

RADICAL FAERIE CAMP / 19-22 MAY 2017 / EVANS LAKE, BC

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“The fairies know that the earth will not tolerate the men much longer. The earth, scarred and gouged and stripped and bombed, will deny life to the men in order to stop the men. The fairies have left the men’s reality in order to destroy it by making a new one.”

– The Faggots & Their Friends Between the Revolutions

You walk out a door and are surprised to discover yourself in pitch darkness. You can’t find the handle to get back in, even if you wanted to. You strain your eyes in vain to discern a faint glow; but there are no lamps. Brother Sun has set and Sister Moon has fled. You stumble directionless in a void of unseen obstacles. You thought you knew this path, but familiar touchstones have vanished in the night.

Suddenly in the distance, you detect the faintest pinprick of tremulous light. It shivers and shimmers dimly, but with persistence. You grapple towards it; and, surprisingly, it seems to be stumbling towards you, too. Slowly, out of the darkness emerges the form of a man. And you recognise him. For the glow spreading out from his heart is the glow spreading out from your own. In the mirrors of your spirits you’re gazing into the depths of your common identity; reflected each in the other.

Sharing your glow, your vision grows sharper; forms take shape; perception deepens; patterns emerge. Soon other faggot brothers see the brightening of your auras from a distance, and begin making their own journey home. Two become three; three become a dozen; a dozen becomes a multitude.

As the tribe gathers, uniting heart to heart, their commingled lovelight grows, beaming on the horizon, separating object from shadow; distinguishing subject from subject.

Slowly, gradually, but unremittingly, that light seeps into the inky blackness – exposing the planet and its inhabitants in all their unique and collective beauty. The diversity sparkles. The faggots have helped create the light, and people everywhere smile at the newly revealed patterns of love.

That’s how the light gets in. This is your invitation to join us and make it blaze.

*The birds they sang at the break of day
Start again I heard them say
Don’t dwell on what has passed away
Or what is yet to be
Yeah the wars they will be fought again
The holy dove she will be caught again
Bought and sold and bought again
The dove is never free
Ring the bells that still can ring
Forget your perfect offering
There is a crack in everything
That’s how the light gets in*

– Leonard Cohen, “Anthem”

LOCATION

The venue where this magic manifests is the Evans Lake Forest Sanctuary. Located in the Squamish River Valley, on the unneeded territory of the Skwxwu7mesh people, Evans Lake is an hour and a half drive from Vancouver, located 15 kilometres north of Squamish, BC. The secluded lake is surrounded by forested hills and hiking trails, overseen by the mammoth peaks of the Coast Range, and glacier-fed rivers.

ACCESSIBILITY

The camp is on a rather hilly terrain that may be a concern for those with mobility issues. We will try and accommodate you as best as we can, and find solutions together.

TRANSPORTATION

Parking is very limited, so carpooling is strongly encouraged. You can let us know on your registration form if you need a ride or if you can offer a ride. We are often able to coordinate rides to Faerie Camp.

As well, you can take the Greyhound to Squamish and we can arrange for you to be picked up at the station.

FACILITIES

Besides a kitchen/dining hall and sleeping cabins, there is a large recreation hall for heart circles, complete with comfy chesterfields and wood-burning fireplace. We also have use of a large log cabin as a meditation, bodywork, and quiet space during the day and as the Love Lounge during the evenings.

Then, there is the pristine mountain lake itself - ideal for canoeing and swimming. Bathing suits are allowed but not encouraged. The lake comes with all amenities, including canoes. There is also an archery range for those feeling particularly butch. The site has 10 km (6 miles) of hiking trails around the lake.

We will include additional details in your confirmation letter.

ACCOMMODATIONS

There are eight heated, 'rustic' cabins, each having 11 single beds and washrooms attached, as well as additional sleeping rooms in the Recreation Hall for those with mobility issues.

Sleeping arrangements are not assigned unless you have made special arrangements for sleeping in the Recreation Hall.

You must bring all your own bedding.

TENTS

There is space behind the cabins for those inclined to sleep in tents. Space is assigned on a first come, first served basis. May weather can be unpredictable, so be prepared for rain and sudden drops in temperature.

The registration fee is the same regardless of whether you choose to sleep in a cabin, tent, or vehicle.

MEALS

There will be three meals per day. The talented kitchen staff produces appetizing, well-balanced, and nutritious meals, always including fresh vegetables and salad. They also prepare evening snacks for us to munch by the campfire. They can accommodate vegetarian, vegan, and many other specialized diets. Please indicate your dietary needs on your registration form.

MOBILE PHONES

Signal reception is very erratic, spotty, and unreliable at camp. It is best to put your mobile phone away and fully interact with your Faerie Family face to face.

There is a phone with the staff at Evans Lake available in case of emergencies.

SMOKING

There is no smoking inside any building, however, there is a designated area for smoking outside.

NUDITY

Nudity is allowed in all areas, but cover your butt in the dining hall and please respect our hosts by keeping sexual activity out of sight of the staff.

SAFETY, RESPECT & FAERIE ETHOS

We can all ensure the quality of the gathering by adhering to the sacred principles of Faeriedom: safety, confidentiality, and love and respect for one another, including the caring staff of Evans Lake. Please take or post photos and videos with permission of the subjects.

Our ethos calls on each of us to be responsible for our own experiences while respecting the dignity and enjoyment of others, Subject/Subject consciousness.

- As for what you need or want.
- Speak your truth with compassion.
- Be direct, be honest. Let your yes mean yes and your no mean no.
- But above all, be kind and patient with one another.

Registration

This event is intended and designed for all Faeries who self-identify as male-loving men, but no one registering will be turned away.

Registrations will not be completed until both payment and registration form are received. Online registration ensures you get in.

Alternatively, you can also register by filling out the registration form:

- By downloading and printing the PDF form from the B.C. Radical Faerie website.
- By printing the registration form enclosed with this Call.

Send the completed registration form along with your payment in Canadian funds (if paying by cheque or money order) to:

BCRFC
1608 10th Ave.
New Westminster, BC V3M 3J3
Canada

REGISTRATION

The registration fee is \$265 in Canadian funds. The fee must be paid in full at the time of registration - no deposits or partial payments will be accepted. We only accept registration fees made through:

- Paypal (please note that an \$8 fee will be added for this choice to cover PayPal's fee)
- Cheques drawn from Canadian financial institutions
- Money orders in Canadian funds.

The PayPal site is secure, so your credit information is safe.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Deadline for registration is May 1, 2017. This date is final.

WAITING LIST

We have set the number of participants this year at 75 to maintain the same intimate atmosphere we enjoyed last year.

We will keep a first-come, first-served waitlist in the event we exceed that number.

We encourage you to register for our waiting list at bcradfae.ca. Please DO NOT send us money until we have contacted you to confirm your spot.

CONFIRMATION

A letter of confirmation with additional details needed to prepare for camp will be emailed to registrants. Confirmation letters will be sent out after March 1 to participants who have completed their registration forms and paid the registration fees.

CANCELLATIONS

Cancellations received prior to May 10 will be fully refunded.

After that date, the numbers are reported to Evans Lake and we will have to pay for each reserved spot – therefore registration fees may be forfeited for any cancellations received after May 10.

If you must cancel after that date, contact the organizing committee as soon as possible to see if there are people on the waiting list. If so, the next person will be contact by the committee and if someone is found to take your spot, a refund will be issued. If no one is available, you may not receive a refund unless you can find someone to take your place and arrange with them to pay you back for your spot.

FAERIE FEE FUNDS

We have a limited Faerie Fee Fund (FFF). We will subsidize up to half the cost to applicants on a low or fixed income on a first-come, first-served basis (subject to availability).

Please request subsidy only if you need it, and request only as much as you need.

We encourage those who have the means to do so to sponsor someone who might be unable to attend for lack of funds. If you are able to donate to our fund, please do so as well.

FUNDRAISING

An auction will be held at the gathering to raise money for our FFF. We can only accept cash in Canadian funds.

BRITISH COLUMBIA RADICAL FAERIE CAMP REGISTRATION

Please fill out a separate form for each registrant. Registration is confirmed only after payment is received. Your information is gathered for the sole use of facilitating registration with the 2016 BC Faerie Camp and will not be shared with any one else. Please send your completed registration form along with the cheque or money order (if you chose that payment option) to:

B.C.R.F.C.
1608 10th Ave.
New Westminster, BC V3M 3J3
Canada

Please make the cheque or money order payable to Radical Faeries of B.C.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Faerie Name(s) _____
Leave blank if you don't have one. Don't worry, it will come to you!

Apt/Unit/House Number & Street _____ City _____

State/Province _____ Postal Code/ZIP _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

CAMP DIRECTORY

Our camp directory is available to camp attendees in electronic format. If you are interested in having your photo in the directory, please send a jpeg (JPG) photo to faeriecamp@bcradfae.ca with "Directory Photo" in the subject line. We include name, address, and e-mail.

I would NOT like the following included in the directory:

address phone # email photo

FEES

The registration fee is \$265, which must be paid at the time of registration. Your registration is not complete until the fee is received in full. We cannot accept deposits or partial payments.

I have paid online via Pay Pal. (Please note that an \$8 fee will be added for this choice to cover PayPal's fee.)

The Email I use for PayPal transactions.

I have enclosed a cheque drawn from a Canadian or U.S. financial institution.

I have enclosed a money order in Canadian or U.S. funds.

Other _____

FAERIE FEE FUNDS

If you would like to request FFF support, select the appropriate amount below, keeping in mind that FFF is a limited fund. Note that we will only subsidise up to 50% of the total registration fee. If applying for FFF, please don't make any payment until you hear from us.

Are you requesting faerie fee funds? Yes No

Amount requested: \$50 \$75 \$100 \$125

CONTRIBUTE TO FFF

Since I am amazing, I would like to contribute \$ _____ to the FFF.

*If you are contributing by cheque or money order, you can add this amount to your registration fee (make payable to Radical Faeries of B.C., and sent it to: **B.C.R.F.C., 1608 10th Avenue, New Westminster, BC V3M 3J3 Canada.** If you'd like to contribute by Paypal, simply send the money as GIFT to paypal@bcradfae.ca on your PayPal account.*

ABOUT YOU

This is my first gathering (yay!) No, fae! You kidding me?

I have the following dietary needs:

vegetarian vegan gluten-free other (specify): _____

Other needs

I have needs which require me to be in the Recreation Hall adjacent to a washroom.

Other issues we should know _____

TRANSPORTATION

Parking is very limited, please carpool!

Do you need a ride? Yes No

I need a ride from:

- Greyhound Station in Squamish Pacific Central Station in Vancouver
 Commercial/Broadway Skytrain Westend
 Other

I can provide rides for the number of Faeries 1 2 3 4

I can pick up from

- Greyhound Station in Squamish Pacific Central Station in Vancouver
 Commercial/Broadway Skytrain Westend
 Other _____

leaving at _____ (time)

I am able to help co-ordinate rides from my area. Yes

I would like overnight accommodation in the Vancouver area:

- on the way there on the way back I don't mind sharing a bed
 I don't mind sharing a bed Other _____

I can offer overnight accommodation to:

How many faeries? 1 2 3

of nights? 1 2 3

MANIFESTING THE GATHERING

I would like to help manifest the gathering in the following ways:

- helping with the k(no)w talent and/or fashion show
 - participating in the k(no)w talent and/or fashion show
 - moderating a heart circle
 - helping with the auction
 - organising a fund-raiser for our FFF! YAY! (We love you!)
 - leading a workshop / playshop. Write title in "other" (if known yet!)
 - offering bodywork, massage, yoga, etc.
 - helping keep the snuggle space tidy (including bringing sheets, snacks, lube, condoms, etc.)
 - bringing snacks, or items to roast on the fire
 - bringing a musical instrument, or instruments to share
- Other: _____

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I understand that Navid Tabatabai, Jim Hankle, and Randy Keats, signatories held liable on the Radical Faeries of B.C. Society insurance policy, are not responsible for negligence or misconduct on account of my behaviour or in case of loss, damage and/or injuries I may suffer while participating in the activity. I agree to RELEASE the above-named individuals, and discharge them from any and all liability, and AGREE NOT TO SUE the above-named individuals.

I agree that if a claim arises out of my personal injury or property loss, I shall INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS released parties against any such claims, including attorney's fees incurred by these people in defending such claims. I fully understand any and all potential risks that may relate to participation in the specific activity I have chosen. I have READ and UNDERSTAND this "RELEASE AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE" and freely and voluntarily agree to all of its terms. I am 18 years old or older and competent to sign. The "RELEASE AND PROMISE NOT TO SUE" shall be binding on my executors, survivors, heirs and assigns.

I further understand that by signing, I agree to the terms and conditions stipulated and reasonably implied by the Call and registration form.

Participant Signature

Participant Name printed clearly

Date