



# GNI GATHERING REGISTRATION PACKET AUGUST 2025

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This packet contains all of the necessary information needed in order to register for The GNI 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)**

## INFORMATION

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**GAY NATURISTS INTERNATIONAL  
GATHERING  
AUGUST 15 – 24, 2025**

**GATHERING RULES & INFORMATION**

1. This is a NUDE EVENT for men aged 21 and over. Clothing is permitted only for medical conditions, inclement weather, and as a costume for stage performers and 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 2025, from arrival on Friday, August 15 until 5 pm on Sunday, August 17).
2. Cameras can be used only in photo approved zones. Always ask permission before you take anybody's photo to avoid problems. DO NOT take photos of anyone with a red dot / card (no photo) name badge.
3. In the same spirit, red dot / card wearers should not participate in any high-profile contests, shows or activities that attract photographers where cameras may be used.
4. The use of video cameras is PROHIBITED. Violators may be expelled from the camp without refund.
5. Your name badge must always be with you and must be worn at all meals.
6. Always sit on a towel or seat cushion.
7. No indoor smoking (including e-cigarettes). Please dispose of all cigarettes properly.
8. No littering. Please use the receptacles provided for both trash and recycling.
9. No open displays of sexual activity on the "near" side of the lake.
10. No nudity on buses, within sight of camp boundaries, or off-premises.
11. No illegal substances, drugs, firearms, or weapons of any kind on the campgrounds. Authorities may be notified, and violators expelled from camp without refund. This is a Drug-Free event.
12. No fires except in designated campfire areas.
13. Monitor your own health and report any suspected COVID-19 symptoms or other medical issues to GNI staff.
14. No pets.

**2025 SOCIAL HOUR THEMES**

<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug 15</b>	<b>Phallus in Wonderland</b>	<b>Bingo Beauties</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug 16</b>	<b>Gays of our Lives</b>	<b>Cabin A8</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Aug 17</b>	<b>Wicked Wanderlust</b>	<b>GNI Board of Directors</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug 18</b>	<b>C-Oktoberfest</b>	<b>NAC / NEF</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Aug 19</b>	<b>My Ties and Mai Tais</b>	<b>SEMEN - Cabin G4</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Aug 20</b>	<b>Together in Electric Dreams</b>	<b>Team Dance Club – Cabin C8</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Aug 21</b>	<b>Speakeasy</b>	<b>Mr GNI Leather Contestants</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Aug 22</b>	<b>Jungle Red</b>	<b>GNI Gathering Volunteers</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Aug 23</b>	<b>Star Whores</b>	<b>Males au Naturel (MAN)</b>

**GNI's PHOTO POLICY**

1. Those wishing not to 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 takers must be mindful of members wearing Red Tagged Badges. You may not take their photo without their permission.
3. Photo takers 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 is always prohibited in the Dance Club.
5. Red Tagged Badge wearers should 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 removed from the event without a refund.

## **GNI's CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY**

Cancellation requests received on or before July 15, by anybody who has not paid the Cancellation Guarantee at time of registration, will be honored less a \$139 fee.

Cancellation requests received after July 15 will be refunded per the following schedule:

- **July 16 – August 1:** 50% penalty
- **After Aug 1:** **No refund** for any reason even if you purchase the Cancellation Guarantee (we recommend you purchase Travel insurance)

### **WHAT GNI WILL REFUND (Before August 1)**

- Gathering fee
- Donation(s)
- Linen rental fee
- Bus transportation fee(s)
- Day extension(s)
- Off-camp excursions (whitewater rafting, New York tour, if offered).

### **WHAT WE DO NOT REFUND**

- Membership fees
- Cancellation Guarantee
- Credit Card processing fees
- À la carte mailing fees
- Linen Cancellation requests after August 1

The total amount refunded will be based on whether the Cancellation Guarantee was purchased at the time of registration. For refunds requested that have not been secured by the Cancellation Guarantee, they will be calculated based on the refund policy rates listed above.

Credit card refunds will be processed within 10 business days from the date of the request. Check and money order refunds will be processed within 30 days of the date of the request. All refund requests must be made in writing to the GNI Business Office by e-mail or postal mail. We cannot transfer fees paid to a future year or to another person.

## **CANCELLATION GUARANTEE**

If you request and pay the Cancellation Guarantee fee when you register and are unable to attend the Gathering for any reason, *you may cancel your registration until August 1 at no further cost. After August 1, there are no refunds for any reason, even if you purchase the Cancellation Guarantee.* Consider purchasing comprehensive travel protection in case you have any concerns about needing to cancel at any time. If you do not purchase travel protection, the Cancellation Guarantee will not protect you after August 1 when the “no refund” policy takes effect.

## **TRAVEL PROTECTION**

GNI Gathering fees and associated travel-related costs can add up quickly. It's your hard-earned money so why take the chance on having your Gathering or vacation interrupted for reasons beyond your control? Protect your

travel investment with a professional Travel Protection plan. GNI has partnered with TripAssure to protect all of your travel plans, no matter where you go anytime of the year.

A travel protection plan is a package of benefits and services intended to protect your investment, your personal belongings, and you. Most plans provide benefits for:

- Trip cancellation
- Trip interruption
- Medical expenses
- Missed connections
- Travel delay
- Baggage loss
- 24 / 7 Worldwide Traveler Assistance

GNI offers a comprehensive travel protection plan. Use it to secure your investment for the GNI Gathering or use it anytime for any other travel-related reason, i.e., holiday vacations, testing your luck rolling dice in Las Vegas, surprising your loved one with dinner and a show on Broadway, or taking that long awaited vacation overseas.

Compare our plans, coverage, and benefits and select the plan that's best for you by clicking [here](#) or call Customer Service at (833) 297-2258.

### WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CANCELLATION GUARANTEE AND TRAVEL PROTECTION?

GNI's **Cancellation Guarantee** allows a member to cancel his registration without paying the cancellation fee until August 1. The Cancellation Guarantee **DOES NOT** allow you to cancel and request a refund of your Gathering registration fees for any reason after August 1. ***There are no refunds after August 1 for any reason, even if you purchased the Cancellation Guarantee.***

If you need to cancel and request a refund after August 1, *you must purchase Travel insurance* that allows you to cancel at the last minute which the Cancellation Guarantee **DOES NOT** allow you to do. GNI's travel insurance company – **TripAssure** – offers travel protection with trip cancellation. You must purchase this coverage separately from TripAssure directly.

Please consider purchasing Travel Protection. This coverage protects you not only from a last-minute trip cancellation, but also offers protection for many other things listed above and more. You are responsible to insure your travel investment; TripAssure helps you do that easily and affordably.

### 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 daily 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 at the GNI Office between the hours of 10 pm and 9 am any day of the week.*

### NO CREDITS FOR FUTURE EVENTS

GNI is unable to accommodate the request to transfer a paid registrant's Gathering entrance fees to a future NakedFest or 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 or file a claim for the coverage provided your travel coverage plan.

### 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 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, PANDEMICS, & 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 protection.*

## **DIGITAL CONFIRMATION DOCUMENTS**

Gathering attendees will not be required to print their Gathering Confirmation documents. We have implemented a digital check-in system. An email confirming your attendance will be sent to you, but you will not be asked to bring any paper documents with you.

## **WEATHER**

The Gathering site is 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 Mobile app**. 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.*

## **Infectious Disease Policy**

As GNI begins preparations for our next event in August, we want to let everyone know that we continue to hold the health and safety of our guests in the highest regard. For that reason, GNI will be following CDC recommended guidelines and directives from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. We acknowledge that these guidelines may change and become either more or less restrictive in time; GNI will follow the science and reserves the right to adjust our policies accordingly at any time. We encourage the public to keep checking back on our CoVID-19 policy or any infectious disease with the most current information and requirements. Due to the nature of our event where men will live and recreate near others over ten days, we have adopted an overall plan to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and other highly infectious diseases to others.

### **Guidelines:**

GNI will continue to encourage and promote safety guidelines issued by the CDC including social distancing, when possible, mask wearing, and regular washing of hands. *It will be incumbent upon guests to decide for themselves how they will follow these guidelines.* Vaccination for COVID is not required by any guest.

All guests must assess their own personal risk involved by attending our event and by participating in any activity at GNI's Gathering. GNI may limit the number of participants in any scheduled activity or may choose to cancel an activity if there is reason to believe it is in the best interest of the health and safety of our guests.

Hand sanitation stations are available on all buildings and sanitizer will be monitored and refilled as needed throughout the week.

### **What to do if you are feeling ill?**

If any guest begins to feel ill, he will be asked to see our medical staff for evaluation. Depending on the chief complaint and symptoms, a guest may be asked to take a COVID test if COVID is suspected. During the time he is waiting for results, he will be asked to isolate himself from other guests. GNI may have testing onsite (to be determined later) but most likely the guest will be asked to take a test at a local testing facility (CVS Pharmacy, Walgreens, etc.). The transportation to / from the testing site and cost of the test will be the responsibility of the guest.

### **If you are asked to isolate?**

In the event a guest is feeling unwell where COVID is suspected and prior to receiving the results of a COVID test, he will be asked to isolate; GNI will try to make reasonable accommodations to find housing for him away from others. Meal service will be arranged for the guest in isolation, and he will be required to remain out of contact with other guests nor will he be able to participate in any activity. If the COVID-19 test is negative, at the discretion of our medical staff, he may return to his cabin and participate in activities. If the COVID-19 test is positive, the guest will be asked to quarantine and continue to isolate from other guests. He will not be able to participate in any activity; meal service will be provided.

### **COVID-related Cancellations and Refunds?**

If a guest tests positive for COVID-19 (GNI does not provide test kits so plan to bring your own) and is asked to isolate, he may, at his discretion, choose to cancel the unused portion of his Gathering and leave camp.

*Refunds will not be issued for either a full or partial refund request.* GNI encourages every member to insure his travel investment with travel insurance that also covers COVID-related cancellations. Members may want to shop around for rates and coverages.

You will be asked to sign an Infectious Disease / Health & Liability Waiver upon arrival. A copy of the waiver is found in the "Forms" section of this packet.

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## **Cancellation & Refund FAQ's**

### **Q: How do I request a refund if I must 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 a partial refund. There are no refunds after Aug 1 for any reason. Please purchase travel protection if you need to cancel after August 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 or mail.* Partial refunds will be offered according to the following schedule:

#### **Refund request made -**

on or before Jul 15:	\$139.00 cancellation fee
from Jul 16 to Aug 1:	50% penalty
<b>after Aug 1:</b>	<b>NO REFUND</b>



### **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. 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 NakedFest or 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 or file a claim if he has purchased Travel Protection.

### **Q: Can I request a refund if The Gathering is cancelled due to war, pandemics, 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, pandemics, 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 protection.*

**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 \$10.00 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 \$139.00 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 \$10.00 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 \$139.00 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.

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## 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. We are unable to arrange installment payments for registrants who've paid by check / money order.

**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 issued 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 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 detailing your charges and items you signed up for; however, 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 email** unless you send your registration form via Certified Mail.

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

A: Once confirmation emails begin to be sent, most are issued within 24 hours of receipt of a registration.

**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** confirm 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, if 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](http://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](http://www.gaynaturists.org). We encourage you to photocopy the registration form for your friends who may want to attend our Gathering as well as 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 may plan 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: Most group / club cabins 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 can tent if the weather is nice; there is no additional charge to tent.



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## 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 submission of his registration. Or he may not have requested to be housed with you, but with someone else. GNI tries 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 most cabins are "club" cabins, in order to accommodate your special request, a cabin with sufficient space must be found. Oftentimes, cabins near 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.

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## The 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](mailto: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: 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 Gathering confirmation email 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 attendees.

**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 camp staff member for assistance. See the Parking Instructions information.

**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 Crafts 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

### **SECURITY NOTICE:**

Due to increased security throughout the airports, GNI recommends that you allow sufficient time to be 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: Whom do I contact if I have a question about bus transportation?***

A: Contact Rick, the GNI Executive Director. You can reach him by e-mail at his e-mail address: [gni@gaynaturists.org](mailto:gni@gaynaturists.org).

### ***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, meet across from Carousel 1 & 3**. The bus will be parked nearby. 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](mailto:gni@gaynaturists.org) or by mail before August 1. Cancellation requests made by telephone cannot be processed. There is a \$10.00 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 be issued within 30 days after the date of receipt.

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

A: Yes, Bus Confirmation(s) are found in your Confirmation email from GNI. Your bus confirmation will include directions to the location where you need to meet the group, a map of the airport for you to find your way to the bus pickup location, and the name / cell phone of your Bus Greeter.

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

A: Please call your Bus Greeter 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](http://www.martztrailways.com). 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](http://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. We recommend that you purchase GNI's Travel Protection plan to cover delayed and missed connections / transfers.

***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 \$70.00 per person. Round trip is \$140.00 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.

***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 - 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 Greeter 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 to ensure that delayed passengers have a ride to camp. Be sure to keep in constant contact with your Bus Greeter if you find you're going to be delayed for any reason.

***Q: How do I find my way to meet the bus at 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**. Due to construction, if you arrive in Terminal A, you may need to take a shuttle from Terminal A to B. (Be sure to check signage for information when you arrive). 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, meet across from Carousel 1 & 3**.

***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 on Lexington Ave between 42<sup>nd</sup> & 43<sup>rd</sup> Streets.

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

A: There will be a Bus Greeter for each Newark Airport and Manhattan bus. 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 you if you had your bus confirmation letter with you. 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 name and mobile number for your Bus Greeter. 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 Greeter will have the master list and will check you off as present.

***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 offload travelers. Everyone will depart the bus at the same location.



**The Body Electric School**  
[www.thebodyelectricschool.com](http://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 15 – 17, 2025). We've offered CBE during a number of our past events, 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, Doug, at [newyork@bodyelectric.org](mailto:newyork@bodyelectric.org) or call +1-347-213-7200.

### 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 15 – 17, 2025**. 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 15 with a commitment to attend the entire workshop. It will be an experience you will never forget!

### SPACE IS LIMITED!

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

### GNI GATHERING ATTENDANCE

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

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.

#### The Gathering Attendance Options for CBE Workshop Participants

<u>Option</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Last meal provided</u>	<u>Must depart by</u>
<b>Early Arrival Weekend</b>	Friday – Monday, August 15 – 18	Monday breakfast	Monday, 11 AM
<b>Early Arrival &amp; First Half Week</b>	Friday – Wednesday, August 15 – 20	Wednesday breakfast	Wednesday, 11 AM
<b>Early Arrival &amp; Full Week</b>	Friday – Sunday, August 15 – 24	(2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Sunday breakfast	(2 <sup>nd</sup> ) Sunday, 11 AM

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 15 – 17, you must register for the GNI Gathering. 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.

# 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 your linens!**

For just a **\$54.00** 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 must 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 12** 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 PILLOW OR BLANKET, AT NO EXTRA CHARGE!**

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

Linens are prepaid at the time of registration and are non-refundable if you choose to not use a set that you reserved.



## First Time Attendance Referral Rebate

Are you a “**First Timer?**” Were you referred to GNI 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!!\*

For your referrer to receive this rebate, the following conditions must be met:

- You must register for, pay for, and attend the 2025 Gathering.
- You must notify the **GNI Business Office** with the name of the person referring you **prior** to August 12, 2025.
- The person referring you must also register for, pay for, and attend the 2025 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 Rate Attendees and Early Arrival weekends**, i.e., neither the First timer nor referring member can attend The Gathering on a Day Rate 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 event** are eligible to receive a rebate for a first-time attendee. Men who have attended other events but have not attended a GNI event 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 12, 2025.
- 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 rate 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.**



## VOLUNTEER FORM

**DON'T FORGET TO VOLUNTEER!**

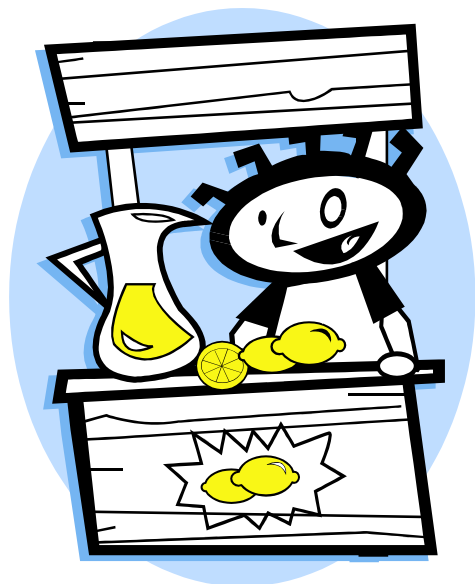
Each year, the success of our The Gathering comes from the many contributions our members make to this organization. Whether it's stuffing envelopes and mailing forms, to organizing a seminar during the week at camp, everyone makes a valuable and important contribution.

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

The Volunteer form is now a part of the registration process. Simply register for our The Gathering and then send us an [email](#). We will process your registration form and contact you later with your volunteer request.

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## We need you to volunteer!



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

### “Across the Lake” Activities

- Bingo
- Body Painting
- Bridge / Games
- Bus Coordinator (incoming buses, only)
- Check in
- Crafts Fair
- Decorations
- Dirty Disco
- Drag Races
- F Cabins maintenance
- Linen assembly for check-in
- Massage Workshops
- Memorial Service
- NAC / Silent Auction committee
- Oil Wrestling
- Photography
- Piano Bar
- Regatta
- Square / Line Dancing
- Tennis
- Texas Hold ‘Em Poker
- Twister
- 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](mailto:gni@gaynaturists.org).

# FORMS



The following pages include:

- **2025 Gathering Registration Form**
- **Volunteer & Waiver of Liability Release**
- **Infectious Disease / Health Waiver of Liability Release**
- **Bus Transportation Form**
- **Volunteer Form**

COMPLETE THESE FORMS **ONLINE** (PREFERRED) OR MAIL THEM TO THE LANCASTER PA ADDRESS WITH YOUR PAYMENT.

You will receive a Confirmation email with all the materials you need for The Gathering.



**Questions?** Send an email to [gni@gaynaturists.org](mailto:gni@gaynaturists.org)

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## **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.

Send an email to [gni@gaynaturists.org](mailto:gni@gaynaturists.org)

## **Jon – Gathering Assistant & Volunteer Coordinator**

- Volunteers, Craft Fair, NAC Auction

## **Kevin – Social Hour Manager**

- Social Hour themes, music, snacks / beverages, wine / beer, “no photo” zones, etc.

Send an email to [socialhours@gaynaturists.org](mailto:socialhours@gaynaturists.org)



These rates are honored if  
postmarked **before August 1**

**GNI GATHERING**  
**AUGUST 15 – 24, 2025**  
**REGISTRATION FORM**

**Steps to register for the 2025 GNI Gathering**

**Note: Please read and familiarize yourself with The Gathering Refund Policy BEFORE you register**

1. Complete both sides of this **Registration Form**.
2. Complete the **GNI Bus Transportation Form** and **Volunteer Form**, if needed (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, 44 W King St, Lancaster PA 17603-3809 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 \_\_\_\_\_

Pronouns (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Local Club \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

MM DD YY

Is this your **first GNI event**?

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) or **gluten-free** meals?

☐ VEG ☐ GLF No \_\_\_

Would you like to be listed in the Directory / event roster?

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 (1) of the 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. **MEMBERSHIP** You **must** be a member of GNI to attend. Sign up or renew. \$ 50 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2. **ATTENDANCE OPTIONS** (\*Eligible for CBE Workshop)

	<u>Dates</u>	<u>CC Card Rate</u>	<u>Check/MO</u>	<u>Rate per Person</u>
A. EARLY ARRIVAL & FULL WEEK*	August 15 – 24	\$ 1497	\$ 1463	\$ _____
B. FULL WEEK	August 17 – 24	\$ 1287	\$ 1249	\$ _____
C. EARLY ARRIVAL & FIRST HALF WEEK*	August 15 – 20	\$ 954	\$ 924	\$ _____
D. FIRST HALF WEEK	August 17 – 20	\$ 641	\$ 621	\$ _____
E. SECOND HALF WEEK	August 20 – 24	\$ 825	\$ 799	\$ _____
F. EARLY ARRIVAL WEEKEND*	August 15 – 18	\$ 640	\$ 620	\$ _____
G. ADD EXTRA DAY(S)		\$ 239	\$ 239	\$ _____

What day(s) are you adding (example: Mon, Aug XX") \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sign up for **CELEBRATING the BODY EROTIC (CBE) WORKSHOP** ☐ YES ☐ More Info  
You must register directly with Body Electric for this workshop. Tuition fees are NOT included in Gathering fees.

4. **BUS RESERVATION** (Complete the **GNI Bus Transportation Form** and attach.)  
a. ROUND-TRIP To **and** From camp \$ 140\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
b. ONE-WAY To **or** From camp \$ 70\* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

5. **CANCELLATION GUARANTEE** (**Must be requested at time of registration**) \$ 77 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
This will guarantee that you will **not** be assessed any additional cancellation fees or penalties if you need to cancel by August 1. **No refunds after August 1 for any reason.**  
**Please purchase Travel Insurance if there is any chance you will cancel after August 1.**

6. **LINEN RENTAL** (Add only if you want to reserve linens) \$ 54 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. **OPTIONAL DONATION** (Contact us to make a tax-deductible donation) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL PRICE US FUNDS ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**By submitting your registration form you have read, understand, and agree to GNI's 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 3% credit card fee has been added to the attendance option for all credit card payments. If you mail a check or money order, you will avoid paying this fee. If you pay by credit card, you will be charged the CC Rate (above).**

### **GATHERING REFUND POLICY**

In the event that a paid registrant is unable to attend The Gathering for any reason and has not taken the **CANCELLATION GUARANTEE** or purchased **TRAVEL PROTECTION (800) 423-3632** 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 or mail.* Partial refunds will be offered according to the following schedule:

Refund request made -  
before July 15: \$139.00 cancellation fee  
July 16 – Jul 31: 50% penalty  
after Aug 1 (even with Cancellation Guarantee): **No refund for any reason**

The \$139.00 cancellation fee cannot be waived for any reason.

# 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 GNI 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 GNI 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 GNI 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

You may not take photos of members wearing Red Tagged Badges without their permission. Everyone 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. Except during certain sanctioned photo opportunities, taking of photos or videos are prohibited at all times in the Dance Club. 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. 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. It is strongly suggested that photographers proactively seek the consent of participants, regardless of Red Tagged Badge status. Anyone willfully and knowingly violating this policy may be expelled from the event without refund.

## 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.

**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.**



## INFECTIOUS DISEASE / HEALTH & LIABILITY WAIVER

In exchange for the personal use of the property, facilities, and services provide at the **Annual Gathering** of Gay Naturists International (GNI), of 44 W King St 1<sup>st</sup> Fl, Lancaster PA, 17603-3809,

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Confirmation no: \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the following:

1. **AGREEMENT TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS.** I agree to observe and obey all posted rules and warnings regarding COVID-19, Monkey Pox, hepatitis, HIV, Polio, STI's, or any other highly infectious, communicable disease, and further agree to follow any oral instructions or directions given by GNI, or the employees of the venue, third-party vendors, board, staff, representatives, or agents of GNI.
2. **ASSUMPTION OF THE RISKS AND RELEASE.** I recognize that there are certain inherent risks associated with the above described activity regarding any infectious, communicable disease, acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19, Monkey Pox, hepatitis, HIV, Polio STI's etc. and understand that the CDC and public health authorities recommend the practice of social distancing, wearing of mask, and regular hand washing, (as applicable) and I assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and further release and discharge GNI for injury, loss or damage arising out of my use or presence upon the facilities provided by GNI, whether caused by the fault of myself, GNI, or third parties.

I acknowledge that GNI has followed all local and state requirements regarding any pandemic and federal or state health emergency to reduce the spread of any infectious, communicable disease. I acknowledge that GNI cannot guarantee that I will not become infected with COVID-19 or Monkey Pox or any other infectious disease.

3. **INDEMNIFICATION.** I agree to indemnify and defend GNI against all claims, causes of action, damages, judgments, costs or expenses, including attorney fees and other litigation costs, which may in any way arise from my use of or presence upon the facilities provided by GNI.
4. **APPLICABLE LAW.** Any legal or equitable claim that may arise from participation in the above shall be resolved under Pennsylvania law.
5. **NO DURESS.** I agree and acknowledge that I am under no pressure or duress to sign this Agreement and that I have been given a reasonable opportunity to review it before signing. I acknowledge that a copy of this release has been supplied to me as part of my confirmation documents. I further agree and acknowledge that I am free to have my own legal counsel review this Agreement if I so desire. I further agree and acknowledge that GNI has not offered to refund any fees I have paid based on their published Cancellation and Refund Policy to use its facilities if I choose not to sign this Agreement.
6. **ARM'S LENGTH AGREEMENT.** This Agreement and each of its terms are the product of an arm's length negotiation between the Parties. In the event any ambiguity is found to exist in the interpretation of this Agreement, or any of its provisions, the Parties, and each of them explicitly reject the application of any legal or equitable rule of interpretation which would lead to a



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construction either “for” or “against” a particular party based upon their status as the drafter of a specific term, language, or provision giving rise to such ambiguity.

7. **ENFORCEABILITY.** The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement, whether standing alone or as applied to a particular occurrence or circumstance, shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement or of any other applications of such provision, as the case may be, and such invalidate, or unenforceable provision shall be deemed not to be a part of this Agreement.
8. **DISPUTE RESOLUTION.** The parties will attempt to resolve any dispute arising out of or relating to this Agreement through friendly negotiations amongst the parties. If the matter is not resolved by negotiation, the parties will resolve the dispute using the below Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) procedure.

Any controversies or disputes arising out of or relating to this Agreement will be submitted to mediation in accordance with any statutory rules of mediation. If mediation is not successful in resolving the entire dispute or is unavailable, any outstanding issues will be submitted to final and binding arbitration under the rules of the American Arbitration Association. The arbitrator’s award will be final, and judgment may be entered upon it by any court having proper jurisdiction.

**I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT AND UNDERSTAND IT. I FURTHER UNDERSTAND THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE, I VOLUNTARILY SURRENDER CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS.**

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## 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.

- Fares are \$70.00 each way; \$140 round trip
- Reservations made after July 15 must be paid by credit card, only.
- Bus cancellations are subject to a \$10.00 cancellation fee (each way)

**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 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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

- |       |           |                                |                                     |
|-------|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| _____ | 2:00 p.m. | Friday, August 15, 2025 (A)    | - from Manhattan, New York          |
| _____ | 3:00 p.m. | Friday, August 15, 2025 (B)    | - from Newark International Airport |
| _____ | 2:00 p.m. | Sunday, August 17, 2025 (C)    | - from Manhattan, New York          |
| _____ | 3:00 p.m. | Sunday, August 17, 2025 (D)    | - from Newark International Airport |
| _____ | 2:00 p.m. | Wednesday, August 20, 2025 (E) | - from Newark International Airport |

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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 20, 2025. Please make your own travel arrangements.**

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|-------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| _____ | 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday, August 24, 2025 (F) | - to Newark International Airport |
| _____ | 9:00 a.m.  | Sunday, August 24, 2025 (G) | - to Manhattan, New York          |
| _____ | 11:00 a.m. | Sunday, August 24, 2025 (H) | - to Newark International Airport |

### BUS BOARDING LOCATIONS!!!

**Newark NJ** - Newark International Airport - Terminal B, Lower-Level Baggage Claim, Meet across from Carousel 1 & 3

**New York City** – Manhattan departure Grand Hyatt Hotel – 109 E 42<sup>nd</sup> St at Grand Central Terminal

**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 or Uber 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](http://www.poconocabco.com) or call (570) 424-2800. 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:

- |                                                       |                                                         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> "Across the Lake" activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Memorial Service               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bingo                        | <input type="checkbox"/> NAC / Silent Auction Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Body Painting                | <input type="checkbox"/> Oil Wrestling                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge / Games               | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bus Coordinator              | <input type="checkbox"/> Piano Bar                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check In                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Regatta                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crafts Fair                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Set up / Clean up              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Decorations                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Square / Line Dancing          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dirty Disco                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drag Races                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Texas Hold 'Em Poker           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> F Cabins Maintenance         | <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.**