

# AlThing 44 Announcement

The kindreds of Arizona and The Asatru Alliance Inc. Proudly announce plans for AlThing 44. This historic gathering of Odinn's Nation is open to members and supporters of the Asatru Alliance. Come join us in celebrating the 35th Anniversary of the Asatru Alliance.

**WHEN:** From September/Harvest 20 through 24 2273 Runic Era.

**WHERE:** At a reserved group site near Payson Arizona. This site has been used for numerous AlThings in the past.

**ADMISSION FEE:** By reservation only.

Due to the extreme cost increases in food and site registration, we must increase pricing as follows. We also realize that this may be difficult for some families. If this is a hardship, we ask that you please contact Sven ([sven@asatru.org](mailto:sven@asatru.org)), and we will work with you. We are, after all, family.

Advance payment schedule: \$95 per individual and \$115 per family, including minor children. Adult children (over 18) should pay \$45.00 each. At the gate: \$110 per individual and \$135 per family, including minor children. Adult children (over 18) should pay \$50 each. Your admission fee includes 8 meals and on-site lodging fees. Discounts will be given to those who do not attend all 5 days.

**ALTHING:** We will conduct a Formal Thing where delegates of Alliance Kindreds freely discuss issues pertaining to the Asatru Community. All issues will be discussed in the spirit of tribal unity

**RITUALS:** A Tyr Blot will officially open the AlThing on Thursday afternoon with the blessing of weapon steel. Thorrsday night Formal Sumbel. A Frigga Blot on Friday on Satyrday an Odinn Blot and Ceremonies of the Folk.

**FEASTS:** Every night. A Formal Feast of traditional proportions on Satyrday night. A hot breakfast will be served every morning. The famous Spam breakfast on Sunnasday morning.

**GAMES:** The 39th Annual Viking Games, events for all ages and prizes for all winners.

**SEMINARS:** Will be presented by various Guilds and others members of the Community.

**BREWERS GUILD COMPETITION:** The 39th Annual Mead Brewers Competition will be conducted by the Brewers Guild. All mead brewers are invited to participate.

**OTHER ACTIVITIES:** A market for Asatru artists and vendors. An auction to benefit the Alliance's General Fund. Raffles to benefit the World Tree Outreach Ministry, the Alliance's Health and Welfare fund, and other Alliance projects. Events for the AsaKids.

**INFORMATION PACKET:** A detailed registration packet will be available on 3/27 2273 Runic Era. Please send inquires to the Alliance secretary at [lif@asatru.org](mailto:lif@asatru.org).

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# AlThing 44 Notes

Early registration is very helpful to us because it allows the various committees to plan for food purchases and other necessary items. Payment does not have to accompany your registration form, but it sure helps. There are however no refunds for no shows.

The grounds will be available on 9/20/2023 at 2 PM for early arrivals. There will be no structured events during the day, but we will serve an evening meal. Later there will be a social hour around the campfire, featuring mead and cookies.

This is the same site used for many previous AlThings. Free camping is available on-site for tenters and RV's. There are no utility hook ups. This is a U.S. Forestry group site, so amenities are limited. The location has some of the prettiest views in Arizona. Nestled in a pine and oak forest at 6,000 ft elevation with abundant wildlife present. We will explain camp safety during the event. Days will be warm to cool with cool to cold nights. Plan accordingly.

Numerous cabins for rent are available close by, prices are reasonable. I suggest reservations before the event.

The Village of Christopher Creek is located less than a mile from the Thing grounds. They have a general store which caters to campers, but there is no gasoline available in the village. You should gas up your vehicles in Star Valley about 18 miles west of Christopher Creek.

Your entrance fee includes four breakfasts and four evening meals. You are responsible for your other meal requirements.

The peace is sacred! There will be zero tolerance of trouble makers. If you break the peace you will be evicted, possibly outlawed by the Thing, or prosecuted by local law authorities. Underage drinking of alcohol is forbidden and will be cause for expulsion from the AlThing. Parents will be held responsible for their children's behavior.

Pets are not encouraged, but if you must bring them, they must be leashed and pose no threat to the Folk.

There are a lot of chores and just plain hard work involved to produce an AlThing. Your help in any area of need is very much appreciated. If you wish to help, tell the registration people when you arrive and they will sign you up with the appropriate committee.

Mead brewers are encouraged to bring their best for Sumbel and other activities. There will be the 30th Annual Mead Brewers Competition and all brewers are encouraged to bring a bottle to be judged by your peers.

If you are driving to the AlThing, please let us know if you accept riders. If you need a ride, let us know. Although we make no promises to secure you a ride, we will try to help. Also if you are flying into the Phoenix airport and renting a car, let us know, and we will try and help you carpool to share expenses. Distance from the airport to the Thing site is about 100 miles of nice four lane highway.

Ceremonies of the Folk are welcome at the AlThing. If you are planning a wedding, name giving, or other special occasion, please let us know in advance so we can make proper arrangements. Ceremonies of the Folk are usually conducted on Saturday evening.

If you are an Asatru vendor or craftsman, you are welcome to sell your wares at the AlThing. You are expected to donate a suitable item to the AlThing fund raising auction. Craftsfolk are also encouraged to participate in the Norn's Corner/Crafters Guild

All are encouraged to participate in the Viking Games. We will have axe throwing, spear throwing, hammer throw, a foot race, the pillage and cut and possibly a few more. There will be games for the children and all winners will receive an award.

Attendance fees at the AlThing are still very low compared to similar events, even with the need to increase fees due to food costs. Our intention is to make it affordable so more families can attend. To help offset this lower attendance fee we encourage everyone to bring an item to donate to the Alliance fund raising auction. Site fees do not cover all expenses, we rely on the raffle and auction funds to help defray costs.

If you have a Guild presentation or want to conduct a seminar of special interest, please let us know in advance so that we can schedule your presentation.

Guests who are not a member of an Asatru Alliance Kindred must be approved by the officers of the Asatru Alliance.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to write us. Email inquiries should be directed to the Chieftain at [sven@asatru.org](mailto:sven@asatru.org). You can also call World Tree Publications during normal business hours at: 928-474-1010, however email inquiries are preferred at this time.

# Local Lodging

Christopher Creek is a beautiful resort-type village which caters to the out of town folk. There are half a dozen businesses with cabin rentals and they are all reasonably priced. Sorry, no motels. I will list them in order of preference. Christopher Creek is located about 1 ½ miles west of the Thing grounds.

Christopher Creek Lodge – With restaurant and bar. Lots of cabins on the creek. 928-478-4300.

Elk Haven Cabins – About 2 miles east from Christopher Creek. 888-355-4131.

Wooden Nickel Cabins – They have 2 bedroom cabins. About 3 miles from town. 928-478-4519.

Grey Hackle Lodge – In Christopher Creek. Reasonable prices. 928-478-4392.

Mountain Meadows Cabins – Close to town. New. Nice but pricey. 928-478-4415.

Kohl's Ranch – Located about 8 miles west of Christopher Creek. 928-478-4211.

Cabins at Creekside – with restaurant and bar located in Christopher Creek. 928-478-4389

# AlThing 44 Schedule —Subject to Change

## Wondansday 9/20/2273 Runic Era:

	2 PM – Gates to AlThing site open 6 PM – Dinner Served 8 PM – Introductions around campfire – Mead and cookies served
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## Thursday 9/21/2273 Runic Era:

	9 AM to 10 AM – Breakfast served 1PM – Seminar - Aspects of Self Reliance – Valgard Murray 3 PM – Procession and Tyr Blot at Thing Site 4 PM – Invocation to Tyr – AlThing Convenes – 6 PM – Dinner served 8 PM - Sumbel at Thing grounds
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## Friggaday 9/22/2273 Runic Era:

	9 AM to 10 AM – Breakfast served 2 PM – AlThing reconvenes – 4 PM Frigga Blot 6 PM – Dinner Served / Story Hour/Skaldic Competition (see attached!) 8 PM – Ceremonies of the Folk 9 PM – Mead Brewer’s Competition
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## Satyrdsday 9/23/2273 Runic Era:

	9 AM to 10 AM – Breakfast served – Viking Game Practice 11 AM – Viking Games at Sports Field 2 PM – Seminars 5 PM – Procession and Odinn Blot at Thing Site 6 PM – AlThing Grand Feast – Presentations – Raffle – Auction
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## Sunnasday 9/24/2273 Runic Era:

	9 AM to 10 AM – Spam Breakfast served by the Gothar 11 AM – Blessing of the Folk at Thing Site 12 Noon – AlThing closes
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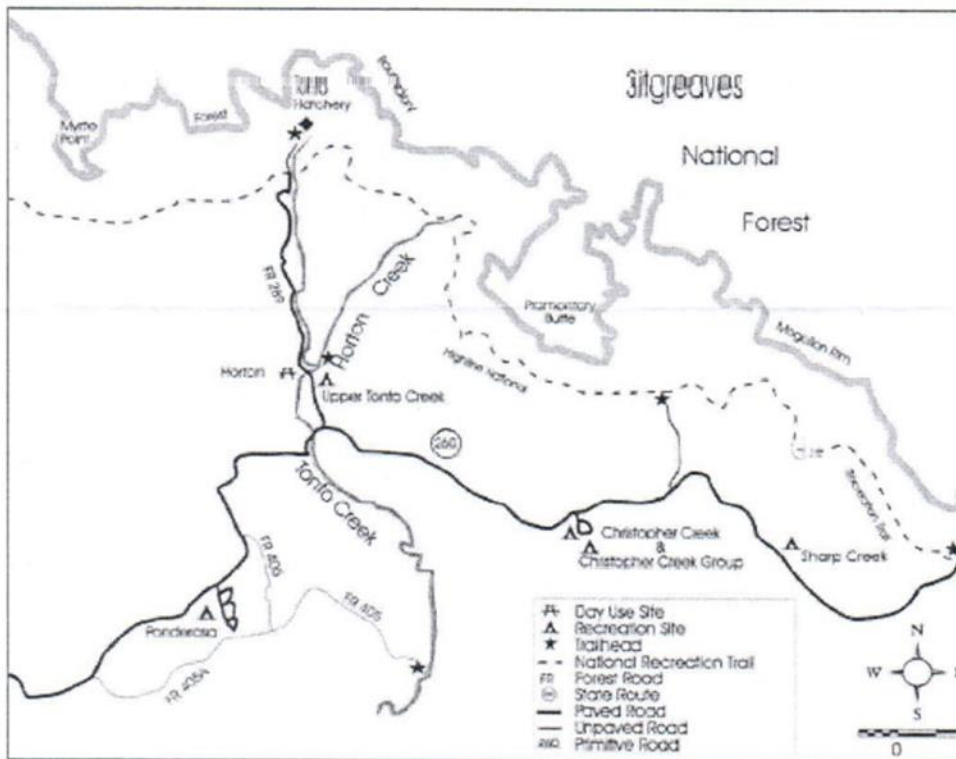
# AlThing 44 Directions

## Directions from Phoenix to AlThing Grounds

If you are arriving from the Phoenix airport, as you leave head east to SR202, continue east for about 5 miles to the Country Club/Payson exit. Proceed north on SR87 for 75 miles to Payson. At the 4th traffic light (intersection SR87 and SR260) turn right and head east to Christopher Creek.

## Directions to Thing Grounds

Please refer to the enclosed map for specific location of the Thing site. This event will be held at the Sharp Creek U.S. Forest Campground. Located on State Route 260 about 22 miles east of Payson Arizona. You will see the campground sign on the south side of the highway just past the second turn off marker on your left to Christopher Creek. The turn in is marked with a forest service sign just past highway mile marker 276, turn right, you may have to tell the ranger at the booth that you with the group site. Once you enter, continue to bear to your left for about ½ mile, we will be on the south end of the campground complex. We will be located at the second site on the right as you enter the group sites.



Please Note:

The entrance to the Sharp Creek Campground is on the SOUTH side of the highway, the map shows it on the North.

# SKALDIC VERSE COMPETITION

## WHEN

FRJADAGR, SEPTEMBER 22, 2273

6pm – 8pm

## WHERE

Asatru Alliance Althing 44

Payson, Arizona

- Participants may choose from old sources or create your own verses for recitation.
- Participants will be judged based on accuracy and quality of performance.
- Works of any length are permitted.
- Participants MUST perform by rote memory.
- Musical accompaniment allowed but must be performed by the competitor.
- Recite/sing in any language, including Old Norse.

# AlThing 44 Registration Form

This completed form must be received by us before 9/13/23 so that you can be added to the guest roster. Early registration is quite helpful to us for the purchase of food and other AlThing supplies, so please register as soon as you can. The AlThing is open to all members of The Asatru Alliance including Formational Kindreds. Although guests are certainly welcome, any guests who wishes to attend this event must be personally cleared by the Allsherjargothi or Valgard Murray. If your guest(s) are approved, you will be held responsible for their actions. The host Kindreds reserve the right to refuse attendance at this event to anyone for any reason.

All who attend the AlThing must support the by Laws and Tribal Law of The Asatru Alliance and are also bound to respect our religious and cultural views. You are honor bound to keep the peace of the Thing. Please note that there will be zero tolerance for drunks and/or trouble makers at our events.

**FEES:** For advance payment received before 9/13/23: \$95 per individual and \$115 per family, including minor children. Adult children (over 18) should pay \$45.00 each. If you pay at the gate with prior registration, individuals pay \$110 per individual and \$135 per family, including minor children. Adult children (over 18) should pay \$50 each. (We will allow reduced fees for those who attend for less than the 4 days of the event) Make all checks and money orders out to The Asatru Alliance, or you can call the Alliance office at: 928-474-1010 and pay by credit or debit card. Payment may also be submitted via the link on the Alliance website at [www.asatru.org](http://www.asatru.org). Please contact the chieftain at [sven@asatru.org](mailto:sven@asatru.org) for questions or concerns.

## PLEASE DETACH AND RETURN THIS FORM WITH PAYMENT

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Kindred Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

### CHECK:

Single \_\_\_\_\_ Family \_\_\_\_\_ Total Number in Your Party \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Minor Children \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed with Registration \_\_\_\_\_ I Will Pay at the Gate \_\_\_\_\_

I WOULD LIKE TO BRING A GUEST(S) TO THE ALTHING, I UNDERSTAND THAT THIS GUEST MUST OBTAIN PRIOR APPROVAL. I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR MY GUEST(S) BEHAVIOR.

My Name \_\_\_\_\_ Kindred Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

My Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ or E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Guest(S) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Responsible Party \_\_\_\_\_