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## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Friends, with the province announcing the phasing out of vaccine passports and reducing the restrictions on planned outdoor events, it is with a hopeful heart that Raven's Knoll announces it is planning to open up as normally as possible for the 2022 season – meaning festivals, too! Given that it is February and things will change, there are still a lot of outstanding questions. A FAQ is below / attached, and will be updated as the wheel turns. We hope to see you all, in person, safe and healthy at Raven's Knoll in 2022!

P.S., please read the FAQ before posing questions or you will be referred back to it. New questions are welcome and can be added in future updates, as well as being answered.

P.P.S, MA will provide official receipts for tax purposes for Ontario residents to use for the "Stay-Cation" 2022 tax benefit. Any questions, please contact MA at [ravensknoll@rogers.com](mailto:ravensknoll@rogers.com)

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS<sup>1</sup>**

### **COVID-RELATED MATTERS**

1. Do we need to be vaccinated to come to Raven's Knoll (RK)?
  - With the phasing out of vaccine passports for indoor venues, reduction of restrictions on outdoor venues and the falling rates, we do not believe that this will be necessary (and it wasn't in 2021). However, if the situation changes, Covid-related measures may also change. Please note that this refers to regular camping, the Kaleidoscope Gathering (KG) or KornuKopia Gathering (KKG), there may be different rules for events run by others, such as Pagan events not solely run by Raven's Knoll staff, weddings, family reunions, coven/kindred outings, etc., and we respect the right of those organizers to do whatever is best for their own event.
2. Will rapid tests be required to attend RK for regular camping, KG or KKG?
  - No.
3. Will masks, rapid tests, gloves, etc. be provided?
  - No. Everyone is expected to have their own personal protection equipment (PPE). And if it is required, then you are expected to use it.
4. Will we need to wear masks?
  - Only at the firepit. Just kidding, but it's a funny visual. Short answer, there still may be mask restrictions for the bathrooms, porta-potties, etc. We do not know what will be happening in the summer. Further, some people are going to wear masks, including maybe around the firepit, and that

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<sup>1</sup>Really more "questions we think people might ask" but the acronym would be weird.

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is completely fine. We will comply with local, provincial, and federal rules and guidance, and will expect all guests to comply.

### KALEIDOSCOPE GATHERING

5. What are the dates for the Kaleidoscope Gathering (KG)?
  - KG itself will be July 27 to August 1, 2022. Of course, “Antici-Fest” will start Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, or as early as you want! 😊
  
6. What is the theme for KG 2022?
  - It is “RISE” – Rise like the Phoenix from its ashes. Rise like a Leviathan into the light. Rise like the steam from the sacred stones. We survived and are together once again. Each of you have likely struggled through these trying times and have left people and things behind. Rise! Rise anew and let us be refreshed!
  
7. What is the price for KG?
  - This is being reviewed right now, and we will update you shortly.
  
8. Is KG going to be the same as pre-COVID?
  - As much as possible, but there may be some changes. For example, there may be limits on attendance for the first time; there may not be Munchkinland; the Rookery may be closed; there might be fewer hours at the YAG; there might not be golf cart shuttles (every single one is broken); the dock may not be there (taken down to be rebuilt but...).
  
9. Is there a limit on the number of people attending KG?
  - There has not been before, but there might be in the future. This may be due to provincial or municipal regulations. But it also may be due to staff shortages. All RK and KG staff are volunteers. We have been closed for three years, and a lot has happened to everyone. At this point, we hope to be able to open as before, but it is February – we will update you as we know more. So, because rules or regulations may limit numbers at certain types of events, we do encourage pre-registration.
  
10. Is pre-registration available?
  - Yes, it will open, likely around May 1<sup>st</sup> as usual. (Because rules or regulations may limit numbers at certain types of events, we do encourage pre-registration.)
  
11. What is the KG refund policy, if I pre-register?
  - If you cancel after pre-registration, there will be a 5% administration on the total (including HST), due to the administration costs of refunds. If RK cancels KG due to COVID restrictions, a full 100% refund will be issued.
  
12. Will there be rituals, concerts, events, workshops, etc. for KG 2022?

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- Yes! Sometimes it seems that is all staff talk about is when we are all together is what we will do for KG. So we have some events already planned.
13. Can I offer up a workshop or ritual?
- Yes! That will open up in May too. A separate email will be set up to manage the influx (once MA figures out how to do that).
14. Who is replacing Brendan Roche as Old King Troll?
- Brendan the Handy cannot be replaced. Period. For 2022, we have agreed that it is too soon to appoint a new Head of the Trolls, so MA/Brynn/Christina will manage that team. But there will never be another Old King Troll.
15. I was not able to be at Brendan's memorial. Is anything going to happen at KG 2022?
- Yes. Memorial cards will be available to take with you, and his family has agreed for a book of remembrance to be left for everyone to contribute to at KG. And there will be a showing of *Rocky Horror Picture Show* in celebration of Brendan at KG 2022.
16. Will there be vending at KG 2022?
- Oh yes. We're sure you are as eager as we are to see our favourite vendors and stroll along the marketplace!
17. Will camping spots be assigned or will they be free-range, as in the past?
- We (fervently) hope that it will be free-range as it has been before. If it cannot be, we will let you know.

#### OTHER EVENTS / FESTIVALS

18. Are other events going to be in person? What are the rules for Well & Tree, Shield & Bow, and Hail & Horn?
- That is a question for those organizers. For Well & Tree (wellandtreegathering@gmail.com), Shield & Bow (shieldandbow@gmail.com), and Hail & Horn (ravensknoll@rogers.com or yountal@hotmail.com).
19. Will there be a KornuKopia Gathering (KKG) in 2022?
- We sure hope so! Let's get through the summer! 😊 (KKG is the Autumnal Celebration held at Raven's Knoll.)

#### WORK WEEKENDS, VOLUNTEERING, OTHER QUESTIONS

20. Will there be work weekends in 2022?

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- Yes, but things will be different. At least at first, we will not be providing food, as the YAG requires a full clean, inspection, etc. before it can be used for food service. Also, we have a YAG-update planned with painting and stuff, so it will be feed thy self. There may be other changes, but that will be posted to the Work Weekends [FB group](#).
21. I'd like to volunteer to help put on an event. How do I do this?
    - For a Raven's Knoll event, please contact MA at [ravensknoll@rogers.com](mailto:ravensknoll@rogers.com)
  22. I'd like to organize my own event at Raven's Knoll. How do I do this?
    - Great decision! ;-) Please contact MA at [ravensknoll@rogers.com](mailto:ravensknoll@rogers.com) so that she can talk to you about your options.
  23. What is a 'Stay-cation Tax Credit', and how do I get this sweet chedda?
    - The Ontario government has a new credit for Ontario residents whereby up to 20% of accommodation costs for holidays taken in Ontario for the full calendar year of 2022 is eligible for reimbursement. MA has done taxes for over two decades and knows taxes, and she also called and spoke to the government to ensure full compliance. While storage for tents/trailers would not count, camping, hydro, trailer rental, etc. would all count, including while attending festivals. MA will prepare invoices to be e-mailed to guests for use of their 2022 Ontario taxes. More information can be found [here](#).

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