

Welcome & Logistics for CGT8, Star Dance, Abiquiu, New Mexico

Welcome to Council Guide Training (CGT). In making your commitment to be a part of this CGT circle, you have begun this profound journey into your heart that you alone will experience. And, together with the others in your circle, blossoms the opportunity to grow collectively, to expand into something much larger than one can conceivably do on his or her own volition.

We look forward to our next two years together, and we offer you logistics for arriving on the land below.

Love and deep gratitude from your guides,
DreamingBear
Meridian
Soren
<http://dancehammers.com/cgtus8>

Arrival/Departure

In making your travel plans, please plan to arrive on the land on Tuesday between 2 and 5 pm (Mountain Time) and depart after 4 pm on Sunday.

Lodging/Meals

All lodging fees include three meals/day, water, coffee and tea. Arriving on Tuesday and leaving on Sunday is considered five nights lodging. Please note indoor accommodations are Co-Ed.

1. Bring your own gear and camp*: \$60/night (\$300)
2. Stay in a beautiful yurt* equipped with bunk-beds, dormitory style: \$80/night (\$400).**
3. Stay in the southwest style Coyote Lodge with bunk beds, dormitory style with full baths and fireplaces: \$110/night (\$550).**

All options include three meals a day and all your water, tea and coffee. If you plan to stay longer you can add to the total.

*Access to two outdoor showers and two toilets in a separate building nearby.

**Sheets, towels and pillow included

Accommodation may be paid through the Star Dance payment site:

<http://www.stardancelodge.com/pay/payment.php>

or you can bring cash or check. Issue checks to "Star Dance LLC."

DreamingBear will be your contact for this when you all arrive on the land.

Online Lodge

A one-time Internet fee for the two-year program provides payment to SingingHeart's business which runs our online lodge so we may communicate with ease and privacy between ceremonies. Please pay to Dancehammers online at: <https://hail.he.net/~dhammers/donate/> or bring a check to ceremony for \$120.

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Transportation

Consider flying into Albuquerque, New Mexico, allowing yourself about three hours to arrive on the land. The actual driving time takes a little over two hours, not accounting for stops. Some airlines do fly into Santa Fe which is closer.

You may wish to coordinate with other seekers in sharing car rentals or shuttles.

European Travelers

Recommended search engines for flights:

<http://www.checkfelix.at>

<http://www.opodo.com>

<http://www.seat24.com/>

<http://www.momondo.com>

Hotels in Albuquerque

Tip: Once you arrive in Albuquerque and if you are staying in a hotel close to the airport, call them to pick you up. They all have a free airport shuttle. Taxis can be expensive.

ABQ Best Western Suites

2400 Yale Blvd SE
877-771-1201 toll free
505 242 7022 local number

Howard Johnson Hotel

15 Hotel Circle NE
505-247-1500

Holiday Inn Express

2331 Center Ave SE
505-247-1500

Sleep Inn

2300 International Ave SE
505-244-3325

Youth Hostel in Santa Fe

Santa Fe Youth Hostel

1412 Cerrillos
Santa Fe
505-988-1153
505-983-9896

<http://www.hostelz.com>

Shuttle to Land (price break when traveling in groups)

Twin Hearts Shuttle

1-800-654-9456 toll free
505-751-1201 local number
505-751-3916 fax

Roadrunner Shuttle Service

121 Aviation Dr # 5
Santa Fe
505-424-3367

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Personal Items to Bring to Ceremony

Tenting

Tent
Sleeping Bag, Pad and Pillow
Ground Tarp
Strong Tent pegs
Towel

Yurt or Casita

Sleeping Bag

Personal Items

Toiletries (biodegradable soaps only) & Wet wipes
Beautiful clothing for hot**, cold* & wet weather
Boots or closed shoes (cactus are abundant)
Sunscreen for skin and lips, sunglasses, sun hat
Flashlight (torch) & batteries
Water bottle
Bathing suit (costume)
Camera – if you choose

NOTE: Water supply is limited in New Mexico, so showers are limited as well; wet wipes work well to freshen up.

***December IS Winter in the high mountain desert, so include:**

Long thermal underwear
Winter Boots
Mittens/Gloves/Hat
Heavy Socks
Warm Jacket

****June and August**

Insect repellent

Ceremony items to bring

Pocket knife (pack in checked luggage on airlines)
Object of beauty to place on medicine wheel altar
Giveaway object
Personal altar and medicine items
Special blanket
Notebook or journal, pens and pencils (colored, too!)
White sage or sweet grass as a gift for WhiteEagle
Pouch for tobacco (we have tobacco for you to use)
Backpack or shoulder bag to carry some of these items when walking about on land

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Directions to Star Dance

**150 Sterling Road
Abiquiu, NM 87510
505-901-2936**

Driving from Albuquerque:

From Albuquerque Airport, take Interstate Hwy 25 North for approximately 40 miles to Santa Fe. Take the Santa Fe Relief Route 599 North to Española (about 24 miles). In Española, immediately after you see Hacienda Hardware on the left, follow signs for US 84 headings toward Chama, a left turn. At that turn you will see a strange blinking sign that looks like it belongs in Las Vegas! Watch carefully for this road (or you might end up on Taos!). Follow the signs toward Chama and Abiquiu as you go through town. Take US 84 north to Abiquiú (22 miles). The Abiquiú Inn is on your right. A convenience store called Bode's, with gasoline pumps are a bit further up the road.

Continue on 84 until you see the Abiquiú Lake Dam. Turn left onto Hwy 96; and cross the Abiquiú Lake Dam, heading toward Youngsville and Coyote. After you cross the dam (6 miles), you'll see a small sign on the right that says County Road 199. Turn right at that sign onto a gravel road, for about one mile until it comes to a T-junction. This road is sign posted 1729. Turn left and go 1/8 mile to Sterling Road where you'll turn right. Travel 1.1 miles and you'll come to a fork where you'll stay on the left fork. Continue until you reach a gate. Open the gate, drive through and CLOSE THE GATE behind you. You are now on Star Dane land. Continue on this road for a short distance and stay left until you arrive at a little adobe building. We will greet you there! If you see no one there, then honk as you may find we are out on the land we love!