

FAQs & Packing List

What to Bring

- **Bedding:** Please bring your own sleeping bag/linens. If you are staying at FC/TC, bring a tent, there are not any platforms set up yet.
- **Water Bottle:** Stay hydrated!
- **Work Clothes:** Dress for labor and unpredictable Vermont weather, including proper footwear.
- **Eating Utensils, aka “mess kit”.** We want to limit the amount of disposable bowls and dishes used over the weekend. We will have washing up stations for you to clean between meals.
- **Bug Protection:** Be prepared for a strong bug presence! **Camping supplies:** If you are sleeping at FC/TC, please be prepared for limited running water and "kybo" (outhouse) facilities.

Technology & Time

To preserve the "magic" of the Clearing, we strive to keep the space free from modern distractions.

- **Watches:** Please remove them upon arrival.
- **Phones:** Use them for photos only. If you must make a call, please do so at the **doghouse**.
- **Light:** We encourage you to use a candle lantern instead of a flashlight where possible.

Where will we eat?

All meals will be at FC/TC.

What kind of work is needed?

After three years of dormancy, the "far-out wood" has crept in! We need help clearing limbs and branches, rebuilding or freshening up structures, and tackling miscellaneous other tasks.

Parking & Transportation

On Saturday (and Friday for those spending Friday evening at FC/TC) , please park at the **gravel pit** and walk into FC/TC. If you require a ride into camp, just let us know in advance.

Names & Identity

We want you to feel at home. Name tags will be provided, and you are welcome to use your Flying Cloud name or whatever name makes you most comfortable. We will have a mostly complete list on hand in case no one knows your name and you prefer not to write it.

Saturday Evening will be The Flying Cloud Ceremony

We will gather to honor and conclude this chapter of Flying Cloud's history.

- It will take place in either the Roundhouse or the Honoring Circle (weather dependent).
- We will start the ceremony by **lighting the fire** with bow drills and then singing the Honoring Song.
- While there will be some prepared remarks, the heart of the time will be dedicated to open sharing for Flying Cloud. People will get a chance to “**speak for Flying Cloud**”.

- We will have a **contest dance** with a prize!
- **We will have giveaways.** Feel free to bring an item you wish to give to a person, the organization, to the memory of Flying Cloud, to the future of The Clearing, or to the fire.
- We will dance the **49er!**
- We will have a **closing song.**
- After the ceremony is over, people can gather together and sing songs from Flying Cloud's history.