



## Heart of Yew Code of conduct/behaviour agreement

### The Heart of Yew Community Camping Event - Code of Conduct

As members of The Heart of Yew, we gather in the spirit of respect, connection, and unity. To ensure that our community camping events remain safe, welcoming, and harmonious for all, we ask that participants uphold the following code of conduct:

#### 1. Respect for Nature and the Environment

- **Leave No Trace:** Preserve the natural beauty of our surroundings by minimizing impact. Dispose of waste responsibly and leave the campsite as you found it, or better.
- **Sustainable Practices:** Use environmentally friendly products, minimize water usage, and conserve energy. Respect wildlife and avoid disturbing natural habitats.
- **Sacred Spaces:** Honour any sacred or ceremonial areas. Treat these spaces with care, reverence, and mindfulness.

#### 2. Respect for Each Other

- **Kindness and Inclusivity:** Treat all community members with respect and kindness, regardless of background, beliefs, or personal differences. This is a safe space for everyone.
- **Consent and Boundaries:** Respect the personal space, boundaries, and privacy of others. Always seek clear consent before entering into any physical or personal interaction.

- **Active Listening:** Allow others to speak and share their experiences without interruption. Engage in open-hearted and non-judgmental communication.

### 3. Safety and Well-being

- **Physical Safety:** Be mindful of your actions, ensuring that no behaviour endangers yourself or others. Follow safety guidelines for camping, fires, and any tools or equipment used.
- **Alcohol and Substance Use:** While we honour personal choice, we ask that alcohol and substance use be kept in moderation and done in a way that does not disturb the peace or create discomfort for others.
- **First Aid:** Be prepared to assist with any minor injuries or medical needs. Familiarize yourself with the location of first aid supplies and know who the designated first-aid volunteers are.

### 4. Engagement in Activities

- **Participation:** Engage fully in workshops, activities, and ceremonies with an open heart and mind. Share your skills and knowledge when appropriate, and support others in their learning and growth.
- **Punctuality:** Show respect for facilitators and fellow participants by arriving on time for scheduled events and activities.
- **Silence and Reflection:** During designated quiet times or ceremonies, honour the space by observing silence and creating a peaceful atmosphere.

### 5. Conflict Resolution

- **Peaceful Communication:** If conflicts arise, approach them with calm and understanding. Seek resolution through dialogue and mutual respect.
- **Mediation:** If a conflict cannot be resolved between individuals, seek the guidance of a designated community mediator to help facilitate a peaceful resolution.

### 6. Commitment to the Spirit of the Event

- **Spiritual Awareness:** Recognize the spiritual aspect of this event and respect the practices of others. Participate with an open mind, whether in rituals, meditations, or ceremonies, or respectfully observe.
- **Gratitude and Reciprocity:** Express gratitude for the land, the community, and the opportunities for growth and connection. Be mindful of giving back, whether through volunteer work, skill sharing, or helping others.

By adhering to this Code of Conduct, we ensure that The Heart of Yew camping event is a nurturing and enriching experience for all, deepening our connection to the earth, our community, and ourselves.

### **Agreement**

By participating in The Heart of Yew community camping event, you agree to uphold this code of conduct. Failure to comply may result in removal from the event to ensure a safe and respectful environment for all.

### **Contact Information**

If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to even the Heart of Yew Team We are here to support a positive experience for everyone involved.