

# Field of Billy Magic

If We Believe It, We Will Gather

July 1-7, 2019, Saratoga Springs Retreat Center, CA



## **DO YOU BELIEVE IN BILLY MAGIC?**

Put aside your expectations. These are not normal times, and we ask you to think about this gathering in a unique and different way.

This isn't just hyperbole. In fact we need to explain that we are in a situation that cuts to the core of who we are and how we operate. Billys are volunteers, and gatherings are created and run entirely on volunteer time and energy. We do not have any co-coordinators for this gathering. For this gathering, the Gathering Council will ensure that the infrastructure necessary to hold the gathering is in place and will support three planning meetings for brainstorming and organizing. What will happen at the gathering will depend on YOU.



## **THIS WILL NOT BE A NORMAL GATHERING**

Join us as we celebrate together, frolic in the pool and the hot tub, dance and dine together! We'll have all the familiar highlights with rituals, workshops, heart circles and activities to remind us of who we are as Billys and why we gather. There have been all kinds of themes in our 30+ years of gathering. Some were elaborate, some were simple, but all were whole-hearted, lively and transformative.

One thing remains as true today as ever: it is your contribution – that's right, YOUR contribution – that makes each gathering a celebration of community, intimacy, and personal exploration and growth!

## **A SOCIAL EXPERIMENT: WE ALL STEP UP**

Past gatherings have been structured in so many different ways, ranging from highly structured and programmed Mid-Winter gatherings to laid back, mostly unstructured Labor Day gatherings. **What structure will arise this July?** What can you offer your Billy brothers? Do you have an idea for a theme? Can you step forward to fill a role in the gathering? ALL are called to co-create the gathering, from experienced Co- Coordinators to newbies. If you'd like to participate in this grand experiment by taking on **any part of the process**, or by offering your home for a meeting, please write to us at [gatheringcouncil@thebillys.org](mailto:gatheringcouncil@thebillys.org).

What will you offer? What can you bring? What will arise that may surprise? Can we embrace the mystery? How can we gather in a way that transforms a lack of formal coordination into an opportunity? That sounds like MAGIC! Oh, right... **BILLY MAGIC!**

REGISTER ONLINE AT <https://billyfoundation.regfox.com/4th-of-july-2019>



# Field of Billy Magic – Billy 4<sup>th</sup> of July Gathering

July 1 - 7, 2019, Saratoga Springs, Upper Lake, CA

**Scholarship Deadline:** Monday, June 10

**Final Registration Deadline:** Sunday, June 23

Name:	Faerie name/AKA:
Address:	
Phone:	Email:

The information above will be included in the printed directory distributed at the gathering. Check the box next to any information you DO NOT wish to be included in the directory. Want to have your picture included as well? Please email a picture to [office@thebillys.org](mailto:office@thebillys.org)

How do you identify your race and/or ethnicity?		
Emergency contact:	Auto License#	Housing request:
I NEED a ride from:		Food allergy/restrictions:
I can OFFER a ride from:		
<input type="checkbox"/> I can help transport items TO the gathering	<input type="checkbox"/> I can help transport items FROM the gathering	

OVERNIGHT (\$110 - 140 sliding scale)	OR	DAY USE ONLY (\$65)	Registration Fee (Multiply the number of days or nights by what you can pay on our scale)
	Mon 7/1		
	Tues 7/2		General Fund Donation
	Weds 7/3		Richard Locke Scholarship Donation
	Thurs 7/4		Billy Emergency Support Fund Donation
	Fri 7/5		Diversity Fund Donation
	Sat 7/6		Listening System Donation
We are departing Sunday 7/7/2019 by 2pm			
Mark the days OR nights you plan to attend. What time are you planning to arrive?			SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST amount <i>Please read the back page!</i>
			<b>TOTAL</b>

Pre-registration is required! Full payment is due by 6/27/19. No free drop-ins. Gathering starts at 3pm, Monday, July 1, 2019

*To provide a truly inclusive and healing environment, the Billy Foundation asks all participants to commit to supporting the safety of each other including supporting diversity, being substance free, following the policy on photos, and to bringing fragrance-free personal care products. Please read the statements on the back page to better understand what these important commitments mean. Failure to follow these agreements will result in consequences up to and including being removed from the Billy event and possible exclusion from future Billy events. By signing below, I agree to abide by these policies and release the Billy Foundation from all liabilities caused by my, others or the Billy Foundation's actions and/or inactions during the gathering.*

Signature

Date

Please sign your check and mail it with this completed form to: The Billy Foundation, PO Box 12205, Santa Rosa, CA 95406-2205  
 Phone: 707-545-1044      Email: [office@thebillys.org](mailto:office@thebillys.org)      Register and donate online: [www.thebillys.org](http://www.thebillys.org)

**Liability Release:** I am a responsible adult and will try not to harm myself, anyone else, or any property during the gathering. I understand there are no guarantees given or expressed to assure my safety, or the safety of my property at the gathering by the Billy Foundation, and I have read the policies on this page. Parking is at my own risk. Falling trees and other acts of nature are unlikely but possible. Be aware that neither the Billy Foundation nor the facility we rent will take responsibility for damage to your vehicle. By signing below, I therefore release the Billy Foundation from all liabilities caused by my, others or the Billy Foundation's actions and/or inactions during the gathering.

**Safety Policy:** Our shared values include speaking respectfully, avoiding language that others may experience as hurtful, racially charged, insensitive, or offensive. As Billys and Billy Kin, we strive to be kind and respectful towards each other. This includes people of different races, ethnicities, ages and health statuses, trans men, and those of varying life experiences. We listen, learn, and are open to adjusting our behavior when our words or actions cause someone else discomfort or harm. The Billys encourage safe and consensual sexual activity.

- I will be kind and respectful of the range of folks attending, including all races, ethnicities, genders, identities and expressions, pronouns, ages, abilities, and sexual orientations.
- I support physical intimacy that is mutually agreed upon and safe, be it sexual or otherwise. Participation in any activity must be by consent only. There should never be a situation in which I or others feel pressured to engage or continue beyond comfort levels
- It is my responsibility to communicate my boundaries clearly. When initiating or receiving contact, I will also respect the personal boundaries of others.
- If I feel pressured in any activity, I am encouraged to talk to an Emotional Support Volunteer, a Gathering Co-Coordinator or a Billy I trust

**Photo and Video Policy:** The full Billy Foundation Photography policy is available on the Billy website at <http://www.thebillys.org/documents/policies/PhotographyPolicy.pdf>

Please do not take or share photos or videos without the express permission of everyone in the image.

**Fragrance Free:** Fragrances in personal care products can cause allergic reactions, asthma attacks, headaches, nausea, fatigue, and other adverse health impacts in some people. In support of community, we ask that you bring fragrance-free products (shampoo, body wash, lotion, deodorant, hair products, etc.), and not wear aftershave, cologne, body spray, or other scented products.

**Housing:** All indoor housing is shared, with priority for those with special health needs. Please indicate in your housing request if you are requesting indoor housing, wish to share a room with someone special, use a CPAP, or have other concerns. Feel free to attach additional pages if the little tiny box does not meet your needs.

**Scholarship Policy:** Scholarships awarded from the Richard Locke Scholarship Fund are solely based on need as expressed by the applicant, and are not granted after the scholarship deadline. We strongly encourage you to pay a minimum of \$15 per day. Your scholarship request will be honored if we have the funds. In the event scholarship requests for a gathering are greater than available funds, a reduced scholarship may be offered. The full policy is available at <http://thebillys.org/documents/policies/Scholarship%20policy%205-16.pdf>

**Late Registration Policy:** Any registration received after the regular registration deadline is considered late registration. Late registration is available at an increased minimum rate (\$110/night or \$65/day).

**Refund Policy:** Refunds must be requested within two weeks of the close of the gathering. Registration fees, minus a \$10 handling fee and any incurred costs, will be refunded. After two weeks, the registration fees will be considered a donation. Exceptions to this policy will be considered on a case by case basis by the Board President and the Resource Coordinator.

**Billy Food and Drug Policy:** Those needing supplemental food for their special dietary needs should bring it with them. We will make every effort to provide space for storage and preparation. Billy Gatherings are alcohol/recreational drug free. Please continue to take your prescription medication if you need it to remain stable throughout the gathering.

**Your Tax-Deductible Donations:** *The Richard Locke Scholarship Fund* is used to help reduce financial barriers that make it difficult for some to attend our gatherings. *The Billy Emergency Support Fund* supports all Billys and HIV+ non-Billys in northern CA counties, and pays for emergency needs like rent, utilities, etc. *The General Fund* supports all the activities of the Billy Foundation.

*The mission of the Billys is to foster community, intimacy and personal exploration among gay, bi and queer men through shared values and heart-centered brotherhood.*