

## SPRITFIRE 2020 Mail-in Registration

**Gathering dates: September 23-27, 2020**

(\*This may change to Sept. 24-27 if the adjustment overly impacts our staff and crew's availability. As of now, these dates are in effect; if we change the arrival day you'll be emailed with that information.)

**SPRITFIRE has moved! Checks should be made out and mailed as below.**

**PLEASE USE PRIORITY MAIL or CERTIFIED MAIL, OR CERTIFIED SIGNATURE REQUIRED if you send your registrations in prior to May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

**SpiritFire Festival  
PO Box 164  
Huntington, MA 01050**

This registration needs to be postmarked by the dates indicated for each rate. If you miss the postmark date, we'll hold your payment and send you an email with the remaining balance due before registering you. **Please only use a cashier's check or money order for late registrations.**

Pending space, last-minute registration (after September 9) is only available online and directly through the registrar.

We'll need time to clear a personal check before sending you a confirmation via the email address you supply below. You should receive an emailed confirmation once that happens, and then later on in June you'll be mailed a PDF of the registrant info packet. (We do not mail paper registration packets, sorry.) **Please print legibly** and include a phone number we can reach you at in case of problems with email. We will never share your personal information with anyone. Thank you!

### **WAIVER OF LIABILITY – Read and include this signed page with your registration**

I understand that my (or my dependent's) participation as an attendee, teacher, or staff member in or about SpiritFire Festival 2020 will expose me (or my dependents) to various risks of injury or illness. I understand that I am responsible for care of myself and my dependents, and am responsible for bringing needed medication for known conditions and other necessary items with me. I have or will inform the medical person on duty of any medical conditions that may affect my participation in this event. I will not expose myself to unnecessary risks, and will not engage in illegal or unreasonable physically risk-incurring activities. If I engage in illegal, disruptive, or other behavior contrary to festival or site policies, I may be asked to leave without a refund. I understand and assume these risks, and agree not to hold SpiritFire Festival, The Abode of the Message, its agents, employees or volunteers liable for such injury or illness. SpiritFire Festival will not be held responsible for any items I lose, that are stolen, or that I leave on site. I understand that my registration application may be declined for any reason. By signing the Waiver of Liability section of the application on page 1 (SpiritFire Festival 2020 Mail-In Registration), I acknowledge and accept this agreement.

**Waiver of Liability: I have read the attached waiver of liability and conditions of registration, and agree to those conditions (all adults must sign and must be responsible for any minors on this form):**

Signature of Adult #1: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Adult #2: \_\_\_\_\_

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

A staff photographer will be taking images during the daytime, and occasionally during some fires (depending on weather, etc.) Check this box if you do not wish to have your image used for our web galleries or other PR. (We'll delete or edit out any images of you if you check this box, and we're always happy to delete images of you if you approach the photographer and request so.) There may be a day/evening of time lapse photography, and this involves a camera mounted where it can overlook a larger area of the circle; no individuals can be identified in this kind of imagery.

**We encourage printing pages double-sided in order to conserve paper!**

**Time to register! Each adult registrant must have a unique email address.**

**Mail-in registrations must be sent with full payment via check or money order payable to SpiritFire**

*\*Please note that if we receive a registration marked for a period that has expired, we will hold your application until the remaining balance has been sent. Please make sure you have checked the dates before mailing your check or money order. Thank you!*

**ADULTS:** 2 Vegetarian meals each day are included with registration. Meat meals can be purchased separately on site.

Name, phone, and <b>unique</b> email*	Vehicle info	Registration type	Lodging
	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving a vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Public transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Early ( <i>postmarked</i> by May 15 <sup>th</sup> ) \$370 <input type="checkbox"/> Regular (May 16 <sup>th</sup> – August 20 <sup>th</sup> ) \$400 <input type="checkbox"/> Late (August 21 <sup>st</sup> – September 8 <sup>th</sup> ) \$425 (For registrations after September 8 <sup>th</sup> , please contact the registrar directly)	<input type="checkbox"/> tenting <input type="checkbox"/> bunk* <i>(see bunk info below)</i>
	<input type="checkbox"/> Driving a vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger <input type="checkbox"/> Public transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Early ( <i>postmarked</i> by May 15 <sup>th</sup> ) \$370 <input type="checkbox"/> Regular (May 16 <sup>th</sup> – August 20 <sup>th</sup> ) \$400 <input type="checkbox"/> Late (August 21 <sup>st</sup> – September 8 <sup>th</sup> ) \$425 (For registrations after September 8 <sup>th</sup> , please contact the registrar directly)	<input type="checkbox"/> tenting <input type="checkbox"/> bunk* <i>(see bunk info below)</i>

- I am requesting a cabin bunk for myself/my partner due to medical conditions or because I am traveling by air or public transportation.
- I am requesting a cabin bunk if there is one available for myself or myself and a partner. I have no special conditions.

*Cabin spaces are limited and priority is given to those with special medical or travel needs. Secondary priority is given to those carpooling. As such, cabin bunks are NOT guaranteed. Please plan on the possibility of cabin spaces already being filled by the time you register (we'll notify you by email if cabin spaces are full, or you can check the registration page online.) If cabin spaces fill and someone with considerable need registers, we may re-assign bunks that are requested by personal preference. If that happens, you will be contacted by email.*

I would like to share a cabin room with the following person: \_\_\_\_\_

**YOUTHS:** Must be accompanied by and lodge with parent or legal guardian

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- Age 4 and under  Free
- Age 5-9:  \$75 (contact the registrar for late registration)
- Age 10 - 13:  \$155 (contact the registrar for late registration)

**Parents:** please check this box to indicate you have read, understand, and agree to abide by SFF policies for children and parents (see below). If this box is not checked, your child will not be registered.

**Can You Give to the Scholarship Fund?**

Scholarships are 100% community-funded. Please, if you can – donate! For a full description of our scholarship program, read our website description.

Total Donation Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Are you flying in or otherwise unable to pick up something for the food altar? Consider donating \$10 and we'll use that to purchase yummy offerings right before the gathering:  \$10 (optional!)

**Total Amount Enclosed for all registrations = \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## Registration Information – be sure to read!

### Would you like to vend?

Mail-in vending requests are no longer available - in order to make sure we have accurate records of everyone requesting a space, you must request a vending spot online at the following URL:

<http://spiritfirefestival.org/vendor-application/>

please read the information on that page carefully before submitting your request. **All Merchant Applications are due no later than June 20<sup>th</sup>**, (if space is available). We do keep limits on the number of vendors selling any one kind of item in order to make sure vendors have the best chance for good sales and still keep a good selection for the attendees – contact us if you would like to know who's already signed up.

Please read the vendor information page at <http://spiritfirefestival.org/festival/vendor-info/> before applying. If you have questions, contact the merchant coordinator at: [jeanette@spiritfirefestival.org](mailto:jeanette@spiritfirefestival.org).

There is no fee for merchants in spaces up to 10 X 20; they may have to fit lengthwise if the vendor area is full. **Larger tents (or unusual structures that don't fit into a 10' wide space) are \$20 and are subject to approval.**

You will need to bring your own table/display setup and weather protection/storage. It has been known to rain, so be prepared! Electricity is provided for the camp via a generator, and is extremely limited. Do not count on the availability of electricity for your booth. If your display requires electricity, you must get approval from the merchant coordinator first. Once your application is received, the merchant coordinator will contact you with a confirmation of your space. If you do not receive a confirmation, your request may not have been seen so please email the vending coordinator after 1 week if you have not heard back!

**If you are a body worker: you must be licensed to provide massage or other physical contact bodywork at the gathering.**

### For parents of children under 12:

Children have been a valued and welcome part of SpiritFire since our first year. Yet please remember that SpiritFire is an adult- oriented gathering with special responsibilities for parents, so please consider our policy below carefully before registering them for the event.

*Adults attending for the 1st time are asked to leave children under 12 at home so you can get a sense of the gathering before deciding if SpiritFire is right for attendance by your younger child.*

Do not bring children without registering them – showing up with non-registered children will result in you being turned away at the gate.

SpiritFire is an intensive retreat-style gathering focused on 4 consecutive all-night fire circles and associated rituals and experiences. Activities are appropriate only for those who are mature enough to fully participate (usually 12 and up will do fine, given parental supervision). SpiritFire is a small gathering and does not provide childcare services of any kind, nor do we have facilities or space to create children-oriented areas. Our recommendation in general is that it is best to leave little ones in the care of family or trusted caregivers while you attend the event, but if you decide to bring them, you must agree to abide by policies that are set in order to maintain a space in which adults can be in ritual space over the course of the gathering.

Policy on children at SpiritFire: Parents are 100% responsible for supervising their children at all times while on site. At no time should any minor be allowed to wander the site (even a populated area) alone or only with other children, be left unattended, nor should they attend workshops or rituals without parental supervision. Please do not let children play on or in any event structures, such as SFF tents, vehicles, carts, trailers, or stairs.

Parents neglecting these agreements — either risking harm to their children through neglect or who permit their children to cause disturbance to participants or events — will be approached and asked to correct the situation immediately. If further issues occur, they will be asked to leave the gathering without refund as a protective measure for the involved child/children.

We would like to extend our thanks and appreciation for SpiritFire parents who have over the years maintained a solid and safe presence for their children, and we invite any parents with questions to contact us.

## Meals:

**2 daily vegetarian meals are included with your registration.** The retreat staff serves us an excellent brunch and dinner daily. If you have dietary needs beyond vegetarian, you are responsible for bringing what you need to supplement what is offered. The meal plan is part of the retreat's pricing structure and is not optional. A list of planned meals/dishes will be up no later than a week prior to the gathering for your planning convenience. We try to avoid commonly problematic ingredients in general but as you can imagine, there is only so much we can accommodate for a large group – ask the registrar if you have questions about the meals.

**For those desiring meat:** There will be a grill on site operating and you can choose to purchase meat items on site (breakfast sausages, burgers, chicken, and steaks!) – CASH ONLY and please bring smaller bills! Available items and costs will be posted on the Facebook and Yahoo Group no later than 2 weeks before the event, and included in our “Last Minute Letter” just before the gathering.

If you eat meat but don't want to buy items, we recommend bringing your own – sandwich meats, **pre-cooked** items, those things that keep well – and keeping them in a sealed cooler. (We recommend bringing food to supplement your meals either way!) You are welcome to keep food and drinks in a sealed, latched cooler at your site. No campfires or cooking are allowed at tent sites or in cabins.

## Lodging:

SpiritFire offers incredibly beautiful and comfortable woods tenting - so check the registration confirmation packet for a list of tenting equipment that will be helpful. Cabin bunks are limited and preference is given to those with medical or travel restrictions. Clean, ample women's and men's shower rooms are available, as well as bathrooms and many privies throughout the site. There is no electricity for any lodging situation, and no open-flames are allowed in tents or cabins – bring battery operated lights only! **There is no accommodation for nearby car/vehicle camping, so please do not request to keep your car in the Ops lot.** You may sleep in your vehicle if it is parked in the regular lot if you choose. By request of the site owners, RVs are not allowed on the mountain.

## Arrivals, Departures, and Being on Site:

*SpiritFire is an intensive retreat community, and as such we do not accept partial registrations or day visitors. All registrants must plan to arrive and depart during the hours listed above. SpiritFire Festival does not make accommodations for early departures except in case of emergencies.*

All attendees should plan to arrive on Wednesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 6pm. The gate allowing access to the road leading to the campsite will be locked after dark. Those arranging special arrivals on Friday will need to make sure they are on site within the times specified by the SFF staff, as the gate will be locked at all other times.

Closing circle is on Sunday morning of July 12<sup>th</sup>, and attendees not camping an extra night (additional fee charged and payable directly to the retreat site on Sunday, and you must request this option when you arrive on site) must be offsite before dark.

## Community Shifts:

All attendees will be responsible for one community shift that helps to support the flow of the gathering. Signups for various groups will be available upon check-in on site (another reason to arrive early!) You must sign up for your shift when you check in, so if you arrive late, expect a limited selection of choices. Possible shifts could include things such as:

- Food altar setup/breakdown
- Dining area or site maintenance
- Registration table
- Welcome tent/cart retrieval
- Airport runs
- Site cleanup/festival gear packing and storage
- Town Runs

There are no meal preparation or cooking shifts! But everyone is expected to wash, rinse and replace their own dishes to the scullery.

## Cancellations and refunds:

It's always best to be sure that you can attend before registration and payment. But sometimes unexpected things come up, so here's how we will accommodate you if that happens, **contact the registrar for info and please read the “in case of cancellation” instructions on our website.**

Donations made to the scholarship fund will not be refunded. The following schedule applies to refunds, which must be received in writing by the dates listed:

Cancellations through June 1<sup>st</sup> will be issued for all but donations received.

Cancellations from June 2<sup>nd</sup> – July 15<sup>th</sup>: 50% of registration fee minus donations (or we can help transfer your reg to someone else).

After July 15<sup>th</sup>, no refund will be issued. Alternatively, we can try to help transfer your registration to someone else, however September 15<sup>th</sup> please understand it is too late in the process/too close to event start time, and we reserve the right to refuse transfers.

Refunds will be issued via check or Paypal depending on how you registered.

**Pets** are not allowed by the site owners, no exceptions. Please make arrangements to leave your friend in the care of a trusted one at home.