

Circles of Empowerment Wish List July 2010

This Wish List is certain to grow and change but for now, we are preparing for the 20th anniversary of Long Dance.

New Tipi = \$2300

We are looking to replace the tipi for the Drum Lodge which has had a few poles broken in recent years and is just generally due for replacement.

Our solution is to buy a new, bigger tipi for Grandmother Lodge, as our Grandmother population keeps growing, and to switch out that tipi for the Drum Lodge.

After some research, we have settled on the following items from the Nomadics Tipi Makers in Bend Oregon. Their phone number is (541) 389-3980. The page of tipis and items we need can be accessed at <http://www.tipi.com/PriceList.html>

We want the 13 oz SUNFORGER finish army duck canvas which is a 22 foot tipi, with a 9 foot liner, for \$1355. We also need the poles which are charged separately for \$411, and a 22 foot size ground cloth cover for \$200. Shipping for these items will be about \$325, so we are looking at a total need of \$2290 for the new tipi.

There may be a possibility of getting a slight price break due to our non-profit nature, FYI. Ask Harry or Jeb about this option, per Doug.

Rebuilt Transmission for Hua's truck – approx \$600 still needed

the main transportation for the Church and our Clan Mother

We can get a rebuilt transmission with a guarantee for about \$950. We appear to have a mechanic who is willing to do the labor as a charity donation for the Church! That's a big gift – please help us to find the matching funds for the actual parts replacement.

Our fund to date is about \$350 – so we need at least \$600 more to get Hua back on the road. The truck is urgently needed not only for Long Dance but also for the Wisdom Council in early August where Hua is one of a dozen or so invited Elders from all around the Americas.

Used Golf Cart

We need this for Long Dance, especially for Elders who are needing help with mobility during set up and Beauty Way. We are hoping an extra golf cart might somehow be found or even loaned to us for the few weeks in September. A rental also seems like a possibility. We are open!

See more.....

Permanent Site for Long Dance and grounds for the Circles of Empowerment

Our long term vision for the next twenty years includes expanding and growing our organization in order to hand off a body of knowledge, collected wisdoms and traditional ceremonies to the next seven generations into the future. We envision spaces for teaching, studio spaces for learning all manner of medicine making such as drums, shields, pipes, beading and a long list of related skills, and additional spaces for healers to practice and pass along their arts as well. We are looking at permaculture and communal gardens, permanent lodges, water management, growing successive generations of leadership and helping to live in harmony with the Earth Mother and all her creatures to the best of our abilities.

This kind of undertaking will take a considerable physical site with multiple natural resources such as water, willow, forest and solitude where we will not disturb neighbors with our drumming, singing and sacred fires and where there is plenty of room to grow our community. We imagine this to be at least 200 acres somewhere on the Central Coast, ideally where it is cool in the summer and refreshing to the spirit year round.

Food, Water and Wood Donations for Long Dance

We also are hoping to bring more fresh fruits and vegetables to the harvest feasting at Long Dance. With a population of at least 150 hard working, all night dancing, deeply committed spiritual warriors, we can use gift certificates to grocery stores, donations from CSA's and all manner of goodies from food businesses as we serve up fresh, nutritious and healthy treats over a 3-4 day period. Water and wood for the fire pits are also welcome!

Thank you for reading our wish list. Blessings upon you and yours!

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