



GNI GATHERING REGISTRATION PACKET AUGUST 2017

This packet contains all of the necessary information needed in order to register for our 32nd Annual Gathering. Forms are also included (at the end of this document) which you may use to mail to the GNI Business Office with your payment. GNI prefers that you register **ONLINE** to expedite your Registration and Confirmation process.

The following sections are included in this packet. Please carefully read through *all* of these materials in order to familiarize yourself with our Policies and Procedures and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

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GAY NATURISTS INTERNATIONAL
32nd ANNUAL GATHERING
AUGUST 18 – 27, 2017

GATHERING RULES & INFORMATION

GATHERING RULES

1. This is a **NUDE EVENT** open only to men ages 21 and over. The wearing of clothing is only permitted for medical conditions, inclement weather, as a costume for stage performers or a costume for social hour theme parties. If you are a first time attendee, you can participate in our clothing-optional weekend; clothing is permitted **ONLY** during Early Arrival (for 2017, from arrival on Friday, August 18 until 5pm on Sunday, August 20).
2. Still cameras can be used anywhere, anytime, unless otherwise announced. To avoid any problems, please request permission of anyone before taking a photograph. **DO NOT** take photos of anyone with a red dot/card (no photo) name badge.
3. In the same spirit, red dot/card wearers may not photograph or *participate* in any high profile contests, shows, or activities that attracts photographers where cameras may be used.
4. The use of video cameras is strictly **PROHIBITED**. Violators may be expelled from the camp and The Gathering, without refund.
5. Your name badge must be with you at all times and must be worn at all meals.
6. Always sit on a towel.
7. No indoor smoking in any facility. Please dispose of all cigarettes properly.
8. No littering; please use available trash disposal barrels for both regular trash and recycling.
9. No open displays of sexual activity on the “near” side of the lake.
10. No nudity on the buses, within sight of camp boundaries, or off the premises.
11. No illegal substances, drugs, firearms or weapons of any kind on the campgrounds. Authorities may be notified and violators will be expelled from the camp without refund. ***This is a Drug-Free event.***
12. No fires except in the designated campfire areas.
13. No pets.

CANCELLATION GUARANTEE

GNI offers an optional Cancellation Guarantee. If you request and pay the \$49 fee for the Cancellation Guarantee *at the time you register* and are not able to attend The Gathering for any reason, you may cancel your registration through August 1 at no further cost. Until then, the Cancellation Guarantee supersedes the regular **Refund Policy** (see below), and shields you from the \$119 fee and additional, increasing penalties assessed after July 15 that you would have to pay to cancel without the guarantee. You may *not* request the Cancellation Guarantee after you submit your registration, so we strongly encourage you to take advantage of it when you register if you have any uncertainty about your attendance.

GATHERING REFUND POLICY

Requests for cancellation and refunds *for those that have not taken the Cancellation Guarantee*, for any reason, received on or before July 15 will be honored less a **One Hundred Nineteen Dollar (\$119.00)** processing fee. Credit card refunds will be processed within 10 business days from the day it's received. If you have paid by check or money order, refund requests will be processed within 30 days of the date of receipt. All requests for refunds must be made in writing and submitted to the GNI Business Office via e-mail, mail, or fax. GNI will accept requests for cancellations and provide refunds after July 15, *for any reason*, only according to the following partial refund schedule (below).

POST-DEADLINE CANCELLATIONS / NO-SHOWS

In the event that a paid registrant is unable to attend The Gathering, for any reason, and has not officially cancelled his registration before the July 15 deadline, he may request a partial refund on or before Aug 1. *All requests for refunds must be made in writing and submitted to the **GNI Business Office** via e-mail, mail, or fax.* Partial refunds will be offered according to the following schedule:

Refund request made -

on or before July 15:

\$119.00 cancellation fee

July 16 – August 1:

50% penalty (less \$119.00 cancellation fee)

after August 1:

No refund



CHECK IN / CHECK OUT POLICY

Check out time any day of the week is 11:00 am. Attendees who will be departing any day of the week other than ending Sunday will be required to officially check out at the Front Gate by 11:00 am on the day they are scheduled to leave camp. Those who stay beyond the checkout time of 11:00 am will be charged for an extra day at the published rate. Those who don't check out at the Front Gate will be charged through ending Sunday. By registering for The Gathering, you agree to abide by GNI's check out policy and authorize transactions to your credit card should the need to collect additional fees arise.

- You agree to keep a valid credit card on file with GNI.
- You agree to authorize your credit card to be charged if you stay beyond your checkout time.

Note: *There is no check-in between the hours of 11 pm and 9 am any day of the week.*

NO CREDITS FOR FUTURE GATHERINGS

GNI is unable to accommodate the request to transfer a paid registrant's Gathering entrance fees to a future Gathering. Gathering entrance fees are non-transferable to any other person. If a paid registrant cannot attend The Gathering, he should request a refund according to the refund policy.

BANK COLLECTION FEES

Due to the bank service charges for non-sufficient funds (NSF), any member who submits a check for payment of annual dues, Gathering entrance fees, or GNI store items that is returned to GNI for NSF will be assessed a **\$45.00** service charge from GNI.

ACTS OF WAR & NATURAL DISASTERS

In the event The Gathering is cancelled, postponed or unable to be held due to acts of war, natural disaster, hurricanes, floods or other weather emergencies, public unrest, terrorism, or other causes beyond the reasonable control of GNI, GNI shall not be obligated to refund any Gathering registration fees, either in full or in part, unless approved on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors of GNI. *It is your responsibility to protect your travel investment; thus, we recommend that every attendee purchase travel insurance from an authorized agent.*

PRINTING YOUR CONFIRMATION DOCUMENTS

The Gathering Confirmation Documents may include color photos and graphics. You are **not** required to print the documents in color. We recommend to those that want to print the documents in black and white that you change the print settings on your color printer to grayscale and print only the pages that you need.

You only need to print and bring the pages in your Confirmation Documents that have the notation:

WEATHER

Bring this page

The Gathering site is located in the Pocono Mountains of Eastern Pennsylvania. It can be cool in the evenings. In fact, it can get cold at night compared to where you may live. At camp, the forecast is posted daily in the **Daily Informer**. Expect that over the week it may rain at some point.

CASH, VALUABLES, AND SECURITY

There is no need to bring large sums of cash to camp. However, you may want to do some shopping at the GNI Crafts Fair or purchase something at the **Naturists Action Committee (NAC)** silent auction fundraiser. Credit cards are accepted at the GNI store and the NAC auction. Please leave valuables at home as we do not provide a safe, locked room, or secure area. You can, however, purchase a portable safe from a nearby office supply store and keep it with you in your cabin. *You are responsible for your own security.*

2017 SOCIAL HOUR THEMES

Friday	Aug 18	Simply Naked
Saturday	Aug 19	Bourbon and Beads
Sunday	Aug 20	Around the World
Monday	Aug 21	The New(d) Moon
Tuesday	Aug 22	Riot Cops vs. Militant Nudists
Wednesday	Aug 23	BiZaRrE / Bazaar
Thursday	Aug 24	Black and Blue
Friday	Aug 25	Woof!
Saturday	Aug 26	The Lampshade Party

GNI PHOTO POLICY

1. Those wishing to not be photographed must indicate so on their registration form. They will be issued a GNI Name Badge that is red, contained in a red holder, or be affixed with a red dot or red stripe (a "Red Tagged Badge").
2. Photo or videographers must be mindful of members wearing Red Tagged Badges. You may not take their photo without their permission.
3. Photo or videographers must also be mindful of "No Photo" zones that may be posted in certain areas or at certain activities. Taking photos or videos of people in that area is not permitted.
4. Except during certain sanctioned photo opportunities, taking of photos or videos are prohibited at all times in the Dance Club.
5. Red Tagged Badge wearers may not participate in any high-profile contests, shows or activities where the primary activity involves being seen by others in such a way that it is impossible to segregate themselves from non-red-tagged badge wearers (e.g., on stage). If a Red Tagged Badge wearer does participate in such a contest or show, they are giving tacit approval to be photographed.
6. For smaller events and activities, especially those organized around photography, the organizer or facilitator may establish rules specific to that event or activity. Red Tagged Badge wearers should notify the organizer of their Red Tagged status so that they may inform the other participants and ensure that the rules are understood. In any case, it is strongly suggested that photographers proactively seek the consent of participants, regardless of Red Tagged Badge status.
7. Anyone willfully and knowingly violating this policy may be expelled from the event without refund.

Refund Policy & Refund FAQ's

Q: How do I request a refund if I have to cancel?

A: Please send all requests for refunds *in writing* to the **GNI Executive Director** on or **before July 15**. Refund requests made after July 15 will be subject to partial refund minus a \$119 cancellation fee. There are no refunds after Aug 1.

Q: When can I expect my refund?

A: If you've paid by credit card, you can expect your refund within 10 business days of your request. If you've paid by check or money order, your refund will be processed no earlier than 30 days after the date of your refund request.

Q: How much of a refund will I receive?

A: In the event that a paid registrant is unable to attend The Gathering, for any reason, and has not officially cancelled his registration before the July 15 deadline, he may request a partial refund on or before Aug 1. *All requests for refunds must be made in writing and submitted to the **GNI Business Office** via e-mail, mail, or fax.* Partial refunds will be offered according to the following schedule:

Refund request made -

on or before Jul 15:
from Jul 16 to Aug 1:
after Aug 1:

\$119.00 cancellation fee
50% penalty (less \$119.00 cancellation fee)
NO REFUND

**Q: What is refundable if I need to request a refund?**

A: GNI will refund your Gathering entrance fees, bus transportation, and linen rental fees. Donations made to GNI will not be refunded. Membership dues are *not* refundable for any reason per the GNI By-Laws (Section 3.4.1: "There shall be no refund of membership fees"). Please request all refunds by the dates indicated in the **Refund Policy**.

Q: If I need to cancel my registration, can I apply my refund to next year's Gathering or transfer my registration fees to someone else?

A: GNI is unable to accommodate the request to transfer a paid registrant's Gathering entrance fees to a future Gathering. Gathering entrance fees are non-transferable to any other person. If a paid registrant cannot attend The Gathering, he should request a refund according to the Refund Policy.

Q: Can I request a refund if The Gathering is cancelled due to war, civil unrest, terrorism, etc.?

A: In the event The Gathering is cancelled, postponed or unable to be held due to acts of war, natural disaster, hurricanes, floods or other weather emergencies, public unrest, terrorism, or other causes beyond the reasonable control of GNI, GNI shall not be obligated to refund any Gathering registration fees, either in full or in part, unless approved on a case-by-case basis by the Board of Directors of GNI. *It is your responsibility to protect your travel investment; thus, we recommend that every attendee purchase travel insurance from an authorized agent.*

Q: Can I request a refund for bus transportation only?

A: Yes, if you register for bus transportation and find an alternative ride to/from camp, GNI will refund your bus transportation fee minus a \$5.00 cancellation fee for each reservation (for buses, only). All refund requests must be submitted in writing to the [Business Office](#). Only bus transportation refunds received on or before August 1 will be processed. No refunds for buses will be made after August 1 for any reason (at that time, buses are fully paid for and we have paid for your seat).

Q: Is there a cancellation fee?

A: Yes, there is a \$119.00 cancellation fee for The Gathering if you have not taken the Cancellation Guarantee at the time you registered. This fee cannot be waived for any reason. There is a \$5.00 cancellation fee for the optional bus transportation (per reservation) for requests made prior to August 1.

Q: Can I stop payment on a check if I need to cancel my registration?

A: GNI prefers that you do not "stop pay" your check. If you request a refund before July 15, you will receive your money, minus a \$119.00 cancellation fee. Simply follow the cancellation policy of GNI and you can expect your refund within the noted times. Initiating "stop pays" on checks will forfeit membership to GNI.

Q: How much will I be charged if I send a check that is NSF (Non-Sufficient Funds)?

A: If your bank notifies GNI that you have overdrawn on your account, you will be charged a \$45.00 service charge in addition to the amount that you have submitted to GNI. A replacement payment should be made with either Certified funds or by credit card, only.

Registration FAQ's

Q: Do I have to pay in full at the time of registration?

A: Yes. You can work out payment arrangements with your credit card provider if you need to make installment payments.

Q: How do I know the Business Office received my registration form?

A: You will receive an e-mail from the Business Office letting you know that your **Confirmation Documents** have been uploaded to your Directory profile within a few days after receipt of your registration form. We encourage you to mail your registration materials to the Business Office by Certified Mail in order to ensure that your forms have been received. If you register online, you receive immediate confirmation upon submitting your form that your registration has been received by the Business Office – this initial confirmation **does not confirm your Gathering attendance**, but only that your registration has been received. We encourage you to print your online registration confirmation from your computer for your own records.

Q: Will the Business Office notify me that they've received my registration form?

A: Unless there is a problem with your registration form or form of payment, you will not be notified that your registration form has been received in the Business Office if you mail it to GNI. Your official notice of receipt will be the issuing of your **Confirmation Documents** unless you send your registration form via Certified Mail.

Q: When can I expect my Confirmation Documents for The Gathering?

A: You can expect to access your **Confirmation Documents** in your personal online profile in GNI's Member Directory within a few days after the Business Office receives your registration form; most are issued within 24 hours.

Q: Will this Confirmation Document tell me what cabin I will be housed in, even if I specifically requested to be in a particular cabin?

A: No, your housing location will not be provided to you until you arrive at camp and receive your check-in materials. Remember, *there are no guarantees for specific cabin housing requests.*

Q: Will this Confirmation Document confirm who my cabin mates will be?

A: No, your **Confirmation Documents** confirms your entrance into camp, only. It will not confirm who you will be housed with, even if you've requested to be housed with a particular person(s) or group.

Q: Can we rearrange the beds to accommodate couples' sleeping arrangements?

A: Yes, as long as there are no objections from your cabin mates.

Q: Where can I find additional information and announcements about The Gathering?

A: You can find updated information as it is announced online at GNI's website: www.gaynaturists.org.

Q: Do I have to be a member of GNI to attend The Gathering?

A: Yes, only GNI members may attend our annual Gathering. You can become a member at the time you register for The Gathering by including your membership fee with your payment. You may also renew your membership at the time you register, if you desire.

Q: Where can I get more registration forms for my friends?

A: You will also be able to download the forms from GNI's website at www.gaynaturists.org. We encourage you to photocopy the registration form for your friends who may want to attend our Gathering as well for those that don't have internet access and cannot register online. GNI prefers, though, that anyone who wants to register and has internet access use our online registration form.

Q: Why does the registration form request a donation for fireworks or special event?

A: GNI plans special events or activities throughout the week. If you would like to help defray the cost to GNI for a special event, you may do so when you register.

Q: How do I sign up with a group or club to be housed in the same cabin?

A: Each group / club cabin will have a Cabin Coordinator assigned to it. Your cabin coordinator will be responsible for arranging the housing in your cabin and he will communicate the group list to the Business Office. If you have questions regarding your group housing, please contact your Cabin Coordinator instead of the Business Office. If you want to be in a group cabin and are on your cabin coordinator's list but do not register for The Gathering before July 15, *you may not be placed in the group cabin of your choice.* All group cabins are required to have their cabin mates registered for The Gathering by July 15.

Q: Can I sign up for cabin housing and bring a tent if the weather is nice?

A: Yes, you may tent if the weather is nice; there is no additional charge.



Housing FAQ's

Q: When will I know what cabin I'm assigned to and who my cabin mates are?

A: You will receive your official housing assignment when you arrive at camp and receive your check-in materials.

Q: I've requested a friend to be with me in a cabin and he was placed elsewhere. Why did this happen?

A: These things happen for a variety of reasons. First, your friend may have registered after you or after the cut-off date for specific housing requests. Housing is assigned on a first-come basis so if he is not in the same cabin as you have requested, it may be due to the late date of his registration. Or he may not have requested to be housed with you, but with someone else. GNI makes an effort to ensure housing requests are fulfilled, but due to the complexity of The Gathering's housing accommodations, we **cannot** guarantee specific cabin housing to anyone.

Q: I don't want to be close to the dance club and indicated my preference on my registration form. Why am I housed near the dance club?

A: Housing near the dance club may be due to the date the GNI Business Office received your registration form. Or it may be that you've requested to be housed with one or more friends. Since the majority of cabins are "club" cabins, in order to accommodate your special request, a cabin with sufficient space must be found. Oftentimes, cabins nearest the dance club are where small groups can be placed.

Q: Can I change cabins if I prefer to be somewhere else?

A: You can ask to be placed elsewhere but the availability of openings in a particular cabin or area of camp is affected by a lot of variables. You may see the GNI Executive Director to assist you.

Q: Whom do I see if there is a problem with a cabin mate?

A: You may speak to any member of the GNI Staff or Board of Directors if you have a particular problem with a cabin mate. You will be able to recognize them by the **BLUE** name badge they will be wearing.

Q: If I signed up to tent and it's raining all week, where can I be housed?

A: We will make accommodations available to men who are tenting if inclement weather prevails throughout the week and we will announce what facility is available for them at The Gathering.

Gathering FAQ's

Q: I didn't complete the Volunteer Form when I registered but now I'd like to host a workshop or help in some other way. Whom do I contact?

A: Please contact our Business Office. You may send an e-mail to gni@gaynaturists.org.

Q: Where do I find announcements and updates of The Gathering that may affect me?

A: Announcements will be posted on GNI's web site.

Q: If I would like to carpool with someone; how do I get in touch with him?

A: GNI has created a "circle" in GNI's Member Directory for members to post carpool information. Feel free to leave a message on our members-only area. You will need your Username and Password in order to access this section of the website.

Q: I would like to ship some items to camp before I arrive. What is the address and how do I mark my package?

A: Your "Required" Gathering confirmation documents will have the complete shipping address for the camp along with instructions to mail any packages.



Q: What do I do if I forgot something from home? Can I get it at camp?

A: The camp does not have items you might need during your stay there. You can make arrangements to catch rides from other members if they go to town to go shopping. GNI does not have the personnel to

make runs into town for any attendee either.

Q: Are there water and electrical hookups for RVs?

A: No - there are no water, electrical, or sewer hookups for RVs.

Q: Can I park my car next to my tent if I'm tenting or next to my cabin?

A: No, you may not park your car anywhere except in the designated parking lots. If you have a need to keep your vehicle next to your tent or cabin, see a Staff member for assistance.

Q: Is there a problem with theft? Can I bring valuables with me?

A: There is no need to bring large sums of cash, although you may want to shop at the GNI Craft Fair or purchase something at the Naturist Action Committee (NAC) auction. Credit cards are accepted at the GNI store and auction. Please leave valuables at home as *we do not provide a safe, locked room, or secure area*. You can, however, purchase a portable safe at a nearby office supply store and keep it with you in your cabin. *You are responsible for your own security.*

Q: Can I use my credit card at The Gathering?

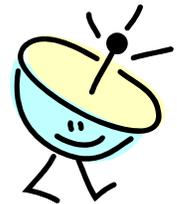
A: Yes, GNI and the NAC Auction take most major credit cards. It is not necessary to bring a lot of cash unless you purchase items from vendors at the Crafts Fair that do not take credit cards.

Q: Can I use my cell phone at camp?

A: Cellular telephone coverage in the Pocono mountains is not the best. Please call your cellular company to find out if they have coverage in Reeders, Pennsylvania.

Q: Will there be wireless internet access available?

A: The camp has FREE high-speed wireless access for those that have the proper hardware to connect to WIFI. Please see your own computer system configuration to determine if your computer has WIFI capabilities.



Bus Transportation FAQ's

Due to increased security throughout the airports, GNI recommends that you allow sufficient time for being processed through the security check points in addition to the time needed to run the buses from camp to Newark Airport and Manhattan. GNI will not be held responsible for delays or missed airline flights due to these increased security precautions. Please plan accordingly and allow enough time to catch your flight.

Q: Who do I contact if I have a question about the bus transportation?

A: Contact Rick, the GNI Executive Director. You can reach him by e-mail at his e-mail address: gni@gaynaturists.org (preferred). Or you can call him at (954) 567-2700.

Q: Where do I meet the bus at Newark International Airport?

A: The airport is divided into levels. Make your way to the **Lowest Level of Terminal B Baggage Claim, Door #3**. The bus will be parking in this area. A map of Newark Airport will be on the back of your **Bus Confirmation Notice**.

Q: If I have to cancel my bus reservation, how do I do that?

A: Please submit your cancellation request **in writing** to the GNI Business Office via e-mail at gni@gaynaturists.org, by mail, or by fax at (954) 567-2070 before August 1. Cancellation requests made

by telephone cannot be processed. There is a \$5.00 cancellation fee (per trip) for all cancelled bus reservations.

Q: If I request to cancel my bus reservation, how long do I have to wait before I receive my refund?

A: If you've paid for bus transportation by credit card, you will receive your refund within 10 business days from the date of receipt. If you've paid for bus transportation by check or money order, your refund will not be processed until 30 days after the date of receipt.

Q: Will I receive a confirmation that I am scheduled to take the bus?

A: Yes, Bus Confirmation notices will be issued around August 10 via e-mail. Your bus confirmation will include directions to the location where you need to meet the group as well as a map of the airport for you to find your way to the bus pickup location. Please do not contact the GNI Business Office prior to August 10 to inquire about your bus. If you don't receive a confirmation notice by August 15, please let the GNI Business Office know at that time.

Q: Whom do I contact if my plane is late and the bus has already left for camp?

A: Please call your Bus Coordinator whose information will be found on your bus confirmation. GNI will make every attempt to ensure the bus will not depart until everyone is present and accounted for, but we cannot guarantee that we will hold a bus if a flight is cancelled or delayed for a few hours. If you miss the bus, we are not able to accommodate individuals who cannot make his scheduled bus and it will be up to YOU to get yourself to camp or to take a public transportation bus to Stroudsburg PA. If you arrive in Stroudsburg, you will be able to contact a local taxi service to pick you up from the bus station and to bring you to camp. For more information about the bus service into Stroudsburg, please view this web site: www.martztrailways.com. In order to take public transportation into Stroudsburg, you will need to get from Newark Airport to Port Authority in Manhattan. Once you arrive in Stroudsburg, you can take a taxi to camp (www.poconocabco.com). Please do not call and ask us to "send someone to pick you up" as we are not able to accommodate those requests.

Q: How long is the bus ride from Newark International Airport to camp? From Manhattan to camp?

A: The bus ride from Newark Airport is approximately 2 hours, depending upon traffic, road construction, and weather conditions. You may add an additional 30 – 45 minutes for the bus ride to/from Manhattan in New York City. Please allow additional time to be processed through the security checkpoints at the airports.

Q: How much does the bus ride cost?

A: A one-way trip on the bus costs \$47.00 per person. Round trip is \$94.00 per person.

Q: How do I make a reservation and pay for the bus ride?

A: If you register online at our web site, you will also be able to reserve a seat on the buses at the time you submit your electronic registration. However, The Gathering Registration forms will include a form entitled "Bus Transportation". Please fill this out completely and return it to the Business Office with your GNI Gathering Registration form and payment. Your bus fees will be included as an additional line item that you will pay for when you register for The Gathering. Be sure you choose the correct bus for the day/location you want to travel.

Q: Oops ... I've already registered for The Gathering but forgot to register for Bus Transportation. Can I still register for a bus ride?

A: Yes, you sure can. Payment for late bus registrations after July 15 will be taken by credit card, only. Simply e-mail the Business Office with the bus you want to take and authorize your bus fees to be charged to your credit card (on file in the Business Office).

Q: Will I receive a seat assignment?

A: No. You may sit anywhere you'd like.

Q: How many seats does a bus have?

A: There are two bus sizes - a 47 and 54-passenger buses. The appropriate bus size will be planned based on the number of reservations.

Q: Can I get naked on the bus?

A: Unfortunately, no. Clothing must be worn on the bus to and from camp.

Q: What time will the bus arrive and be ready for boarding?

A: Typically, the bus will arrive approximately 5 - 10 minutes early. If you arrive before the bus does, please be patient and do not panic. The bus will arrive and your Bus Coordinator will be there to assist you with your questions and concerns.

Q: How long will the bus wait if I'm delayed?

A: The bus will wait as necessary, but typically not more than 5 - 10 minutes if you're confirmed for a particular bus. This is why it is necessary to make sure that you either cancel or confirm your bus reservation; otherwise, the bus may be waiting for someone who's listed to ride, but isn't going to show. If there are numerous flight delays caused by weather conditions, strikes, or matters beyond GNI's control, a bus may wait for a longer period of time to ensure that delayed passengers have a ride to camp. Be sure to keep in constant contact with your Bus Coordinator if you find you're going to be delayed for any reason.

Q: How do I find my way to meet the bus at the Newark International Airport?

A: If your flight does not arrive in Terminal B, you'll need to take the Airport Passenger Train to **Terminal B**. Follow the signs in each terminal to locate the passenger train. Once you are in Terminal B, make your way to the **Lowest Level of Baggage Claim** (follow the airport signs to this area).

Q: I'm arriving in one of the New York airports. How do I get to the Manhattan location?

A: GNI recommends that you take a cab. The bus will pick up passengers near **Grand Central Station at the Hyatt Hotel on the west side of Lexington between 42nd and 43rd streets**.

Q: Whom will I meet at Newark Airport or in Manhattan?

A: There will be a Bus Coordinator for each Newark Airport and Manhattan bus. He may be wearing a GNI t-shirt or some other identifying information. You will also have his mobile number and you are welcome to call him, too.

Q: Can I change my bus reservation?

A: Yes. You can change your reservation as many times as you'd like depending upon availability of seats for the time you are requesting. Be sure to contact the GNI Business Office with any changes.

Q: Do I need to bring my Bus Confirmation Notice to get on the bus?

A: It would help us if you had your bus confirmation letter with you at the time you check in. It will be used to determine if everyone is on the bus and whether the bus will wait for someone who is late. Each notice will have a confirmation number and will be matched up against the reservations made for a particular bus and time; it will also have the mobile number for your Bus Coordinator. There is also a map of the airport on the confirmation notice that you may find helpful in assisting you to locate the GNI group if it's your first time attending our Gathering. If you forget your letter, your Bus Coordinator will have the master list and will check you off as present. **NOTE:** You will need to bring your Front Gate Pass with you that you will surrender at the gate entrance; your bus confirmation will not take the place of your Front Gate Pass.

Q: How many buses will there be and how many available per time slot?

A: Typically, enough buses are dispatched to handle each departure. Incoming arrivals at camp are the busiest with usually 1 arrival on each of those days, and, of course, the outgoing departure from camp has 3 departure options. Departure times to / from camp will be found on your Bus Registration form or on the

website.

Q: Can I bring all of my baggage on the bus or is there a limit?

A: You can bring all of your baggage on the bus, although the bus is nearly at capacity with baggage when most of the seats are full. We do ask that any smaller bags that can be carried on the bus (and stored overhead or under the seat) be taken with you to help ease the loading of the main cargo compartments under the bus. We suggest that if you intend to bring a lot of items to camp and are registering to take the bus that you ship your items via a common carrier to camp.

Q: Where will I board the bus at camp for my return trip home?

A: The bus will pick up everyone in the area directly behind the dining halls.

Q: Where will the bus drop me off at Newark International Airport?

A: The bus will drop off Newark passengers at the **Upper Level of Terminal B**. The bus will not be stopping at each terminal to off load travelers. Everyone will depart the bus at the same location.

Remember to bring your *FRONT GATE PASS* on the bus...

PLEASE BRING YOUR FRONT GATE PASS WITH YOU ON THE BUS. YOU WILL SURRENDER YOUR FRONT GATE PASS TO THE GUARD AT THE GATEHOUSE BEFORE YOU ARE GIVEN ACCESS TO CAMP. YOUR BUS COORDINATOR WILL COLLECT YOUR FRONT GATE PASS FROM EVERYONE AND GIVE IT TO SECURITY BEFORE THE BUS WILL BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE CAMPGROUND.

THOSE WHO DO NOT HAVE THEIR FRONT GATE PASS WITH THEM WILL DELAY EVERYONE ON THE BUS FROM ENTERING CAMP.

ALSO, **IF YOU MISS YOUR SCHEDULED BUS, IT WILL BE UP TO YOU TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO GET TO CAMP.** PLEASE READ THROUGH THE BUS FAQ'S FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ALTERNATE METHODS OF TRANSPORTATION. WE RECOMMEND THAT A TAXI SERVICE BE CALLED TO BRING YOU TO CAMP FROM THE BUS STATION.



The Body Electric School
www.thebodyelectricschool.com

BODY ELECTRIC WORKSHOP

GNI is once again offering the ***Celebrating the Body Erotic (CBE)*** introductory workshop by The Body Electric School during the Early Arrival weekend (August 18 – 20, 2017). We've offered CBE during the past four Gatherings and they've been a huge success!

The Body Electric School workshops can help you experience your potential as a fully-integrated, loving, and self-aware being through personal growth exercises, touch, massage, conscious breath, and honoring the wisdom of the body. Come experience deeper, conscious connection with men in a safe, healthy, and playful setting. We raise erotic energy, but this is not sex. Most men find this work to be rejuvenating, uplifting, and healing.

Questions? Contact the BE local coordinator, Nick Padilla, at philadelphia@b-e-school.com.

SCHEDULE

CBE is a great way to begin your Gathering. The CBE workshop will be held on Early Arrival weekend, from **Friday to Sunday, August 18 – 20, 2017**. It starts with an evening session on Friday, and continues all day Saturday and Sunday. Workshop participants should plan to arrive at The Gathering before dinner on

Friday, August 18 with a commitment to attending the entire workshop. It will be an experience you will never forget!

FACILITATOR

The course will be led by **Dave Allen**, Body Electric faculty member. You can read his bio [here](#).

SPACE IS LIMITED!

The class size is limited, so please sign up as soon as possible. This workshop filled to capacity last year.

WORKSHOP TUITION

The workshop tuition is separate from The Gathering registration fee, but GNI members qualify for a discounted tuition of **\$548.25** (15% off). New to GNI? A complimentary, trial membership to GNI is included for those attending the **Early Arrival Weekend** option (for any participant that isn't already a GNI member), good through **August 31, 2017**, so new members coming just for the workshop can receive the tuition discount, too. (If you extend your stay at The Gathering after the workshop or registered for the Early Arrival & First Half or Early Arrival & Full Week option, you will need to purchase a standard GNI membership of \$40 if you're not already a current member.)

Some tuition assistance may be available based on need. Contact the BE local coordinator, Nick Padilla, at philadelphia@b-e-school.com.

GNI GATHERING ATTENDANCE

To attend the CBE workshop, *you must choose a Gathering attendance option that includes Early Arrival weekend*. Gathering prices include housing, all meals and beverages, and regular Gathering programming, activities, and entertainment.

We encourage our regular Gathering attendees coming for Early Arrival to sign up for this workshop. Workshop participants coming only for the workshop may decide to stay on at The Gathering and upgrade to any of the [regular Gathering attendance options](#).

Below is a summary of the attendance options open to CBE participants. For the full list of attendance options for The Gathering only, visit the GNI [pricing](#) page.

Gathering Attendance Options for CBE Workshop Participants

Option	Dates	Last meal provided	Must depart by
Early Arrival Weekend*	Friday – Monday, August 18 – 21	Monday breakfast	Monday, 11 AM
Early Arrival & First Half Week	Friday – Wednesday, August 18 – 23	Wednesday breakfast	Wednesday, 11 AM
Early Arrival & Full Week	Friday – Sunday, August 18 – 27	(2 nd) Sunday breakfast	(2 nd) Sunday, noon

* The Early Arrival weekend price includes a trial GNI membership valid through **August 31, 2017**. **The workshop tuition is additional** and must be paid at the time of registration.

** Pricing varies based on length of stay. See [Gathering attendance options](#). **The workshop tuition is additional** and must be paid at the time of registration.

LODGING

CBE participants may stay in a cabin with fellow participants or in a different cabin (to be with other friends or in a certain part of the campground, etc.). Your housing will be confirmed upon your arrival at camp.

Any workshop participant that decides to extend his stay beyond the weekend will be gladly accommodated, although it may be necessary to move to a different cabin. At any time after you register for

The Gathering and before the end of the workshop, [contact](#) or visit the GNI Business Office (located on-site during The Gathering) to upgrade to a standard GNI membership and a longer attendance option.

REGISTRATION

Are you ready to be part of this powerful, body-positive experience? To attend *Celebrating the Body Erotic (CBE)* on August 18 – 20, you must register for the GNI Gathering. Click the registration link above. You will select your attendance options during the registration process. Once you are registered for The Gathering, you will be contacted by the workshop coordinator to complete your workshop registration.



NEW YORK EXCURSION & TOUR

For the first time, GNI is introducing an OPTIONAL pre-Gathering excursion to New York prior to the start of The Gathering. Since so many travel long distances and we have the benefit of being so close to New York City, we're creating an opportunity for you to spend two (2) days in New York before the camp opens on Friday, August 18!

Your tour will commence on **Wednesday, August 16**, led by the lovely host, Josh L. who's planning an exciting fun-filled tour around the city before you catch the Manhattan bus and ride to camp. Plan to arrive no later than 2:00 pm (EDT), check in to your hotel, and Josh will lead a group around the city seeing the sights on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday morning.

Days / Times:

Wednesday, August 16, 2:00 pm to Friday, August 18, 2:00 pm

Hotel:

GNI has arranged for reduced pricing at [Colonial House Inn](#) in Chelsea. Call Colonial House Inn to book your room; there are four rooms of various rates to choose from. Mention that you're with GNI and you'll receive a 10% discount. Besides being close to many gay bars and various sights to see, Colonial House Inn also has a clothing-optional roof for you to enjoy! Contact **Colonial House Inn** at **(212) 243-9669** and ask for Tony.

Things you'll see:

Josh is planning to take you on a great tour of the city; we won't tell you all of the details of the itinerary but we're sure you're going to love what he has planned to show you! We can tell you that you'll be visiting the **Statue of Liberty, One World Observatory (Freedom Tower), Stonewall Inn**, and then on Thursday evening, you'll conclude the tour with a **private naked party** hosted by one of GNI's own members, Roger G. On Friday afternoon, Josh will take you to the pickup location for the Manhattan bus. Everyone will board the bus and embark to camp!

If you sign up for the New York excursion, you will receive complimentary round trip bus rides to / from Manhattan!

To reserve your spot on the tour and to give us a head count for the number of tickets we need to purchase for the various sights that charge an entrance fee (these sights encourage tourists to pre-book ticket purchases weeks in advance), simply click on the box on The Gathering registration form by **July 15, 2017**. Once tickets to the various sights are purchased, we are unable to issue you a refund.

The cost of the tour is \$68.50, but keep in mind that you will be responsible for your hotel, food, and beverages.

We hope that you consider taking advantage of this offer; we think many will enjoy seeing New York led by one of its own residents. Josh will be joining us at camp so we know you're bound to have a good time!



WHITEWATER RAFTING

This year, we are expanding the rafting options to our group giving everyone three (3) types of trips to choose from. Last year, we scheduled two **Family Style** rafting trips. It's an 8-mile run of class I and II rapids, and has a touch of class III rapids; it's ideal for everyone – beginners, groups, and older adults. This year, we are going to offer one (1) Family Style rafting trip on **Thursday, August 24** for the same cost of **\$55 each**.

In addition to the Family Style rafting trip, we're introducing two more options, and both of them are very different experiences. On opening Saturday on the evening of **August 19**, we will be hosting a **Moonlight Rafting** trip. Moonlight Rafting is a nighttime experience like no other. Travel down 8 miles of the Lehigh River with the help of one of our professional river guides. Glow sticks on your raft provide helpful light for your voyage! Come back after your expedition and enjoy a glass of wine and some cheese and crackers. It's the perfection combination of romance and adventure. Since you'll be rafting under the moon with an in-raft river guide (you won't have to do any of the paddling work yourself), when you're finished, we'll have an après party waiting for you (including wine, cheese, crackers, marshmallows, etc.) with a roaring bonfire. I'm told that since this is an evening event, nudity is allowed on the river. You can sign up for this option on the GNI registration form and the cost will be **\$100 each**.

The second, new exciting rafting trip we will be offering is the **Dam Release Whitewater**. You'll be surrounded by state park protected mountains while enjoying 12 miles and 4-5 hours of Class II, III whitewater rafting and breathtaking scenery. This is a fun, thrilling, and memorable whitewater rafting trip that everyone can do – no experience necessary! You'll blast through over 17 rapids, laugh, get wet and have an amazing day outdoors. If you were on the river last year, imagine a longer route, more exciting rapids, and fun! Since the state park regulates water releases from which these trips can be scheduled, we'll be offering this event on **Saturday, August 26** for a cost of **\$75 per person**.

These rates include all the necessary rafting equipment, life jackets, change rooms, shuttle service to/from the river and professional river guides, lunches, and moonlight party. There's something for everyone and if your experience this year is like any of the guys who went last year, you'll have the time of your life! We'll have more information on the GNI Gathering registration form which we will be rolling out very soon.





WHAT DO YOU BRING TO CAMP?

We suggest that you may want to bring the following items to camp. This list is not all-inclusive and should be used as a suggestion, only. Please feel free to bring what you think you may need or may want to use. If you would like to ship your items to camp before The Gathering begins, please contact the **GNI Business Office** for the shipping address and labeling information.

DON'T FORGET →

Confirmation Documents & Driving Directions

CHECKLIST:

- Antiseptic
- Athletic Equipment, Tennis Racquet, Volleyball
- Band-Aids
- Beach Towel(s)
- Bedding: Pillow, Blanket, Sheets, Sleeping Bag, nights could be cool.
- Cabin Decorations / lights
- Clock / Watch
- Condoms, Personal Sexual Protection
- Costumes for Social Hour Theme Parties
- Drums, if desired, for Campfire Drumming
- Earplugs
- Country's flag (for International members)
- Flashlight
- Hat
- Item(s) to donate to the NAC auction
- Insect Spray
- Musical Instrument, if desired
- Personal Medical Supplies
- Poison Ivy medication
- Prescription(s)
- Roller blades
- Soap
- Shoes
- Shower Shoes
- Socks
- Snacks
- Sunglasses
- Suntan Lotion, Sun Block
- Talent Show Music & Props
- Towels / Washcloths – Linen rental available for extra fee (\$44.00/set).
- Tylenol / Aspirin, as appropriate for you
- Tweezers (for splinters)
- Umbrella
- Vaccinations (Hepatitis A / B - tetanus)



This is a Nude Event!

LINEN RENTAL!!

Tired of draggin' all of your linens to camp? Do you need more luggage space for cocktail party outfits?

GNI offers rentals for all of your linens!

For just a **\$44.00** rental fee, you will receive the following:

- a twin fitted sheet
- a twin top sheet
- a pillow
- a pillow case
- a blanket
- 3 large bath towels
- 2 washcloths



To reserve your set of linens, all you have to do is check the appropriate box and prepay the linen rental fee when you are registering for The Gathering (the box is in the [Online Registration form](#) as well as on the paper form) requesting a set be reserved for you. Upon arrival at camp, you will pick up your linens at the time of check-in. We'll direct you to this location once you make your way through the check-in line at camp.



Because GNI would like to know how many men will be making use of this offer, please reserve a set of linens **BY AUGUST 19** to help us plan accordingly.

Did you forget to reserve a set of linens? Or did you realize that you don't have enough room in your luggage to pack everything? We can help! Contact the GNI Business Office to reserve a set of linens. You'll be able to pick them up upon arrival. How convenient is that?

DON'T WORRY!!

Even if you get to camp and realize that you need a set of linens, go and see the volunteers at the linen rental table and they will get you set up. No one who needs linens will be turned away!

EXTRA SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE IF YOU NEED AN EXTRA TOWEL OR BLANKET, ETC. AT NO EXTRA CHARGE!

Due to the limited amount of linens we supply, we are unable to exchange soiled towels or linens you rent. Please plan accordingly.

Linens are prepaid at the time of registration. If you do not use your reserved set of linens while at camp, you can request a credit be issued to you. Your request must be made in writing and submitted to the GNI Business Office by Sep. 1. The transaction for your linen rental credit will be made to your credit card after the Business Administrator returns to the office in Arizona.



First Time Attendance Referral Rebate

Are you a “**First Timer?**” Were you referred by another member who has already been to The Gathering at least once?

If so, let us know and your referral will receive up to a **\$50.00** rebate for **EVERY** new attendee he refers!!*

In order for your referrer to receive this rebate, the following conditions must be met:

- You must register for, pay for, and attend the 2017 Gathering.
- You must notify the **GNI Business Office** with the name of the person referring you **prior** to August 19, 2017.
- The person referring you must also register for, pay for, and attend the 2017 Gathering. If either of you cancels or is a “no-show,” the offer is void.
- Only names submitted by the First Time attendee will be honored. The first-time attendee must submit the name of the person referring him.
- All attendance options are eligible for this rebate **EXCEPT Day Passes, Naked Getaway or Early Arrival weekends**, i.e. neither the First-timer nor referring member can attend The Gathering on a Day Pass or weekend.
- A returning attendee may refer an unlimited number of first time attendees and receive a rebate for each one.
- Only members that have attended at least **ONE GNI Gathering** are eligible to receive a rebate for a first time attendee. Men who have attended other gatherings but have not attended a GNI Gathering are not eligible for a rebate. Prior attendance of The Gathering of the person referring will be subject to confirmation by the Business Office.
- Rebates may be issued and given to members at The Gathering during the week or mailed by USPS after The Gathering has concluded.
- All referrals must be submitted no later than August 19, 2017.
- Multiple names will not be considered for a rebate.
- All rebates will be compiled and verified after The Gathering has started and members have checked in.

*A \$50.00 rebate will be issued for Early Arrival & Full Week, and Full Week. A \$20.00 rebate will be issued for Early Arrival & First Half, First Half, and Second Half week options. There will be no rebate for CBE workshop participants who attend the special weekend package, Naked Getaway weekend or day pass attendees (if offered).

At the time you register, you will be able to let us know the name of your referrer. You can also contact the GNI Business Office via e-mail at a later time to add his name.

10% Credit for Qualified FIRST-TIME Gathering Attendees!



NGIN
(pronounced "Engine")

**Under 35 year old
credit!**

What is NGIN?

NGIN is GNI's "*Next Generation Initiative for Naturism*," an outreach to introduce young adults to naturism and encourage their participation in organized nude events. We realize that the progress of naturism in general and our organization in particular depends on bringing in new people with fresh, contemporary perspectives. Designed to be an "engine" of growth, NGIN takes a multi-pronged approach, including research and education, innovative programming, personal recruitment, and incentive pricing.

As part of this initiative, GNI is offering a **10% credit** for first-time GNI Gathering attendees **under** 35 years of age at the time of registration (as documented by copy of government-issued photo identification such as driver license, passport, etc.).

A 10% credit will be applied to qualified **FIRST-TIME** GNI Gathering attendees who submit a copy of a government-issued photo ID. Submissions can be faxed to the **GNI Business Office** at (954) 567-2070, (954) 665-2892, or by scanning and e-mailing a copy of the document to gni@gaynaturists.org.

THE 10% CREDIT APPLIES TO REGISTRATION FEES (AND BUS TRANSPORTATION) ONLY.

Upon receipt and verification of age, the Business Office will issue the qualified attendee a 10% credit towards his **Gathering Registration Fee** (and **Bus Transportation fee**, if applicable) only.

The 10% credit will not be applicable to membership dues, other event fees, general, special event or international donations, NAC donations, linen rental fees, GNI Store items, NSF charges, administrative change fees, penalties, or cancellation fees.

Submission of identification and a request for the credit does not have to be completed at the same time a first-time attendee registers for the GNI Gathering. The Business Office will honor all requests upon receipt of proper ID from qualified candidates and process the credit accordingly at the time of submission.

Methods to verify proof of age: Mail, Fax, or E-mail

Government issued ID – Driver's License, Passport / Visa, Military ID, etc.

Mail: GNI
5175 W Ajo Hwy #A-14
Tucson AZ 85735-9723

Fax: (954) 567-2070
E-mail: gni@gaynaturists.org

VOLUNTEER FORM

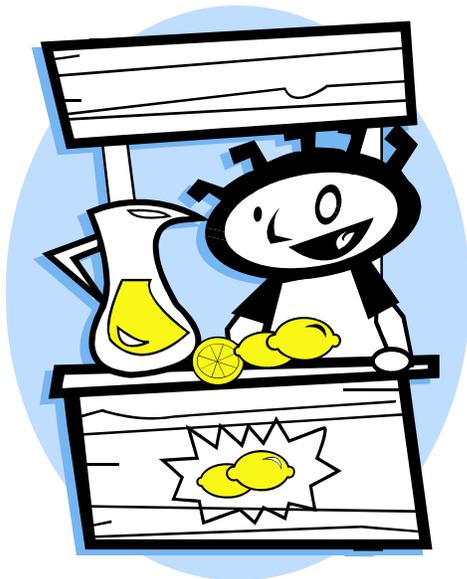
DON'T FORGET TO VOLUNTEER!

Each year, the success of our Gathering comes from the many contributions our members make to this organization. Whether it's stuffing envelopes and mailing forms, to organizing a seminar during the week at camp, everyone makes a valuable and important contribution.

We are encouraging our members to once again share their talents, skills, knowledge, or time with us to make the 30th Anniversary Gathering event one to remember!

The Volunteer form is now a part of the registration process. Simply register for our Gathering and fill in the Volunteer page prior to submitting your completed form. We will process your registration form and contact you at a later time with your volunteer request.

We need you to volunteer!



Things that volunteers do for YOU to make your Gathering experience excellent:

- “Across the Lake” Activities
- Aerobics
- Beverage Manager
- Bingo
- Body Painting
- Bridge / Games
- Buns / Cock Casting
- Bus Coordinator (incoming buses, only)
- Crafts Fair
- Decorations committee
- Dirty Disco
- Drag Races
- F Cabin committee
- Hosts / Hostesses for the shows / contests
- Karaoke
- Linen assembly for check-in
- Massage Workshops
- Memorial Service
- NAC / Silent Auction committee
- Oil Wrestling
- Photography
- Piano Bar
- Regatta
- Registration committee
- Square / Line Dancing
- Tennis
- Texas Hold ‘Em Poker
- Volleyball
- Yoga

Is there something that you don't see in this list? Volunteer and make it happen! Simply e-mail the GNI Business Office with your idea at gni@gaynaturists.org.

FORMS



The following pages include:

- **2017 Gathering Registration Form**
- **Volunteer & Waiver of Liability Release**
- **Bus Transportation Form**
- **Volunteer Form**

COMPLETE THESE FORMS **ONLINE** (PREFERRED) OR MAIL THEM TO BUSINESS OFFICE WITH YOUR PAYMENT.

Your **CONFIRMATION PACKET** will be uploaded to your online profile in the Member Directory within a few days of receiving your completed registration (usually it takes much less time so log in to your profile to see if your documents are there if you haven't heard from us).



Questions? Feel free to contact one of the following Staff Members who are available to assist you – be sure to direct your question to the correct Staff member.

GNI Staff Members

Rick – Executive Director & Event Coordinator

- Membership questions, Database Information, Change of Address, Gathering Registration, Bus Transportation, Payment, Refunds, Housing, Etc.
- Volunteers, Activities, Craft Fair, NAC Auction, Variety Shows, Dance club, Theme Parties, Etc.

Brian - *BuffBuzz* Editor & Staff Photographer

- Blog Articles, Photographs, Club Newsletters, Etc.



These rates are good if postmarked after July 15, 2017 but before August 10.

32nd ANNUAL * GNI GATHERING AUGUST 18 – 27, 2017 REGISTRATION FORM

Steps to register for the 2017 GNI Gathering

Note: Please read and familiarize yourself with the Gathering Refund Policy BEFORE you register for The Gathering.

1. Complete both sides of this Registration Form.
2. Complete the **GNI Bus Transportation Form** and **Volunteer Form** (both are optional)
3. Mail the Registration (and Optional forms, if any) to the following address. Keep all other information for your reference.

Mail form(s) with payment to: **GNI, c/o Hempstead Services, 1741 Hempstead Rd, Lancaster PA 17601-5845 USA.**

MEMBER INFORMATION (Please print)

Is this a change of address? Yes ___ No ___

Name _____

Nickname for Badge _____

(If blank, first name will be used)

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country _____

E-mail _____ Local Club _____

Home Phone: () _____ Date of Birth _____ / _____ / _____

MM DD YY

Is this your **first GNI Gathering?**

Yes ___ No ___

Are you under the age of 35?

Yes ___ No ___

Is it OK if someone takes your picture as long as they ask first?

Yes ___ No ___ (Red Card)

Do you request **vegetarian** (meatless) meals?

Yes ___ No ___

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (Specify a person not with you at camp)

Contact Name _____ Relationship _____

Phone () _____

HOUSING **THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES FOR SPECIFIC CABIN HOUSING REQUESTS**

*If selecting option "B", Cabin Coordinators submit club or group cabin requests **by** July 15.*

Select only one of the nine (9) options below:

A. ___ Couples Only Cabin Partner's name: _____

B. ___ Club / Group Cabin Club or Group name: _____ Cabin No _____

Name of Cabin Coordinator _____

C. ___ I'm not in a Club / Group Cabin but would like to be housed with: _____

D. ___ Open Cabin (my age range) My age is: _____

E. ___ Open Cabin (mixed ages)

F. ___ My physical / medical condition requires me to have a central location near the dining hall

G. ___ I will stay in a Tent

H. ___ I will stay in an RV

I. ___ I will stay in a Hotel / Motel and provide my own transportation to camp

1. ATTENDANCE OPTIONS (*Eligible for CBE Workshop)

	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Rate per Person</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> A. EARLY ARRIVAL & FULL WEEK*	August 18 - 27	\$ 1278	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> B. FULL WEEK	August 20 - 27	\$ 1058	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> C. EARLY ARRIVAL & FIRST HALF WEEK*	August 18 - 23	\$ 808	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> D. FIRST HALF WEEK	August 20 - 23	\$ 548	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> E. SECOND HALF WEEK	August 23 - 27	\$ 698	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> F. EARLY ARRIVAL WEEKEND*	August 18 - 21	\$ 548	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> EXTRA DAY(S) What day(s) are you adding? _____		\$ 150/day	\$ _____

2. Sign up for *CELEBRATING the BODY EROTIC (CBE) WORKSHOP*

I have selected one of the Early Arrival options above (Option A, C, or F) \$ 548.25 \$ _____

3. BUS RESERVATION (Complete the **GNI Bus Transportation Form** and attach.)

a. ROUND-TRIP To **and** From camp \$ 94* \$ _____

b. ONE-WAY To **or** From camp \$ 47* \$ _____

Bus Reservations & changes to reservations are subject to availability and a change fee may be assessed.

* **The bus rate is subject to fuel surcharge and, if imposed, will be collected at the time you board the bus.**

4. NEW YORK EXCURSION & TOUR You pay for hotel, food, and beverages \$68.50 \$ _____

5. WHITEWATER RAFTING Family Style - \$55; Moonlight - \$100; Dam Release - \$75 \$ _____

6. MEMBERSHIP You **must** be a member of GNI to attend. If new or renewing, enter membership rate amount. \$ 40 \$ _____

7. CANCELLATION GUARANTEE (**Must be requested at time of registration**) \$ 49 \$ _____
 This will guarantee that you will **not** be assessed any additional cancellation fees or penalties if you need to cancel by August 1.

8. LINEN RENTAL (Add only if you want to reserve linens) \$44 \$ _____

9. DELIVERY CONFIRMATION OPTION

I will retrieve my Gathering Confirmation Documents from my online profile. **No Charge** \$ _____ N/C

I request my Gathering Confirmation Documents to be printed and mailed to me. \$ 10 \$ _____

TOTAL PRICE US FUNDS ENCLOSED \$ _____

By submitting your registration form you have read, understand, and agree to GNI's Gathering Refund Policy.

PAYMENT METHOD Checks or Money Orders are payable to **GNI**. NSF checks will be subject to \$45.00 service charge.

Check/MO Visa MasterCard AMEX Discover

Card No: _____

Exp Date: _____ Security Code _____

Signature required for credit cards: _____

A \$29 credit card service fee will be added to the total for all credit card payments. You can mail a check or money order to avoid paying this service fee.

GATHERING REFUND POLICY – DOES NOT APPLY IF YOU HAVE THE CANCELLATION GUARANTEE

In the event that a paid registrant is unable to attend The Gathering and has not taken the **CANCELLATION GUARANTEE**, for any reason, and has not officially cancelled his registration before the July 15 deadline, he may request a partial refund on or before Aug 1. *All requests for refunds must be made in writing and submitted to the GNI Business Office via e-mail, mail, or fax.* Partial refunds will be offered according to the following schedule:

Refund request made -
 before July 15: \$119.00 cancellation fee
 July 16 – Jul 31: 50% penalty (less \$119.00 cancellation fee)
 after Aug 1: **No refund**

The \$119.00 cancellation fee cannot be waived for any reason.

Attached is the **Acknowledgement & Agreement of Gathering Participant / Volunteer & Waiver of Liability Release**. You will be required to sign this release when you arrive at camp.

Acknowledgment & Agreement of Gathering Participant/Volunteer, Waiver of Liability Release & Model Release

The undersigned participant and/or volunteer ("Participant"), in consideration for being accepted for attendance at The International Gathering of Male Naturists (the "Gathering") of Gay Naturists International, Inc. ("GNI") and for permission to act as a volunteer for GNI, the sufficiency of such consideration being hereby acknowledged, hereby acknowledges and agrees to the following:

1. **Scope.** This Acknowledgment and Agreement of Gathering Participant/Volunteer and Waiver of Liability and Release ("Agreement") shall apply to the Participant's participation in and attendance at the 2017 Gathering, any related activities and/or events, and all services rendered or to be rendered by the Participant for GNI at or in connection with such Gathering on a volunteer basis (the "Volunteer Services").
2. **Volunteer Services/Relationship.** With respect to any and all Volunteer Services of the Participant, GNI shall not compensate Participant in any manner or provide any consideration, including (without limitation) any wages, salary, medical or other insurance, or any benefits provided to employees or contractors of GNI. Participant shall not be considered an employee, partner, agent, representative or contractor of GNI, and nothing herein shall be construed to create any employer/employee, principal/agent, partnership or other relationship between Participant and GNI. As such, Participant shall not be eligible for workers' compensation benefits. Participant acknowledges and agrees that GNI shall not be considered his employer for any purpose.
3. **No Obligation to Perform Volunteer Services.** Although GNI may request Participant to perform certain Volunteer Services at the above-listed Gathering, and may specify the time(s) and method(s) for such services to be rendered, Participant shall not be required to perform such services, or to do so at the time(s) and in the method(s) specified by GNI, it being understood that Participant shall have the sole discretion whether to honor such requests of GNI. Nevertheless, if Participant undertakes to perform such requested services, Participant agrees to follow all policies and procedures established by GNI in connection therewith.
4. **Waiver of Liability and Release.** Participant assumes all risks of injury, including death, to his person and property arising from his activities/services as a GNI volunteer, his participation in and attendance at The Gathering, any Volunteer Services, the use of provided facilities and equipment and his participation in activities. Participant further releases, discharges and holds harmless, for himself, his heirs, administrators, executors and assigns, the organizers of The Gathering including, without limitation, GNI, the Event Coordinator, The Gathering Committee, the officers and directors of GNI, subcontractors, and the camp and/or any other facility used for The Gathering and their members, medical volunteers, directors, steering committees, agents, and employees, from all liability and claims of any and every kind and nature, whether arising out of negligence or otherwise, for any injuries including (without limitation) death and/or loss of property, including but not limited to theft, loss, negligence, invasion of privacy, fire or other acts, and Participant hereby waives all current and future claims, whether or not known and whether or not foreseeable, against such parties arising from any loss, damage or injury, including (without limitation) death, to his person and/or property arising from his activities/services as a GNI volunteer, his participation and/or attendance at The Gathering, the use of provided facilities and equipment and/or his participation in activities.
5. **Age and Privacy.** Participant hereby certifies that he is an adult male at least twenty-one (21) years of age. Participant acknowledges and agrees that despite GNI's policies regarding photography and privacy in connection with The Gathering, the Member Directory and GNI's other activities, GNI cannot and does not guarantee that such privacy will be maintained. Participant hereby releases and forever discharges GNI and its officers, directors and employees, from and against any and all claims, damages, costs and expenses relating to or arising from any violation of his privacy or any violation of GNI's photography, Member Directory and/or other privacy policies.
6. **Rules and Regulations.** Participant further agrees that he has seen, read and understands GNI's rules and regulations applicable to GNI and The Gathering and agrees to abide by said rules and regulations. The Participant understands and agrees that any violation of GNI's rules or regulations may result in his expulsion from The Gathering and facilities without refund. Decisions of the 2017 Gathering Committee will be final. Participant understands that if he does not attend The Gathering or if he is expelled from or asked to leave The Gathering, he will forfeit all sums paid, unless otherwise provided in a Gathering published policy. Participant further agrees to respect the person and property of others and to be responsible to the camp, GNI, the 2017 Event Coordinator and/or others attending for injury he may cause to them and/or their property.
7. **Governing Law; Jurisdiction.** This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of Pennsylvania, United States of America, and it is acknowledged that jurisdiction and venue regarding any incident or involving this Agreement will rest exclusively in the courts of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
Participant certifies that he has reviewed and understands this entire document and all information is true and correct. Participant understands this is a legally binding contract, and the Participant willingly, knowingly and expressly waives his rights and agrees to the foregoing provisions in their entirety. The Participant has made a copy of this Agreement for himself.

MODEL RELEASE – Please check only one

- I give Gay Naturists International, Inc ("GNI") permission to use my photograph as it sees fit to promote international gay naturism and its programs
- No Photos can be taken of me nor will I take photos of anyone else**

By checking the **NO PHOTOS** box, I decline to allow GNI Staff permission to take my photograph. I will not hold GNI responsible for photographs that are taken by other members and used for their private use. I decline to allow GNI Staff **or** anyone else to take my photograph (**No Photos Allowed**). In return, I agree that I will not take photographs of any other participant and will abide by GNI's "designated photo zone" policy. I also understand that I may not be able to participate in any contest, show, or activity that is highly visible and attracts photographers where cameras are allowed. I will hold GNI harmless if I participate in any event where photographs may be taken and I have selected this option.

CHECK IN / CHECK OUT

Check out time any day of the week is 11:00 am. Attendees who will be departing any day of the week other than ending Sunday will be required to officially check out at the Front Gate by 11:00 am on the day they are scheduled to leave camp. Those who stay beyond the checkout time of 11:00 am will be charged for an extra day at the published rate. Those who don't check out at the Front Gate will be charged through ending Sunday. By signing this waiver, you agree to abide by GNI's check out policy and authorize transactions to your credit card should the need to collect additional fees arise.

- _____ I agree to keep a valid credit card on file
- _____ I agree to authorize my credit card to be charged if I stay beyond my checkout time

Please keep this Waiver – it is for your own reference. You will be asked to sign the Waiver of Liability when you arrive at camp during the check-in process.



BUS TRANSPORTATION FORM

If you plan to use Bus Transportation return this form with your Gathering Registration Form

Please check (below) your preference and pay now with the Gathering Registration Form for the time(s) and bus(es) you wish to take.

- You will receive a separate **Bus Confirmation** notice around August 10 via e-mail.
- Fares are \$47.00 each way.
- Reservations made after July 15 must be paid by credit card, only.
- Bus cancellations are subject to a \$5.00 cancellation fee (each way)
- Changes to bus reservations made after the Bus Confirmations are issued are subject to a \$5.00 administrative change fee.
- The bus rate is subject to a fuel surcharge and, if imposed, will be collected at the time you board the bus.

TRAVEL TIME: When arranging your return flight, note the drive time between the **Camp** and Newark International airport is approximately **2 hours**, depending on traffic, road construction, and weather conditions. Buses will not depart prior to their scheduled times. **Please allow for additional time to be processed through the security checkpoints at the airport.**

Your Name: _____ Cell Phone _____
 Address _____ (cell number needed if we have to contact you)
 City/State/Zip _____ Email _____

If you plan to use the BUS transportation to get to camp. Please select one.

- _____ 2:00 p.m. Friday, August 18, 2017 (A) - from Manhattan, New York
- _____ 3:00 p.m. Friday, August 18, 2017 (B) - from Newark International Airport
- _____ 2:00 p.m. Sunday, August 20, 2017 (C) - from Manhattan, New York City
- _____ 3:00 p.m. Sunday, August 20, 2017 (D) - from Newark International Airport
- _____ 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 23, 2017 (E) - from Newark International Airport

If you plan to use the BUS transportation to return from camp. Please select one.

NOTE: There will be NO outgoing bus to Newark International Airport on Wednesday, August 23, 2017. Please make your own travel arrangements.

- _____ 9:00 a.m. Sunday, August 27, 2017 (F) - to Newark International Airport
- _____ 9:00 a.m. Sunday, August 27, 2017 (G) - to Manhattan, New York City
- _____ 11:00 a.m. Sunday, August 27, 2017 (H) - to Newark International Airport

C. **Flight Confirmation:** Have you completed your flight reservations? Yes _____ No _____

Airline _____ Flight No _____ Arrival Date _____ Airport _____

BUS BOARDING LOCATIONS!!!

Newark NJ - Newark International Airport - Terminal B, Baggage Claim, Lowest Level. Door #3
New York City – Manhattan near Grand Central Station - Hyatt Hotel, west side pickup on Lexington between 42nd & 43rd Streets.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE! We are not able to accommodate individual s who cannot make his scheduled bus and it will be up to YOU to get yourself to camp or to take a public transportation bus to Stroudsburg PA. If you arrive in Stroudsburg, you will be able to contact a local taxi service to pick you up from the bus station and to bring you to camp. For more information about the bus service into Stroudsburg, please view this web site: <http://www.martztrailways.com>. For information about Pocono Cab, visit www.poconocabco.com. Please do not call and ask us to "send someone to pick you up;" we are unable to accommodate those requests.



VOLUNTEER & PARTICIPATION FORM

BE PART OF THE ACTION!

Please check or write everything you would enjoy doing to help at **The Gathering**.

- I would like to **conduct a workshop, seminar, or event:**
Example: naturist workshop, massage instruction, erotic photography, etc.

Topic / Description: _____

Preferred day(s) / times / location: _____

I would like to volunteer / help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> "Across the Lake" activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Service |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beverage Manager | <input type="checkbox"/> NAC / Silent Auction Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bingo | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil Wrestling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Body Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge / Games | <input type="checkbox"/> Piano Bar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Regatta |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts Fair | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up / Clean up |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dirty Disco | <input type="checkbox"/> Square / Line Dancing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drag Races | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F Cabins Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Hold 'Em Poker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosts / Hostesses for the shows | <input type="checkbox"/> Twister |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Karaoke | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Linen assembly for check-in | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Massage | |

Other _____

CRAFTS FAIR

If you would like to sell artwork/crafts (non-pornographic) at the Crafts Fair, please donate one or two items for the Silent Auction to benefit the **Naturist Action Committee (NAC)**. There is a \$20 per table donation to help offset the cost of rental supplies and can be paid during The Gathering. Tables will be available for you in the Crafts Fair area. (You will not be charged at this time.)

Please let us know how many tables you might need during the Crafts Fair: _____

Name _____

Comments _____

You will be contacted by the Event Coordinator. Thank you for planning to participate.