

# Guidelines for the Dances of Universal Peace “European Gathering” 2025 Bécours, Aveyron - FRANCE



*This gathering of our great family of the Dances of Universal Peace is the manifestation of a long held dream, and is above all a message of Love among all people.*

*The whole European family and beyond (dance leaders, dancers, musicians) are invited to join together to sing and dance for Peace, and also to meet each other, strengthen the bonds between us and share our experiences and talents.*

*We wish to unite across our differences to co-create a vibrant beacon of Love, Harmony and Peace.*

*A wonderful union of all our creative energies that will radiate far beyond our Circle.*

*This charter aims to establish a few rules and guidelines so that we can all enjoy this gathering in a peaceful and harmonious way.*

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## 1 — Definition - the essence of our camp

The Dances of Universal Peace camp revolves around sacred dances, offering a profound experience both individually and collectively, while fostering unity in diversity. These dances provide a space to transcend differences and divisions, nurturing a shared sense of connection. Beyond the dances, our camp emphasizes communal living, including shared meals and daily interactions, fostering a deeper sense of togetherness. This is neither a festival with endless activities nor a traditional spiritual retreat. Instead, it is a unique opportunity to connect, grow, and discover something truly meaningful.

We warmly invite you to join us and experience it firsthand!

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## 2 — Nurturing group harmony

We encourage participants to attend the entire week to foster group unity and deepen the experience through the dances of peace, various workshops on voice, song, movement, and creativity, sharing circles, and nature connection.

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## 3 — Role of Workshops in Relation to the Dances

The camp prioritises the Dances of Universal Peace. Therefore, afternoon workshops, which align with the spirit of the dances, are limited in number but diverse. They will take place outside of the scheduled dance sessions and gatherings. Workshops will be offered by participants with prior agreement from the mentors and organisers. The camp is not a place to conduct paid activities (e.g., treatments).

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## 4 — Camp Rules -

The camp is a **non-smoking, alcohol-free, and drug-free space**. To ensure smooth running, we kindly ask participants to:

- Respect meal times and the schedule of activities they wish to join.
  - Sign up to the “circle of service”. The “circle of service” is everyone’s contribution to camp life, and we ask that you dedicate approximately 3 hours of your time during the week to helping with various tasks. This is usually a pleasant experience and deepens the bonds between participants. A sign-up sheet will be available upon arrival.
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## 5 — Children and Teens (Liability Form Required)

Children and teens are welcome at the camp but remain under the full responsibility and supervision of their parents, except during designated childcare sessions. Children must stay within their parents' or guardians' line of sight.

- **Nudity** is permitted for children up to 5 years old, except in communal spaces or activity areas for hygiene reasons.
  - **Children's Area:** A daily program of artistic activities, music, and creative games will be available in a dedicated space.
  - **Teens' Area:** A space will be reserved for teens with activities adapted and co-created with them.
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## 6 — Respect for Others

To allow everyone to rest and fully enjoy the morning activities, we kindly request silence from **10:30 PM to 8:00 AM** and during siesta time, **2:00 PM to 4:00 PM**.

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## 7 — Mobile Phones

Phones will remain turned off while at camp to help participants focus on others, themselves, and the natural surroundings. If you need to make a call, please do so away from communal spaces or send messages quietly from your tent (if camping).

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## 8 — Communication and Daily Gatherings

Daily gatherings will bring participants together to share information and manage camp life. Organisers, dance session leaders, and participants can share updates about the program. Daily announcements will also be posted at the **Info Point**, where you'll find practical details (site map, local stores, cash withdrawal spots, lost and found, etc.).

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## 9 — Environment

The camp allows us to live close to nature, and respecting it is essential. Fires are not permitted. Please be mindful of water consumption and waste sorting.

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## 10 — Respect for the Venue

The camp kitchen is not accessible to participants at all times; it is reserved for cooks and helpers. Unfortunately, pets are not allowed on-site.

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## 11 — Food

The camp provides full board with organic, vegan, and gluten-free meals. Please indicate allergies on the registration form. For specific dietary needs that cannot be met, contact us in advance.

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## 12 — Health

A team will be present to handle accidents and emergencies. A fully equipped first aid kit will be available at the **Info Point**. Participants are responsible for their own health and well-being, as well as their children's. If you develop a contagious illness during camp, please notify the organisers and consult a doctor promptly for the safety of all participants.

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## 13 — Hygiene

Good hygiene is essential while living communally together, especially in warm weather and with basic facilities. Proximity increases the risk of spreading germs. Please wash your hands regularly, especially after using the toilet and before meals.

Before attending the camp, ensure that you and your children are free from lice or nits. Bring **eco-friendly toiletries** whenever possible.

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## 14 — Dress Code for DPU and Workshops

Wear clean, weather-appropriate clothing. While no specific attire is required, festive clothes can be brought for special evenings. Even in hot weather, men are asked to keep their shirts on out of respect for others.

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## 15 — Cars

After unloading your belongings, please park in the designated parking area to maintain a pleasant environment. Camper vans may park in the allocated space for overnight stays.

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## 16 — Audio and Video Recording

Discreet audio recording (outside the circle) may be allowed during DPU and singing workshops. Filming during DPU sessions is not permitted. If leaders wish to record a specific dance, they should obtain permission outside session times.

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## 17 — Market

Midweek, a small market will allow for the sale or trade of handmade, artistic, or musical creations for personal, charitable, or humanitarian purposes. The association's boutique will also offer items with the Dances of Universal Peace logo.

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## 18 — Registration and Cancellation

Your registration will only be confirmed upon payment.

- If we cancel the camp, you will receive a full refund.
  - If you cancel:
    - Before **July 10**: 30% of the total payment will be retained (max. €180).
    - After **July 10, 2024**: No refund will be issued. If you find a replacement participant, you will be fully reimbursed.
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## 19 — Arrival and Departure

Camping is only allowed during the camp, from **Sunday, August 10th (3:00 PM)** to **Sunday, August 17th (departure before 11:30 AM)**.

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*By asking you to respect these principles, we hope to create a safe, enriching atmosphere where everyone can fully benefit from the camp experience.*

*Thank you for your understanding, and we wish you all a beautiful gathering!*

*The Organising Team: Patricia, Fabienne, Béatrix, Helen, Terry, and Michelle*



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