

WELCOME TO THE 2ND ANNUAL JEWITCH CAMP NEW YEAR FOR TREES CELEBRATION A WEEKEND RESTORATIVE IN THE RECLAIMING TRADITION JANUARY 22ND - 24TH 2016

As you enter this sacred space, there are campers waiting to greet you and share their magic with you. Enjoy! Several altars also surround you. They honor the four directions and elements: Air/East, Fire/South, Water/West, Earth/North as well as the realm of the Cosmic Heart of the Worlds and the Ancestral realm. You are invited to take time and interact with the altars and get connected with yourself, each direction, element, and realm. As you do this, you are engaging with the sacred and preparing yourself to leave the mundane behind. Shabbat is about the transition between the everyday and the sacred, about connecting with the Divine, ourselves, and community. These altars, elements, realms, and directions will be our anchors throughout the weekend.

Our *kavanah*, intention, for camp is to embrace the wisdom of the trees to strengthen our communities and repair the living world. The altars are here to assist you as you contemplate what you need to manifest this personally and communally. Each altar presents opportunities to interact as you are in this process. You are invited to use them in any ways that work for you. In a bit we'll cast a circle begin our first ritual.

Jewish tradition teaches that we receive an extra soul during Shabbat. The purpose of this *neshama yetera*, additional soul, is to expand our hearts and help us delight in the spaciousness of Shabbat. As Jewitches, we are familiar with how powerfully this can aid us as we conjure magic and tune into the wisdom within ourselves, in community, and from the sacred trees we are celebrating. Welcome!