

Rainbow Fianna: Wisdom School for Earthkeepers

Animal Shamanism Level III and Level IV

with **Billie Dean**

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Participant's Information

Thank you for your interest in this course. We look forward to seeing you here. The following information should help you prepare for the course and answer most of the questions you might have about logistics.

Dates and Times

Level III:

Friday, August 26, 2011, from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday, August 27, from 9:30 am to evening.

Sunday, August 28, 2011, from 9:30 to 5:00.

Level IV:

Monday, August 29, 2011, from 1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Tuesday, August 30, from 9:30 am to evening.

Wednesday, August 31, 2011, from 9:30 to 5:00.

Note that with the exception of the start times on Friday and Monday, and the end times on Sunday and Wednesday, these times are somewhat approximate, as Billie tailors the schedule to the particular class and its participants. However, you should expect that the course is pretty much all day and evening (with appropriate breaks, of course) as there is a lot to cover.

Contact Details

If you have any queries with regard to the course, accommodation or logistics, please contact Andrew by email (andrew@wildpureheart.com), or phone (02) 4842 2819 or 0409 609 428.

Venue

The Old Bank (also called Braidwood Townstay), Wallace Street, Braidwood, NSW. Located on the west side of Wallace Street (which is the main street through town, and on some maps is labelled The Kings Highway), at the corner of Wallace and Park Lane, opposite the Royal pub.

Some of the course will also likely be held at our property, Ballyonree. Carpooling will be arranged among the students, so don't worry too much if you do not have a car.

Location

Braidwood is a pretty, historic, heritage-listed town in the Southern Tablelands of NSW. By car, it is approximately 3.5 hours from Sydney, and about 1.25 hours by car from the Canberra Airport, which is the closest one. Here is a Google Maps link that shows where it is: <http://adjix.com/ti3v>

For more information about Braidwood, please see the Braidwood Tourism site at www.VisitBraidwood.com.au, as well as the information at <http://www.braidwoodnsw.com>.

Course Registration Form

Please send Andrew your course registration form as soon as you know your arrangements. It includes your name, contact details, mobile phone number in case we need to get in touch with you while you are here or are on the way, as well as how and when you are planning to travel, as well as your accommodation arrangements. You can download the form from Billie's web site, or contact Andrew and he can email it to you.

Getting to Braidwood

To get to Braidwood, you can:

- drive
- fly or take the train to Canberra and catch a not-very-convenient bus from there
- get to Canberra and rent a car
- get to Canberra and take a cab to Braidwood (pricey).
- get to Canberra (or somewhere closer, like one of the train stops at Bungendore or Tarago), then organise with Braidwood Hire Car Service to be picked up.

If you would like driving instructions from Sydney or Canberra, please contact Andrew who can send them to you.

The bus schedule from Canberra to Braidwood is the Murray's Canberra to South Coast line. Please see: http://www.murrays.com.au/OtherServices.aspx#Canberra_SouthCoast for details. You'll see that there is one early bus to Braidwood and one afternoon bus back. Not overly convenient, but doable (and people do use this option). Sometimes people organise to arrive in Canberra the night before, then catch the bus the next morning. Also, if you need to catch the afternoon bus back to Canberra on the last day of the course, please let us know, as Billie will need to adjust the last part of the course for you.

You can find the train schedule at www.countrylink.info. Note that you can possibly take a train to Bungendore, which is a bit closer than Canberra, and then connect with a bus from there, but the pieces may be hard to match up.

To organise to be picked up by Braidwood Hire Car Service, talk to Stephen Hockey on 02 4842 2286 or 0429 422 286. The web site is: <http://www.hockeysbraidwood.com.au/services.html>. This can be expensive for one person, but is not so bad if you split the cost across a couple of people.

If you want to try to share a ride from Canberra (or from where you live like Melbourne or Sydney), let us know, and we'll see if we can help match you up with someone coming from your area or who might be able to meet you. Sometimes people share the cost of a hire car from Canberra, or are able to drive together and share the costs. There are lots of possibilities, depending on who is attending the course and where they are coming from. We are happy to try to facilitate, but we can't promise anything.

Accommodation

You are, of course, responsible for booking your own accommodation for your stay.

Andrew is organising accommodation for two places in town: The Old Bank (Braidwood Townstay), where the course is held, as well as Braidwood Country Style B&B. The Old Bank, has four rooms that accommodate up to eight people, and the B&B has five rooms that accommodate around the same number of people.

The cost of a shared room in either of these places is \$50 per night per person (you share with one other person), or if you prefer to have a room to yourself, \$75 per night. These rooms must be booked through Andrew, and are allocated on a first come first serve basis. If you need to come the day before or stay after the last night, this is possible. Both have a shared kitchen and shared bathroom. Staying at these places is a fun way to be at the course, as the people staying there normally develop into friends.

Braidwood has a number of other places to stay with a variety of prices, ranging from basic motel accommodation, to bed and breakfast, to nicer hotel accommodation. Andrew can tell you what he knows about them, if you need. There's a list of them on the Braidwood Tourism site.

<http://www.visitbraidwood.com.au/html/places/motel.htm> as well as at the other Braidwood site, <http://www.braidwoodnsw.com>.

Note that we suggest you do **not** stay at the pub (The Royal Hotel) as the energies tend to be a bit jarring.

Food

You are responsible for your own meals, while here. There are places to eat in town, and a decent grocery store (and a second not so great one) where you can buy food. We ask that you bring something

to contribute to a shared vegetarian meal (preferably vegan) on the first night of both courses, (preferably vegan), and we usually have a casual shared meal on the last night after the course as well. Sometimes the group dynamic works out that people share other meals as well, and the kitchen at the Old Bank is available to all participants. Normally, people work together on this, but it is not a requirement. It is, however, convivial.

Weather

Braidwood in late August is starting to see hints of spring, but it can still get very cold and is likely to frost. Please dress in layers to accommodate a range of temperatures.

What to Bring

- Notebook and pen.
- Veggie meal (preferably vegan) to share for the first night.
- Rattle, drum, clapsticks or similar for drumming during fire ceremony.

Payment

We ask that you pay a \$200 deposit to secure your place. The balance of the payment is due at the beginning of the course. The full course fee is \$1,250 for Levels III and IV, or \$625 for Level III only.

To pay by EFT, our banking details are:

Account Name: Wild Pure Heart
BSB: 633000
Account No: 133984526
Institution: Bendigo Bank

You can also pay by cheque or cash (contact Andrew for a mailing address if you need it). If you need to pay by credit card, that can also be arranged, but please be advised there is a 6% surcharge for this to cover bank fees, and it is helpful to Andrew if you can do this before the first day of the course as it is easier to do when he is in front of the computer rather than on his phone.

If you need a payment plan for the course, please discuss this with us beforehand. We are happy to work something out with you based on what you are able to committ to. Please contact Andrew to discuss options.

Conduct

We ask that you refrain from all alcohol and recreational drugs during the course, as it can affect the experience of other people, and because we are dealing with subtle (and some not so subtle) energies that are affected by those substances. We, of course, don't mind what you do on your own time, but while you are here for the course, we ask that you respect this request.