



## SURVIVAL GUIDE

YOU have something inside of yourself that wants to be given physical form, something that your fellow humans would love to interact with. Find what that something is. Turn it into music, art, performance, a workshop or theme camp. Bring it to Dreamtime!

The Dreamtime Festival is an annual collaborative outdoor arts and music festival and educational forum held in the Rocky Mountains of Western Colorado. Together in Dreamtime we envision and embrace our deeper dreams, learn, connect and co-create in an atmosphere of celebration, participation, creative expression and community.

Join us in Dreamtime as we co-create the space for magic and transformation to occur. Dreamtime actively embraces education, positive change, personal transformation and ecological sustainability in addition to the principals of radical expression, participation, and gift economy. The festival is not-for-profit and volunteer based, with tickets sold to cover expenses and offer art grants.

Your creativity, energy, participation, and inspired contribution make the Festival what it is. Do you have an idea for something to add? Dreamtime is the stage, canvas, and testing grounds for your dreams.

In Dreamtime we create space for an intimate, safe and positive environment to flourish that replaces the traditional "party" atmosphere with one of community and celebration.

Putting on this event is a monumental effort, and thanks is extended to the hundreds of dedicated volunteers, hard working interns, theme camp organizers, artists, performers, workshop leaders, donors, sponsors, supporters and participants for their undying support. Deep gratitude is extended to the tireless staff that work year round (and more than half of that full time) make Dreamtime what it is.

Send constructive feedback to improve the event to [info@dreamthefuture.org](mailto:info@dreamthefuture.org)

This amazing event is only able to happen due to the sharing the financial and work needs by the community through the purchase of tickets and fulfillment of volunteer positions. This is an event created by and for the participants, by and for the community. Purchasing tickets and volunteering is a core part of participating in the community, part of having a good time at the event, part of the learning, creativity and celebration. In our community, we work toward participation and unity. Those in gate, ranger, info booth and other volunteer positions are volunteers and participants just like yourself – contributing to keep the community and event safe and able to happen again. Please show them your smiles and gratitude – as they will do the same when it is your turn.

Dreamtime can only take place through your support, and is a non-profit community event which relies on ticket sales in order to happen. Please consider buying tickets at a higher level now in order to support the event. In an effort to protect the event and our community and keep it sustainable so that it can happen again in the future, all vehicles will be searched for stow-aways. In addition, a perimeter team has spontaneously formed from within our community, and will be patrolling with night vision and other toys. Please help the non-profit continue this event by informing and educating people that it is destructive to our community to try and sneak in - this endangers the future of the event. It is also not a pleasant experience - those caught will have to buy and ticket plus pay a 'stupid tax', or face fines. They also run the risk of having the community ostracize them, pelt them with water balloons, put them in a dunking booth, whip them, tar and feather them, leave them in the stocks, kindly direct them to return to the gate for a ticket, refuse entry to theme camps and workshops, and find other creative ways of letting them know that our community does not tolerate this sort of behavior. So please speak up to people and educate them if you care to see Dreamtime continue.

The Dreamtime goal is to include everyone and we are excited to be able to offer a limited number [volunteer/work](#) trade tickets. You must [register](#) online for two volunteer shifts before June 15th in order to [volunteer](#) in exchange for tickets. Both shifts must be for the same volunteer team/area, take place during the event, and you must register using the online form.

## **Volunteer**

Dreamtime is an effort made by the community for the community; everyone involved purchases a ticket in order to support the event and for the privilege of attending. With this in mind, please join us as a volunteer to participate in making this an amazing event. Volunteering brings you into the center of Dreamtime, creating an opportunity to play, interact, and connect with the community. Our community asks that everyone go to our volunteer webpage (<http://dreamthefuture.org/volunteer>) to sign up for a workshift ahead of time. If that isn't convenient, please stop by the Volunteer HQ (check at info booth) and sign up during the event.

## **Art**

Those who come to Dreamtime will bring many forms of art to share with other participants. These may include music, dance, visual arts, crafts, workshops, costumes, and more. One of our basic tenets is centered around the concept of the gift economy, so whatever your special talent might be, bring it on and share it with us. You are invited to make Dreamtime the canvas for your dreams. Anyone who is interested in bringing any of the following forms of art must register it ahead of time to ensure that we can accommodate your needs: large art installations, theme camps, performances that require stage facilities, workshops that require use of shade structures, sound systems, and anything involving fire. Go to <http://www.dreamthefuture.org/arts> to register your art.

## **Rules:**

The Dreamtime community wishes for you to be free to create art and interact with others. However, we do have some rules, though we try to have as few as possible. These are largely to fulfill safety, insurance and government codes, so that we can continue to have the event in the future. If you witness a violation of any of these rules, feel free to support the safety and viability of the event and correct the situation yourself. If you don't feel comfortable with that, please inform one of the volunteer Rangers (wearing Ranger shirts) or someone at the Information Center.

Bring your own food, water, and shelter. Portable toilets will be the only amenity provided. Tolerate and respect your fellow participants. Do not interfere with the enjoyment, art, or expression of others.

## **Safety**

You are responsible for your own actions, safety and well-being. You are encouraged to help keep others and your neighborhood safe. Intervene if you see a potential safety hazard. Dreamtime accepts no responsibility for your safety or the security of your personal property.

## **Admission**

- The gates open at 2:00 PM on Thursday. The event ends and grounds must be vacated at noon on Monday.
- With the exception of children 12 and under, everyone must purchase a ticket.
- GATE TICKET SALES WILL BE CASH-ONLY.
- Tickets bought before the event will be will-call. Present your photo ID to receive your will-call ticket(s). If you arrive separately from the person that bought your ticket, and they bought your ticket under THEIR name, you must also bring a photocopy of their photo ID with the following statement written and signed on it: "I [their name] hereby sign over \_\_\_ # of tickets to [your name as it appears on your ID], signed \_\_\_\_\_."
- Everyone must show their valid photo ID and must also sign a liability waiver.
- This is an all ages event, but for liability reasons everyone under 18 must arrive with a legal guardian.
- Your ticket is a revocable license. Violation of any rules, or violent or anti-social behavior may result in revocation of your ticket and ejection from the event without a refund.

- Wear your wristband at all times as proof of your ticket purchase.

## Vending, Commerce, and Concessions

There is no vending of any kind permitted at the event. Dreamtime is a place of sharing and free exchange within a gift economy. Sales of handmade items and food items are not allowed. Dreamtime operates on a gift economy that does not include vending, busking, barter, trade or the sale of goods or services by donation. The aim is to focus interaction on authentic human exchange instead of financial or physical transaction.

## Driving/Parking

- Drive slowly, especially at night.
- **Be sure to pull completely off of the road or you will be towed to maintain emergency access. Please pull as far back as possible to maximize the amount of camping space to be utilized.** Leave lanes for others to get in and out, or you may be asked to move.
- If you block access, you may have to move parts of your camp. **If you park outside the gate your vehicle will be towed.**
- Do not cross the event boundary. The property adjacent to the event is private land.
- Once you park your car, you should not move it for the duration of your stay. No cruising!
- Participants who leave and return by personal vehicle may be charged a fee.
- If you do need to leave and return due to emergency, check with the gate when leaving to arrange for your re-entry.



**See the Preparation Section for more information on car camping and camp placement.**

## Prohibited Items

- No glass! Transfer liquids to plastic containers or use cans.
- No charcoal BBQs, tiki torches, candles, oil lanterns, fireworks, flares, or explosives will be permitted (propane stoves and barbecues are ok). The dry grass is an extreme fire hazard – if you see any open flame, please have it extinguished immediately. Rangers will confiscate open flame on first warning.
- No pets – consider a pet sitter for the weekend.
- No weapons of any kind, no firearms, no ammunition.
- Do not bring anything that will break up and/or blow away in the wind (confetti, glitter, feather boas, loose paper, etc.)



## Leave No Trace

- Pack out everything you bring (including nut shells, apple cores, toilet paper, sequins, etc) and leave you campsite and surrounding area cleaner than you found it.
- Clean your entire campsite and surrounding areas before you leave.
- There will be no garbage or recycling services at the event.
- During the event, please pick up any matter out of place (MOOP) as soon as you see it.
- Fill in any holes you made before you leave the event.
- Leave No Trace that you were ever there.



## Toilets

If it isn't from your body, don't put it in the potty! Trash in the toilets will prevent us from pumping them, and will threaten the viability of the event.



## Alcohol



- Please consider staying clear and sober for the event. While alcohol is not prohibited, we ask participants to only drink in their camp and not to bring alcohol into the communal space.
- Underage drinking will not be tolerated and is grounds for removal from the event.
- Bring your photo ID. Your ID will be checked at the gate and is required for admission.
- Excessive quantities of alcohol will be confiscated at the gate.
- Glass is not allowed. Please use plastic cups or cans.

### Sound and Sound Restrictions

- Please keep your neighbors in mind. Sound from any camp must not disrupt adjacent camps. Sound systems in your camp must be held to reasonable levels.
- Please camp in the appropriate sound level area (see map in event guide for quiet / loud zones) – remember to always bring extra earplugs!

**Sound systems are limited to certain areas of our event and must be registered in advance as a theme camp.**

### Fire Rules (subject to county/state fire ban)

- The state and/or county may issue a comprehensive burn ban. If so, we will work on a variance, but can by no means guarantee that we will be able to burn anything. The fields and grasses are extremely dry and flammable. The county and the state consider violation of the fire ban a serious criminal offense. If you violate the ban, you may face legal repercussions. Take this seriously. Fire can put the lives and property of many people at risk.
- If fire art is permitted by the authorities, you still must register your fire art or fire barrel for pre-approval.
- Fire performance must be conducted in the designated fire performance areas ONLY.
- The area has been grazed with bison to reduce fire danger



### All use of fire must follow these requirements:

- With the exception of camp stoves and gas barbeques, no fires of any kind will be permitted without prior written approval.
- No personal campfires, charcoal BBQs, tiki torches, candles, oil lanterns, fireworks, flares, or explosives will be permitted.
- Cooking stoves must be on a level surface with any dry vegetation within one yard removed.
- All generators, fuel storage, and potential spark-sources must be placed in areas in which all dry vegetation has been removed.
- Smoking is allowed in designated areas only. Butts must be disposed in designated buckets, ashtrays, or personal buttboxes. If we have a burn ban in effect, smoking may be restricted to inside cars. PLEASE respect the extreme fire danger and the safety of those around you. Several recent grass fires on site were started by sparks and raged out of control for hours.
- Violation of the fire rules is grounds for removal from the event.



### Local, State and Federal Laws

Comport yourself with regard to all local, state and federal laws as you would in any municipality. Law enforcement is not expected at the event, but please be respectful if you see any. They will return your respect. We wish our very positive interactions with law enforcement to continue.

### Generators

All generators must be sound insulated with mufflers or fireproof housing. See <http://www.dreamthefuture.org/soundproofing.html> for more information. If you would like info on renting or sharing a cheap, non-polluting biodiesel generator or biodiesel fuel for your diesel generator please visit

## **Preparation**

### **Rangers / Shanti Sena**

Rangers / Shanti Sena will be on duty throughout the event. These are trained volunteers who are there to act as non-confrontational community mediators and safety officers. By encouraging and facilitating communication, the Rangers / Shanti Sena promote awareness of potential hazards, from sunstroke to tent fires. Look for the folks with Ranger / Shanti Sena shirts if you have a question or need help with anything.

### **Self Reliance**

Self-reliance is a must at Dreamtime. The only amenity that will be provided is portable toilets. You must bring everything else you need to survive the weekend in the outdoors, including your water, food, and shelter. Although we will have medical staff on duty, they will not have prescription medications on hand. Please bring any allergy, asthma, or other personal medications that you may need. The nearest hospital is 30 miles away.

### **Water**

You must bring all your own water, min. 2 gal/person/day. The water in the cold showers is NOT drinkable. It will probably be quite hot during the day, so drink water all the time whether you think you need it or not. Try to drink a gallon per day, and bring extra for cooking and cleaning. If you feel tired or cranky, drinking more water will almost always help. Users of alcohol or caffeine are particularly at risk for dehydration. Dehydration can cause headaches, stomach cramps, abdominal pains, constipation, or flu-like symptoms. If someone you know complains of these symptoms or (worse) a case of the chills under the mid-day sun, get them to shade immediately and seek prompt medical help via a Ranger or an EMS staff member. They may be experiencing heat exhaustion or heat stroke.



### **Food**

Center camp provides ice and drinks (pls bring your own cup) as a fundraiser for Dreamtime. There may be food available in the center camp, but you must plan to bring all your own food. Be wise about reduction of packaging. Remember the concept of Leave No Trace - *any* trash you generate must be removed by you (biodegradable or not). This even includes the leftovers on your plate! Consider keeping your meals simple and remember that cooking is to be done on propane stoves only (no private campfires). Any preparation of food done ahead of time not only saves you valuable festival fun time, but will also reduce the waste you generate at the event.

### **Weather**

Paonia is located in a semi-arid high desert environment at an elevation of about 6000 feet. Daytime highs in July average in the upper 80's and nighttime lows average in the mid 50's. Sudden rain storms are a possibility. Those participants traveling from out of state should keep in mind that the elevation means a quick sunburn for unprotected skin and possible altitude sickness from overexertion, insufficient hydration, or alcohol intake. Be sure to bring sunscreen and insect repellent. A wide-brimmed hat is highly suggested. If lightning is present, the safest place to be is in your car. Make sure your camp, structures and personal effects are safe and secure from high winds and rain.



### **Site Specific Safety Issues**

- There are cactus and rocks in the area. Comfortable closed-toe shoes or boots are recommended.
- Though the event occurs during a full moon, you will want to bring extra flashlights and extra batteries. Attaching high-visibility flagging to guy lines is highly recommended. Covering exposed rebar stakes is a necessity.
- There will be geodesic domes and other unusual, monkeybar-looking structures at the event. They are not to be climbed on. Doing so can break either the climber or the dome (or both)



- Part of the site is covered with trees that were burned but didn't fall over. Their root systems are dead and they are no longer sturdy. Do not attach a shade structure to a dead tree without testing its integrity (many can be pushed over by hand). Do not allow children to climb on these trees. Do not push over any standing trees.

## Camp Placement

A message board is located near the info booth to help you find your campmates and friends. When you arrive at the event, greeters will welcome you and provide guidance on where you may park and camp. Please be sure to park and camp in a way that maximizes the land that may be used for camping (**pull all the way in and don't block access to suitable camping areas**), and allows for lanes for people to get in and out. If you are part of a theme camp, let the Greeters know so they can direct you to your area. Place your camp so that other cars can get past you to access other sites, and leave in an emergency.

## Kids

One question that comes up regularly is whether or not our event is a place for children. We like to think that we provide a place for people of all ages to explore their artistic and creative side, but one thing to consider before bringing your little ones along is that you should be prepared to encounter adult-oriented situations. It is expected that parents should be in control of their children and responsible for their behavior at all times. Ultimately, the health and safety of your child is your responsibility. As long as you are prepared to keep your children under constant supervision, the event can be a great place for them to learn and grow. A kids camp is being organized – contact Dreamtime in advance at [kids@dreamthefuture.org](mailto:kids@dreamthefuture.org) or visit the info booth at the event for more info and to get involved.



## Gear Checklist - The Essentials

- Your photo ID.
- Your ticket/s. If you arrive separately from the person that bought your ticket, and they bought your ticket under THEIR name, you must also bring a photocopy of their photo ID with the following statement written and signed on it: “I [their name] hereby sign over \_\_\_ # of tickets to [your name as it appears on your ID], signed \_\_\_\_\_.”
- If you are under 18 you must bring your guardian.
- Water: 2 gallons per person, per day (for drinking, showering, washing and food). Keep a bottle of water with you at all times.
- Enough food/beverages for your entire party.
- Extra reusable cup for iced Mate’/chai and extra eating utensils.
- First aid kit
- Appropriate clothing: light clothes for during the day, warm clothing for at night, comfortable closed-toe shoes/boots.
- Bedding and shelter of some type; A good camp tent is recommended along with warm sleeping bags.
- Garbage bags - leave no trace!
- Any prescription medications, contact lens supplies (disposables work great), and whatever else you need to maintain your health and comfort in a remote area with no services
- Flashlights/headlamps and spare batteries. It gets dark at night!
- Sunscreen lotion and sunglasses
- Common sense, an open mind, and a positive attitude
- Good shoes or boots - you will want to dance, and the ground is rocky and uneven in places and there are cactus in the area.

## **Directions**

The event takes place just outside Paonia, Colorado. Mapquest directions available at [www.DreamTheFuture.org](http://www.DreamTheFuture.org)

### **From Boulder, Denver and the East:**

- Take I-70 West.
- Take exit 116 at Glenwood Springs and bear right 3 times to southbound Hwy 82.
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- o south on Hwy 82 for 11.6 miles to Carbondale, then south (right) on
- Hwy 133.
- Go south on Hwy 133 for 51 miles to Paonia.
- Drive past the Paonia turn off and look for the Stop 'n Save gas station on your right. Go approximately 1 more mile. After the road crosses Roatcap Creek immediately turn right at **STUCKER MESA RD** (alternate landmark: turnoff is 0.3 miles after the Redwood Arms Hotel)
- Continue 2 miles up STUCKER MESA RD and look for entrance on left - no parking along road after you leave the highway.

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### **From Grand Junction and the West:**

- Take I-70 to Grand Junction.
- Go south on Hwy 50 for 39 miles to Delta, then east (left) on Hwy 92.
- Go east on Hwy 92 for 20 miles to Hotchkiss.
- Continue through Hotchkiss and take a slight left onto Hwy 133 toward Paonia.
- Go about 7 miles on Hwy 133 and then turn left on **STUCKER MESA RD** (If you get to the Stop n Save gas station you have passed the turn by approx. 1 mile.)
- Continue 2 miles up STUCKER MESA RD and look for entrance on left. No parking along road after you leave the highway.

### **From Montrose, Telluride and the South:**

- Take 550 north to Montrose. From Montrose, continue north on Hwy 50 for 22 miles to Delta, then east (right) on Hwy 92.
- Go east on Hwy 92 for 20 miles to Hotchkiss.
- Continue through Hotchkiss staying on Hwy 133 toward Paonia.
- Go about 7 miles on Hwy 133 and then turn left on **STUCKER MESA RD** (If you get to the Stop n Save gas station you have passed the turn by approx. 1 mile.)
- Continue 2 miles up STUCKER MESA RD and you will see the Dreamtime entrance on the left. No parking along road after you leave the highway.

Rideshare, updates, festival guide, tickets, volunteering and more:

[www.DreamTheFuture.org](http://www.DreamTheFuture.org)

Info Line: **1-800-600-6185**

Q: Why are ticket prices higher this year?

A: Because:

1. The event has been undervalued in the past - no where else do you get with your ticket four days of included camping, parking, amazing music and performances on multiple stages and over 100 workshops.
2. (this is the big one) This non-profit, volunteer driven event cannot continue without higher ticket prices, and nearly folded due to lack of funds at the end of 2005. We are committed to the sustainability and continuation of Dreamtime for years to come.

“The Future Belongs to those that believe in the beauty of their Dreams...”

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