



# PEACE AND DIGNITY CAMP

A weekend of community camping, sharing and learning from indigenous elders

**JUNE 13-15, 2008**  
**Camp Nahaco, Eastford, CT**

## WHAT IS PEACE CAMP?

Peace Camp was started in the summer of 1988. The purpose was to allow mainstream America access to Native Elders of the region and of the world and to share the "Original Instructions" with everyone. In a living weekend community, it brought the knowledge of the indigenous to people who would not have had the opportunity to have this contact any other way. Maestro Tlakaelel, a Tolteka-Chichimeca Elder will act as the Spiritual Advisor for the camp. One of the originators of the first Peace and Dignity Camp, Tlakaelel has traveled the world bringing a message of unity and peace to all peoples regardless of their background or race. Other Elders have been invited as well. The Peace and Dignity Camp is a family event and children are both welcome and encouraged to attend with their families.

## ACTIVITIES:

There will be organized talks and other group activities, as well as activities involving the children, and time to talk and share with everyone gathered. We also traditionally share a Four Colors Ceremony on Sunday morning.

There will also be an opportunity to participate in a Temazcal (sweat lodge), most likely Saturday afternoon or evening. For those who wish to participate, men should wear shorts and have a towel, and the women should wear a simple cotton dress or cotton tee shirt and skirt and have a towel. The elders request modesty.

## WHERE AND WHEN:

We will be camping as community again this year at Camp Nahaco in Eastford CT from Friday evening until Sunday afternoon. Camp Nahaco is a former Boy scout camp and is now owned by two towns. We have use of most of the facility although not exclusively, as it is also a public park. It is located in a very rural wooded area with trails, and is on the edge of a small lake. Peace Camp gates will open at 2 pm Friday for folks to come set up their tents, etc. but come any time you can. There will be plenty to do if some of you can come early.

## YOUR CONTRIBUTION AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

This is a spiritual gathering and we would remind people that drugs, alcohol, or weapons are not appropriate at any of our gatherings. We would also ask that you please leave pets at home. Everyone is asked to dress modestly for ceremonies. Out of respect for the traditions and the elders who will be present, we ask folks to abide by the traditional dress which includes dresses or long skirts with appropriate tops for women, and long pants and shirts for men when around the ceremonies or the sacred circle. Please, no tanktops or sleeveless tee shirts. Feel free to ask if you have any questions in regards to this request. Each camper is responsible for their own tent, camping gear, and removing all trash to the camp dumpster. There may also be some lean-to shelters or primitive cabins available, but you will need your own sleeping bags and pads, etc. It can get cold in June.

We all share food and the responsibility for its preparation as well as the clean up. Food, dishes and silverware are provided. If you have special dietary needs please inform us. There will be sign up sheets for such things as kitchen duty, fire watch, security, camp cleanup, etc.

We are requesting a donation of \$45 for individuals, and \$105 for families to help defray the costs of the camp, food, to assist the Elders with their travel expenses and to help support our work. Your donation above the requested minimum is tax deductible. Contact us if you wish to come and are not able to afford the donation, and please donate more if you are able. You are welcome regardless of ability to donate. Please register early so we can prepare for the camp!

**Directions to Camp Nahaco:** Camp Nahaco is on Weeks Rd in Eastford, CT, 06242, in northeastern CT. From Rt 44 in Phoenixville, go north on RT 198. At the center of Eastford where six roads come together take a left on Westford rd. Go past the school and fire house and take your first right onto weeks Rd. About a mile down Weeks Rd the pavement ends and about 500 ft further is the entrance to the camp on the left. You can drive all the way down thru the camp to the dining hall to register, but parking will be near the road.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

NO. OF INDIVIDUALS \_\_\_\_\_ AT: \$45. \_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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FAMILIES \_\_\_\_\_ AT: \$105 \_\_

extra to help defray costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ St. \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

make checks payable and return to:

Kalpulli Chaplin, 18 Bedlam Rd Chaplin, CT. 06235

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

It is possible to pay at the gate, but please register by Email ahead

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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for more information, contact (best to Email when possible);

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