*There were 3 separate outlines. Each facilitator had typed her own with her own responsibilities. I’ve retyped it consolidating all the information so it’s complete.*

**1997 Summer Solstice-Full Moon Ceremony (An overnight ritual)**

*Participants have been told to bring: drum, place setting, bedding, sleeping pad. Mosquito repellant, towel and a rock/stone for the circle*

*Altar: Roses and seashells*

**Friday night** (low key, passionate and wild, social time)

**7:00: Arrival**-explore the property and settling in (assist with parking, place the brought symbols on the altar.)

**7:45: Welcoming Circle** (loft area, wreath in center, votive candles around the room, reintroduce the group)

* Share information on Summer Solstice,
* Bring in the connection with Aphrodite and astrological information:

“Tonight we will acknowledge Aphrodite, the Goddess of Love, in our lives. She represents fullness, passion, consummation, light, love and warmth.”

* Lighting the (fire? Candle?)

“With this flame we ignite the spirit of Aphrodite

Goddess of passion and love

Great is the magic of Aphrodite

Who brings us joy and ecstasy

Great is the mystery of Aphrodite

Who brings us union, separation, and reunion

Great is the love of Aphrodite

Who brings us inspiration to all the world…

Hail Aphrodite

All: Hail Aphrodite!”

* Bring in the fairies and sprites, magic and mystery to bless this place.

“Through this house give glimmering light

By the dead and drowsy fire:

Every elf and fairy sprite,

Hop as light as bird from brier;

And this ditty after me

Sing and dance in trippingly.

First rehears this song by rote:

To each word a warbling note,

Hand in hand, with fairy grace,

Will we sing and bless this place.”

* Pull cards with solstice related words,
* Sing…
* Pass the common cup of wine while sharing, “What do we love about being a woman?”
* Conclude by explaining the rest of the evening’s activities/options: eating sensuous foods, massage, visiting, howling at the moon, wine, & sleeping arrangements. Also cover the morning’s activities (meditation @ 4:30, drumming at 5:30 am which will be the start of the ritual. Hand out reminder slips.)

**Eat:** Provided by facilitators after clean up…re-gather and form groups of 3.

**Massage:** In groups of 3

**As the sun sets gather and read:**

“Midsummer Night”

The sun goes down

The stars peep out,

And long slim shadows Flit about

In velvet shoes

The quiet dark

Comes stepping soft

O’er wood and park.

They fly on the backs of the gray-winged moths,

They skim on the dragon-flies green and gold

On shimmering dew-wet grass alight,

Tiny petal-skirts whirl, gauzy wings unfold.

The fairies are dancing beneath the moon

Hush! See the shimmer of their twinkling shoon!

**Set up to watch the full moon rise (10:00?)**

Drum & howl at the moon!!!

**Closing song**

**Sleep**

**Saturday Morning (Clarity and purification)**

**4:30 am: Meditation on the Meadow:** Dress in white, bring blanket and a stone for the circle, use flashlights to guide the way, (Deanna, set up some lights along the path.)

**5:30 am:** **Ceremony** Gathering with drumming, then

***“We greet the sun and glory in the light. The light reaches the limit of its power over darkness. From this day on, light will wane and darkness will grow.”***

* Smudging
* Call in the 4 Directions
* Read “What is this day?”
* Focus on our intention-Deanna
* Blessing of the land and altar in the meadow, circle of stones
* Reading on male energy-Marty – (face blockages, release-exorcise…make resolutions/vows which require strength
* Water Baptism-down at the creek, facing the fear –Singing on the way, “We all come from the Goddess…”- One at a time sharing our intention before dipping in the water-the rest of the group responds with the chant…

**“Cares are washed away in the moving waters, given to the goddess’ waves and shifting sands.”**

* Bringing in the Intention (Boats to float-Red roses)

“Yemaya, ocean mother

We give you our wishes,

Our dreams and our hearts.

Protect us and comfort us.

Wash away our cares.

See our desires fulfilled,

Our lives accomplished,

With your love.

(Dip or wade into the water with your flower boat. )

* Closing song
* Coffee…food (Participants will bring breakfast foods to eat)

**Things for facilitators to bring:**

Massage lotion, flashlights, blankets for after dip, fire ring, red candles,food for evening, & a succulent treat for after the massage, massage music?, coffee pot, hot plate, decorations (sunflowers, fairies, dwarves…), sheets, tarps, sit things, extra towels, clippers, rake, wheelbarrow, altar decorations, wear royal colors, check moon and sunrise times and locations, prep campsites, clear meadow spot and trails, set out water, make flyer and street signs, drums, words to call in the directions, roses, solstice cards, wine, cup to pass, sensuous foods for dinner, wreath circle with candle in the middle (to light Friday),