

# 2008 SNG Preliminary Program

## *thursday 10/16*

**9 am-9 pm**    **REGISTRATION open.** Check in, set up camp, find friends, relax.

**Thurs-Sunday Afternoon. Labyrinth.** There will be candles, music, and chairs for your own meditation at your own pace to walk the Labyrinth. Walk on down and enjoy! Site #101, behind Sandspur Motel. Marion Hagans.

**Thurs-Sunday Afternoon. Hayride Around Lake Como.** Watch for the red wagon pulled by the golf cart. All welcome if there is room on that ride at that time. Wave us down! Marion Hagans.

**9 am**    **Water Aerobics.** Pool.

**9:30**    **Tennis.** Mixed-up doubles. Tennis Courts.

**10 am**    **Gathering Orientation** for newcomers. First time at a TNS Gathering? This is an informal meeting where you can ask any questions you might have about what to expect over the weekend, and how to get the most from the Gathering. Meet in front of TNS booth in the Marketplace. Nicky Hoffman Lee.

**10 am**    **Beginners Guide to Choosing a Digital Camera.** Buying a digital camera can be an easy experience if you understand your needs and know what to look for. Ken Kushman. Golf Pavilion.

**10 am**    **Petanque.**

**11 am**    **Sailing.** Paco Gayon & Bob Amesbury. \$1 fee. Must be 13 or older. Sandy Beach.

**11 am**    **Nudity, Public Lands, and Public Policy.** Includes a detailed discussion of San Onofre Beach, Canaveral National Seashore, hiking on BLM and Forest Land and more. Administrative and regulatory situations are quite different from legislative issues. NAC deals with all portions of the spectrum. Bob Morton, NAC. Rec Hall.

**1 pm**    **Naturist Health: More Than Just the Nudity.** Richard Mason. Rec Hall.

**2 pm**    **Metaphysical Workshop.** Linda Meyers. Library.

**2 pm**    **Travel Writing For N & Beyond.** Get tips on writing your travel story for naturist magazines and on how to get published in *N* magazine. Nicky Hoffman Lee. North Grove Stage.

**3 pm**    **Monogamous Relationships.** What makes a successful relationship between two people? Share your secrets and learn other secrets to a healthy, happy relationship. Donna Kushman. Naked Duck Pond, Site #628.

**4 pm**    **Singles Meet, Greet & Conversation.** TNS Singles SIG. Site #101, behind Sandspur Motel. Marion Hagans.

**4 pm**    **Petanque.**

**4-7 pm**    **Happy Hour.** Butt Hutt.

**7 pm**    **Billiards.** Pool Hall.

**8 pm**    **Karaoke.** Butt Hut.

**9 pm**    **Campfire & Drum Circle.** Bring your own drums and music makers. Dee & Todd. North Beach.

## *friday 10/17*

**9 am**    **Chinese Wand.** Jackie Doenges. Sandy Beach.

**10 am**    **The History Of Organized Naturism.** From the early 1900's to the present. Richard Mason. Rec Hall.

**10 am**    **Digital Photography for Beginners.** Understanding camera features and using them. Basic digital photo techniques. Ken Kushman. Golf Pavilion.

**10 am**    **Petanque.**

**11 am**    **General Assembly.** Meet the fine folks from Lake Como, Gathering workshop leaders, group and club leaders, TNS staff and NAC board members. Step up and introduce yourself. North Grove Stage.

## Group Photo Immediately Following General Assembly. Meet at Stage.

- 11 am Sailing.** Paco Gayon & Bob Amesbury. \$1 fee. Must be 13 or older. Sandy Beach.
- 11 am Hydrotherapy Massage.** Participatory demonstration of the helpful effects of the hot tub for massage and yoga. Gale Klein, Frank Vizzone. Hot Tub.
- 11 am Drink Coffee, Eat Chocolate, & Save the World.** Sue Gould. Butt Hut.
- 1 pm When You Can't Say No To the Media.** Using the media to our advantage: dealing with interviews, "drive-bys" and saying no to Geraldo! Nicky Hoffman Lee & Bob Morton. North Grove Stage.
- 1 pm Recreational Tennis Clinic.** Stephanie Botell. West Grove Tennis Pavilion.
- 1 p.m. All About Astrology.** Understanding your astrology chart and what it can do for you. Free handouts. Jim Cummins. Butt Hut.
- 2 pm Beach User Group Panel Discussion.** All regional group leaders are invited to attend and participate. Network with other beach leaders and share thoughts and strategies on how to save our nude beaches! Moderated by Richard & Shirley Mason, Rich Pasco. Rec Hall.
- 2 pm Water Balloon Toss.** A fundraiser for NAC. North Grove Stage.
- 2 pm The Politics of Children & Naturism.** Meeting the challenges to children's participation in naturism: naturist youth camps, home nudity, photography of children, child protective services, adults-only sites and events. Morley Schloss. Rec Hall.
- 3 pm Naturists & "Snitch Laws."** Most states now have laws requiring photo processors and computer technicians to report "suspicious" images. But the laws in some states go even further. Learn how naturists navigate these unfriendly waters. Bob Morton, NAC. Rec Hall.
- 3 pm Setting Up a Nude Business.** There are many books and seminars on how to start a business. They all give us the basics we need: marketing, budgeting, demographics, etc. Some of us residing in and servicing the nudist communities can work naked within those communities. But what about offering legitimate nude services to the general public? Find out what additional information you need to make a business clothing-optional by the first to do it! Naked Dan, the Handyman. North Grove Stage.
- 3 pm Flute Workshop.** Learn to play and create. Armand & Angelina. Sandy Beach Pavilion.
- 3 pm Card Draw Tennis.** West Grove Tennis Courts.
- 3 pm Dealing With Grief.** This workshop is designed to bring people together who have experienced or are currently experiencing a significant loss in their lives. In this group, we will discuss ways to work through the difficult process of grieving. Donna Kushman. Naked Duck Pond, Site 628.
- 4 pm Singles Wine & Cheese Party.** Marion Hagans & TNS Singles SIG. Site 101 behind Sandspur Motel.
- 4 pm Ethics & The Mind.** George Sherman. Library.
- 4 pm Clothes-free Vs. Clothing-Optional.** Morley Schloss. North Grove Stage.
- 4 pm Petanque.**
- 4-7 pm Happy Hour.** Butt Hut.
- 5 pm Talk with Nicky Session.** Join TNS for an open discussion about concerns, kudos, and the future of the organization. Rec Hall.
- 7 pm Billiards.** Pool Hall.
- 7-9 pm Faerie Elaine Musical Entertainment.** Rec Hall.
- 8 pm Introduction To The Night Sky.** The basics of observing the night sky will be discussed, including recognizing the constellations and planets and their motions across the sky. The basic discussion should take 10-15 minutes. Afterwards, assistance will be provided to those wanting to practice identifying constellations. Bring flashlights. Bruce Panuska. Meet outside of Rec Hall.
- 9 pm DJ Dance.** Jim Cummings. Rec Hall.
- 9 pm Campfire & Drum Circle.** Bring your own drums and music makers. Dee & Todd. North Grassy Beach.

*saturday 10/18*

**9 am Chinese Wand.** Jackie Doenges. Sandy Beach.

- 9 am Raising Children As Naturists.** The benefits and issues of raising children as naturists. Morley Schloss. Rec Hall.
- 9-11 am Lake Como Nature Walk, Plant Identification & Forestry Management.** Identify native plants, invasive plants and learn what is being done to manage them. Mac Perry & Pam St. Mary. Meet at Tennis Courts.
- 10 am Tampa Area Naturists Inc. (TAN) Update.** The quest for a clothing-optional beach in the Tampa Bay area. John Palm, Ken Kushman. North Grove Stage.
- 10 am Lawmakers Are NOT Always the Enemy.** NAC has called your attention to a number of hostile lawmakers who have created crises to which we must respond. But on behalf of naturists, NAC also works proactively and cooperatively with lawmakers—and you can too! Learn how to choose your battles and choose your lawmaker friends. Making yourself valuable is sometimes the best way to protect your issues. Bob Morton, NAC. Rec Hall.
- 10 am Petanque.**
- 11 am Sailing.** Paco Gayon & Bob Amesbury. \$1 fee. Must be 13 or older. Sandy Beach.
- 11 am History of Lake Como.** Learn about Lake Como's origins, growth, and development. Lee St. Mary. Rec Hall.
- Noon Horseshoes.** Sandy Beach Area.
- 1 pm Tee Shirt Creations.** Dewey. Sandy Beach Pavilion.
- 1 pm The Relationship Game.** Morley Schloss. Rec Hall.
- 1 pm The Naturalist Beach From An Economic Perspective.** Richard Mason. North Grove Stage.
- 1-4 pm Happy Hour.** Butt Hut.
- 2 pm Creative Writing.** Time to free your write brain. Prompts, writing, sharing. Bring paper and pen. Pam St. Mary. Sandy Beach.
- 2 pm Attracting College Students.** Learn how a successful club does it, then get a student's perspective. Paul LeValley. Rec Hall.
- 2 pm An Introduction To NOVA.** TNS' Naturalist Outreach Volunteer Advocate program. Are you a naturalist star? Nicky Hoffman Lee. North Grove Stage.
- 3 pm Flute Workshop.** Learn to play and create. Armand & Angelina. Sandy Beach Pavilion.
- 3 pm Newsletters, Web sites, Getting Started—Oh My!** The ins and outs of group and club leadership. Anyone involved with naturalist group/club organizing or planning is strongly encouraged to attend. Gary Mussell of SCNA will share some of his newsletter pointers. Nicky Hoffman Lee facilitates. North Grove Stage.
- 3 pm After Death Visits.** This workshop is a venue for sharing experiences that you may have had trouble explaining. Could these experiences be connected to the loss of a friend or family? Donna Kushman. Naked Duck Pond, Site 628.
- 3 pm Darts.** Butt Hut.
- 3 pm Card Draw Tennis.** West Grove Tennis Courts.
- 3 pm Understanding Legislation That Affects Naturists.** Back by popular demand! This workshop explores the buzzwords, tricks, and standard fare involved in legislation that deals with naturalist issues. Through specific examples you'll learn the importance of amendments and riders, and you'll become aware of the surprising number of times that NAC has actually re-written legislative bills and the law. Bob Morton, NAC. Rec Hall.
- 4 pm Slide Show: Aphrodite & Artemis (Venus & Diana).** From ancient Greece to the present, artists have treated these two naked goddesses quite differently. Paul LeValley. Rec Hall.
- 4 pm Petanque.**
- 5 pm Informing Politicians of Naturalist Family Values.** We have a great story to tell, and the tools to do it. Learn how to use them. The new third edition is available. Paul LeValley. Rec Hall.
- 7 – 9 pm Music Concert With Armand & Angelina.** Rec Hall.
- 8 pm Entertainment.** Butt Hut.
- 8 pm Introduction To The Night Sky.** The basics of observing the night sky will be discussed, including recognizing the constellations and planets and their motions across the sky. The basic discussion should take 10-15 minutes. Afterwards, assistance will be provided to those wanting to practice identifying constellations. Bring flashlights. Bruce Panuska. Meet outside of Rec Hall.
- 9 pm DJ Dance.** Rec Hall.
- 9 pm Campfire & Drum Circle.** Bring your own drums and music makers. Dee & Todd. North Beach.

***sunday 10/19***

**9 am Chinese Wand.** Jackie Doenges. Sandy Beach.

**9 am Non-Denominational Inspirational Service.** Armand & Angelina. North Grassy Beach.

**10-11 Lake Como Wetlands Trail Walk, Plant Identification & Pond Management.** Identify native plants, invasive plants and learn what is being done to manage them. Pam St. Mary & Mac Perry. Meet at Gerald & Thekla Wetlands Trail.

**10 am Earth Charter.** Principles for building a just, sustainable and peaceful global society. Come find out the latest about how each of us can help change the world. Sue Gould. Rec Hall.

**10 am Petanque.**

**11 am 12 Step Programs.** Dealing with addictions and/or addicted people in your life. If you have addictions you need to deal with or if you have addicted people in your life you must deal with, this will be beneficial in helping you find the help you need. Ken Kushman. Sandy Beach Pavilion.

**11 am Sailing.** Paco Gayon and Bob Amesbury. \$1 fee. Must be 13 or older. Sandy Beach.

**11 am Hot Tub Massage.** Relaxation and massage for neck, arm, head and shoulders with music and instruction. Barbara Peterson. Hot Tub.

**Noon Gathering Closing Friendship Circle.** Guests are welcome! Stage. You are welcome to stay on for the day to enjoy Lake Como's facilities until 6 pm. Have a safe trip!

**2 pm Poolside Music with Armand and Angelina.**