

Awen Gathering Camp Participant Agreement

Event Dates: July 9-12, 2026

Location: Raven's Ridge, Ronan, Montana, USA

Host: Shining Mountains Grove of OBOD (an unincorporated Community Group)

1. Purpose of This Agreement

The Awen Gathering is a community spiritual camp held on private land at Raven's Ridge near Ronan, Montana. This document helps ensure everyone understands the environment, accepts the risks of activities, and agrees to participate responsibly. By signing below, you agree to these terms so that we can all enjoy a safe and harmonious gathering.

2. Voluntary Participation

I understand that my participation in the Awen Gathering Camp is completely voluntary. I certify that I am choosing to attend of my own free will and am physically and emotionally able to participate in outdoor activities.

3. Description of Activities and Risks

I understand that the Awen Gathering Camp takes place on private property with natural terrain, including forest paths, uneven ground, hills, wildlife, changing weather, and creek areas. Activities may include:

- Camping in tents or RVs
- Walking or hiking on uneven surfaces
- Ritual circles and group activities
- Fire circles (if permitted)
- Shared meals and camp tasks
- Outdoor classes or workshops

I understand that these activities carry inherent and unavoidable risks, which may include tripping hazards, insect bites, exposure to sun or weather, interactions with wildlife and plants, campfire-related risks, and other outdoor-related injuries.

I accept full responsibility for assessing whether activities are appropriate for my level of ability and comfort.

4. Assumption of Risk

I acknowledge and willingly accept all risks, known and unknown, associated with my participation in the Awen Gathering Camp and with being on the Raven's Ridge property.

5. Waiver and Release of Liability

To the fullest extent permitted under Montana law, I agree to waive, release, and discharge the following from any liability for personal injury, illness, death, or property damage that may occur during or as a result of my participation:

- Awen Gathering
- The owners of Raven's Ridge
- Event organizers, volunteers, facilitators, and hosts
- Any affiliated groups or individuals

This waiver includes claims based on ordinary negligence.

This waiver does **not** include claims based on gross negligence or willful misconduct, as such rights cannot legally be waived.

6. Hold Harmless & Indemnification

I agree to hold harmless and indemnify the above-named individuals and groups from claims, demands, or actions brought by me or any third party arising from my participation in the event, except where prohibited by Montana law.

7. Property & Personal Belongings

I understand that I am responsible for my own gear, personal items, and valuables. The hosts cannot be liable for lost, damaged, or stolen property. I understand that I am responsible for procuring my own accommodations, whether onsite camping or an offsite arrangement.

8. Health & Emergency Care

I certify that:

- I am responsible for managing my own health, medications, allergies, and medical needs.

- If I have severe allergies, mobility concerns, or health conditions, I will communicate them to organizers so we can help maintain safety.
 - In an emergency, I consent to reasonable first aid and/or emergency services if needed (at my expense).
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9. Respect for the Land & House Guidelines

I agree to follow all site rules, including:

- No smoking inside the house or within 30 feet of buildings. A designated smoking area will be provided
 - Extreme fire safety during dry conditions
 - Use unscented or naturally scented products indoors
 - Respect wildlife and natural features
 - Follow any posted safety instructions or organizer guidance
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10. Photography & Consent (Choose one depending on your plans)

OPTION A – Limited consent:

I consent to being included in group photos but will notify organizers if I prefer not to be photographed individually.

OPTION B – No photos allowed:

I do not consent to any photos of me being used in group materials.
(Organizers will provide a wristband or indicator.)

11. Minors

All participants must be 18 or older **unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian**, in which case the guardian must sign this waiver on the minor's behalf.

12. Acknowledgment

I have read this agreement carefully, understand its contents, and understand that by signing it, I waive certain legal rights. I sign this agreement freely and voluntarily.
