

## **Tejas Web Witch Camps, 1994-2009**

Tejas Web began offering Reclaiming-style intensives called witch camps in 1994. These witch camps were week-long and sequestered, with tenting options and inside accommodations available. Working for the entire week in sacred space, the camps focused on a theme based on story or myth. Evening rituals created magic around the camp theme, and small-group sessions called paths, often on topics related to the camp theme, met in the daytime.

Witch camps created an intense environment in which deep magic and spiritual exploration could take place. Between 1994 and 2009, Tejas Web offered many witch camps for adults, and some for families. Tejas Web itself originated from the earliest of these camps, and camp experiences shaped the growth of the Tejas Web community for many years. The network of Reclaiming witch camp communities, in North America and elsewhere, was and continues to be a strong influence on Reclaiming magical practice.

During the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it became increasingly difficult for Tejas Web to sustain a week-long event. For whatever reasons, fewer people seemed able to commit to attend a camp. Although camp planners tried various alternative approaches to reduce costs while maintaining the focused and intensive nature of witch camp, the last few camps either failed to cover, or barely covered, expenses.

After witch camp 2009, Tejas Web decided to offer on shorter weekend events, which could be available at lower registration fees as well as providing opportunities for community magic.

### **1994**

March - 1st Tejas/Southwest Intensive (Witch Camp): Demeter and Persephone

### **1995**

March - 2nd Witch Camp: Dismemberment of the Goddess

### **1996**

March - 3rd Witch Camp: Twelve Wild Swans

### **1997**

April - 4th Witch Camp: Tam Lin

### **1998**

April - 5th Witch Camp: Baba Yaga

### **1999**

April - 6th Witch Camp: Bridging Past, Present and Future

### **2000**

March - 7th Witch Camp: Inanna

September - Family camp weekend

### **2001**

March - Village Witch Camp (families): The Castle and the Village

October - Samhain Witch Camp: The Witch's Journey

**2002**

October - Samhain Witch Camp: Isis and Osiris

**2003**

October – Samhain Witch Camp: Rhiannon

**2004**

October – Samhain Witch Camp: The Mysteries of Lilith

**2005**

October – Samhain Witch Camp: Dancing with Dionysus

**2007**

March - Witch Camp: The Dwarves and the Dreamer

**2009**

October – Witch Camp: Cerridwen's Cauldron