

Dear Family!

This summer the European Rainbow Gathering will take place in Ukraine from July 22 till August 20, with the Full Moon celebration on the night of August 5-6.

Herewith we are happy to inform you that according to the result of the last scouting session, a place for the Gathering has been discovered. It is situated in the Transcarpathian region of Ukraine (Zakarpatyie), about 100 km away from Uzhgorod, the capital of Transcarpathia, and 200 km from L'viv, a well known old city in Western Ukraine. The area is close to the borders of Hungary, Slovakia, Romania and Poland, so it will be easy reachable from most European directions. From the nearest village (last bus stop) it is about 7 km to the Rainbow place – half way can be done by car, and the rest by foot only, as the road is impassable for most normal cars. So the parking place can be organized half way from the village to the Main Circle, and there will be a wonderful cozy Welcome Centre on the way from the Parking to the place.

The place itself is a huge meadow on the slope of the hill, about 30 hectares by the area. The meadow is divided naturally by trees, bushes and tiny brooks into big and small sites that can be used for different purposes – for organizing the main kitchen, children's kitchen, greens garden, children's playground, shanti forest, yoga and meditation areas etc. For the most part, the slope is quite steep, though there are plenty of flat horizontal platforms big enough to put up tents, teepees and sheds. For those who will come too late to discover a flat piece of land, there is a wonderful opportunity to build a cozy elvish tree-house for themselves.

The surroundings offer to a true Rainbow soul beautiful mountain landscapes, Alpine plateaus with incredible views, a great number of rivers and streams with the purest, tastiest water, fabulous cascades and waterfalls, and the wide variety of woodland flora and fauna.

The water at the spot is abundant. Two strong streams run down from the nearby mountain on both sides of the meadow, flowing into a river that runs along the lower side of the meadow, parallel to an old logging road. The water in the streams and the river is very clear, pure and sweet, and does not need to be boiled before drinking or washing.

The forest is a mixed coniferous-deciduous wood, rich in both broad-leaved trees and pines and fir-trees – so there will be no problem with poles for teepees and other constructions. There is also plenty of brushwood and fallen trees, which can be used for firewood.

On the meadow one can come across old wild plum-, apple- and cherry-trees, the forest is full of nut-trees, raspberry and blackberry bush. The meadow itself and nearby mountainsides abound in bilberry-bush. Berries and mushrooms will be in abundance!

The climate of the area (according to the words of local people and statistics of the last several years) is mild. In August, days are rather warm, sometimes with clouds, and with a possibility of frequent, but intermittent rains. No floods, avalanches or mudflows are to be expected. Nights can be quite cool as the place is about 800 meters above sea.

No mosquitoes or other biting insects were discovered during scouting, so hopefully this scourge of the Northern Ukrainian forests will be avoided.

Contact with village population has been established in the face of a local horse herder

working three hours walking distance from the village with a herd of 40 horses. The most useful information has been taken from his word, although more close contact should be established with local administration, foresters, peasants etc. during the Seed Camp. The area does not belong to any private person or organization, is not part of any National park or reserve, and has no commercial interest (except haymaking done by some local peasants in the end of summer at some parts of the meadow). There is no law in Ukraine that prohibits gathering of people on such lands, making fires and putting up temporary shelters such as tents or teepees. And what is not prohibited in this country – it is allowed. So, forward, you Rainbow pioneers and Seed-campers! Be happy, polite and tolerant, bring love and positive vibrations – and the local people will give the positive back to you.

All those who are willing or feel called to take part in the Seed Camp starting right now at the place of the Gathering are welcome to the most wonderful adventure of this summer – the preparation and planting of a Rainbow Garden. Bring tools and organic seeds to grow the most beautiful, healthiest food for the whole Family.

Please ask for detailed instructions on how to get to the place, along with some instructions on urgent tasks that are to be done on the spot, by writing to the Ukrainian Rainbow Family's email address at [ukraine.rainbow @ gmail . com](mailto:ukraine.rainbow@gmail.com) (only in case you are going to take part in the Seed-Camp).

When you come to the place, bring no evil thoughts, no drugs or alcohol, no electric appliances, no plastic bags, no engine with battery or any kind of non human energy, no Babylonian food, no electrical music, no dogs.

Try to leave no rubbish after yourselves, so don't go up carrying Babylon things which will become rubbish after use.

Respect Mother Earth!

Arrive with love, harmony and peaceful spirit to enjoy the life inside the Rainbow Tribe.

Think collective, not selfish.

The invitation letter for all will be spread through this forum not later than two weeks before the beginning of the Gathering. For now, be patient and conscious, and stay in touch – do not miss the official invitation to the European Gathering in Ukraine.

With love to Mother Earth, all brothers and sisters, and all living beings,
the Ukrainian Family and the joint scouting team