagwell  Ambiaka Maupin  Shyla Rain  Frank Griggs</p>
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**Upcoming Events 2021: (Please note that cancellations may occur due to COVID concerns)**

<p>9/18/21 Mabon Lunar and Work Weekend   10/9-10/21 Work Weekend  10/23/21 Samhain</p>	<p>11/6-7/21 Work weekend  11/20/21 Lunar   12/11/21 Work weekend (retreat center)  12/18/21 Yule Lunar</p>
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