

WIND SPIRIT COMMUNITY

VISITORS GUIDELINES & INFORMATION

Welcome

Windspirit Community is a co-creative environment. We try to work as an organism instead of an organization. We would like your stay here to be a worthwhile, rewarding and enjoyable experience. The following pages outline guidelines that are meant to make your stay at Windspirit go smoothly and they reflect our 10+ years of combined experience of living here at Windspirit. We believe following guidelines, acting with integrity and being genuine with others and yourself will empower you greatly and enhance your experience during your stay with us.

At Windspirit we encourage everyone to keep a positive, optimistic attitude with respect of oneself and respect for others. A positive attitude goes a long way to a happy healthy life and sends good energy into the cosmos. Negativity influences the group dynamic, Because of this, we encourage everyone staying with us to be self-reflective about their own part in any situation and in turn offer loving reflection for others so that they can grow instead of going into a fight or flight or self protective state of mind. In order to maintain a healthy and positive environment here at Windspirit we follow that practice of heart-sharing circles. Heart-share circles are specially scheduled gatherings designed to give us the opportunity to speak from the heart, ideally without shaming or blaming others while expressing your concerns about someone or something.

American culture does not promote and support the concept of living and sharing with others. . Each of us has lived in our own houses and with our own possessions. In addition, we are often taught to come into situations thinking first and foremost of how we can personally benefit from life and our encounters with other people . This "self-oriented" attitude does not work well while living in community.

Living together requires higher levels of tolerance for diversity of thoughts and beliefs. It is important to realize that we can only give our gift to the community when we have our own needs in check. There is a wealth of information about fostering community spirit available on the Internet. In addition, we have books and magazines on community living in our library, and there are community members here who have lived in community for many years and they are willing to share their experiences with you.

This booklet is intended to inform you about how we have chosen to live our daily life here in this desert oasis. During your stay here, you will be responsible to uphold these guidelines. We have found that taking personal responsibility is a big key to the success of our community. Being responsible in thought and action changes the dynamics of one's life and how you affect the planet. BEING RESPONSIBLE is about, "Being Able to Respond". Lack of responsibility creates disharmony in any group, so we make it one of our top priorities, to continually encourage people to be RESPONSIBLE. Therefore we ask that you take responsibility and **Please Read This Entire Booklet.**

We are aware that some of what is written here will seem obvious to most of you, yet because of our experience with the many visitors that pass through our gates we have found it useful to be clear with ourselves and you and provide as much information as possible.

We will be happy to clarify any questions you might have about the content of this booklet and our guidelines and we appreciate any feedback you have. However, if you find you object to any of these guidelines after reading them please speak to us first rather than take it upon yourself not follow them.

Thank you for coming to our sanctuary and intentional community and for assisting us in our journey to becoming a point of light. We hope that you too benefit from your stay with us.

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Part I – Supplies you are responsible for bringing with you or purchasing in town during your stay.

1. **Sleeping gear** - sleeping bags or blankets for colder seasons and light blankets and sheets for the summer season. Pillows and bed pads are optional – yet nice to have.
2. **Clothing** - You need to have multiple changes of clothes and appropriate clothes for each season – this means jackets and other warmies for winter nights and lighter clothes for hotter days. You must also have shoes and socks or quality sandals. Also remember to bring your own biodegradable laundry detergent, a sun hat, baseball cap, or visor, & sunscreen.
3. **Bathroom supplies** – biodegradable soap and shampoo, toothbrush and toothpaste, and deodorant.
4. **Flashlight** with extra batteries and replacement bulbs. In some cases having a plug in light is great to have if you have electric access.
5. **Clock** or alarm clock can be needed if you have a hard time waking up or being on time.
6. **Towel** – You should bring two towels with you – One for showering and the other for the sauna.
7. **Money** – You need some for what ever comes up!
8. **Food** – Be prepared to provide some of your own food. Some staples like oil and other specialty items will need to be provided. Bring a water bottle or two to take with you hiking, for your own space, or for walking the land.

Optional stuff - A car will give you more freedom and less dependence on others for rides. Camping gear to take some camping trips or if you plan to camp at WSC, phone cards, your own tools or work gloves if you have them and want to bring them, you can mail or bring your own computer if you want to have better computer access, seeds for winter/spring garden if you want a specific type of food and create your own garden bed (we do have some as well), any medicines or vitamins that you usually take, art supplies or musical instruments, books or music, a diary, small radio or stereo for your own personal space, stamps and envelopes.

Part II - Community Gatherings

Informational Boards – The Information boards are located outside the computer room. All projects, meetings, events and other postings will be displayed here. Please view this as your primary method to keep up with current events at WSC. This is the organizational center of the community and should be checked up on a daily basis. Sometimes it is nearly impossible to find every community member and visitor to make an announcement, which is why we use the boards. Please write the time and location to meet for community gatherings, projects, or meals.

Weekly Meetings - We have community meetings usually once a week (Usually on Tuesday). Sometimes they are less frequent especially during June-October. You are expected to attend if you are on the land. Please be on time for the meetings. The meeting times and date will be posted on the information boards outside the computer room. If you wish to bring up a topic for discussion at the meeting, please contact a community member before the meeting and they will discuss it with you to see if it needs to be brought up at the group meeting or handled outside of this setting. If you simply have a short announcement then you may bring it up during the meeting at the appropriate time.

WS Systems in Place - There is almost always a reason why we do things the way we do them. We have 10+ years experience of living at WSC. There are many systems in place here that might not seem optimum. We are always open to suggestions and love being shown a better way to do something. Many of our systems are based on the amount of people living here full time and the expertise of the people managing the projects. An example of this is our kitchen composting system. We have chosen a low maintenance slower system, we know there are faster and more efficient ways to deal with compost but because of the limited people and resources here we have not elected to use a higher maintenance system. We cannot constantly convert our systems as people come and go and when the person taking charge of them is going to be here for a relatively short time. This leaves us in a state of long term confusion and with many unfinished projects that can linger for months.

Workshops & Retreats - We have several workshops and retreats here, many of which you are welcome to participate in. Please ask a community member to make sure if it is okay to do so. While a workshop, class, or retreat is in progress we ask that you respect the group by being sensitive to the fact that noise, smoke, nudity, may be a distraction to these group guests. If you are not sure, please check with a community member about specific protocol requirements for each group.

Gatherings and Holiday Celebrations – We often times have gatherings for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, solstices and equinoxes, other holidays, and sometimes peoples birthdays. Usually they are open to outside guests. This is usually an acceptable time to invite friends to come up and enjoy the land. Occasionally there will be a fundraising element to the gathering and a fee will be asked to support the community. Please be responsible about who you invite and also let them know that when the gathering is over that they will need to go through the regular approval process if they wish to stay longer, this includes making sure that there is room for new visitor(s) and assuring that they are prepared and qualified for a stay living on the land.

Sauna - We use the sauna at least once a week for 3 seasons. Please familiarize yourself with the sauna instructions and help keep it clean. The sauna consumes wood so helping with wood runs is appreciated. Please check in with other members before lighting up the fire in the sauna so to make sure that is a good time to do so. The sauna is rather large so it takes a lot of wood to get going and so we ask that the sauna be used more by groups than individuals. Finally, do not put too much wood in the stove at once as it can warp the stove. Please empty the ashes from the stove the day after its use.

Work projects – Work projects are usually 2-5 hours a day and we have two/three per week. In the summer time this number can decrease. The average is usually 3 per week at 3 hours per day depending on how many people are on the land and what needs to be done that week. There are also times that a workday will be split into two or three different group projects that will happen at the same time.

If you are on the land and do not plan to participate in a community work project day then you are expected to tell a community member or who ever is managing that project for that day. This will keep people from wondering where you are or attempting to find you. This brief communication of your intention greatly assists the work group to gain momentum and not stall their efforts by waiting for someone to show up and/or use their energy to look for someone around the land who does not plan to show up. We ask for the same courtesy if for some reason you need to leave a work project in the middle of it.

If you wish to learn skills in building, plumbing, electrical, drip line irrigation, gardening, orchard maintenance etc. let us know and we will let you know about the possible

projects you can join. Please fill out the questionnaire when you first arrive so we know what skills you have or desire to learn.

Besides the community work projects, we also ask that people find some areas of specialized work or projects that they can do on their own time when the group is not gathering for work projects. These self identified projects self-motivated which is an important quality to enhancing your time in community. We ask that each self-defined project get permission first from the community council before it begins. It is very important that any project started must be able to be completed before one leaves. Please do not start a project if this is not the case. Do not assume someone will come to the land in the future and want to complete your project or vision or even maintain it. Often times these half-done projects lay there undone for months and then end up being a workday for us to clean or redo in the future.

Part III - Community Relationships

Good Communication Skills - We are striving to remain loving and kind to each other even as we sometimes have to share issues and hard reflections with one another. Communication is a critical part of community life or any relationship, so please try to be clear and open with people when discussing important issues.

Active listening is another aspect of communication, to really listen to what someone is saying to you empowers both of you. If you feel that you are having trouble communicating affectively with another community member or visitor then mediation can be asked for to assist the process towards resolution. The key to good communication is to realize that people communicate better when feeling safe and not feeling highly stressed or under attack. If you see that another person is highly stressed then please consider saving what you have to say till a more receptive moment becomes available. Remember the idea itself is only half the equation; the other half is the timing of when it is shared.

The goal of processing is to assist each other in growth and awareness, not to attack and belittle each other with blame and hostility. We are all asked to watch out for using words such as always and never to describe someone or their actions and behaviors. These words are often met with defense and rarely tell the whole story of what is going on.

Noise Restrictions - Quiet times are 9pm to 9am. Please be respectful of others! Sound easily travels throughout the land and if it is loud enough it can be heard throughout the whole valley. We ask that people be conscious of not making loud kitchen noise and this also goes for the area by the front gate from January through April we have valued neighbors across the street who are affected by our sound. (Plus we often times have people staying in the domes near the kitchen who can also be affected by loud sounds.) The one exception is usually during gatherings and celebrations when we stay up a bit later playing music by the fire and doing saunas. During gatherings please remind guests of the noise issues we face.

Pets – You are responsible to ensure that your pet is a good community member while visiting. Dogs that continually bark are not welcome. Dogs that bite people will be expelled from the land. Dogs that are aggressive toward other dogs must be restrained. Be responsible for your pet; clean up after it if necessary. No pets are allowed in any community structures and permission must be granted to have pets live within community provided home structures. Visiting dogs must be on a leash if they have a tendency to cause trouble by running off the property (they can get shot by our rancher neighbors), or if they tend to run through gardens or destroy property.

Neighbors - Creating positive and friendly relationships with our neighbors in the valley is very important to us, as we are part of a bigger community. We strive to have a good relationship with our neighbors and most are kind and helpful. If you come in contact with our neighbors please be respectful. Some relationships with our neighbors are still in a process of establishing trust as we have come from different backgrounds in life, which has taught us to not to trust each other. We are friends with our local sheriff who lives on our road; he is known to frequently visit Windspirit on random occasions. If you experience a problem with a neighbor, then immediately go to a community member and we will discuss what the best options are for everyone involved.

Internet use – Please be courteous with computer use. There are many people here and if you have been online for a while, then offer to get off if someone comes in to use the computers. We ask that people do not attempt to fix computers without permission. Switching settings can make the whole system crash for everyone and can either be expensive or time consuming to fix. If you come to use the computer and the internet is not working then either get someone to assist you or come back later. You may find that the system was just down temporarily. **Please do not download music, videos, or programs** from our computers without getting permission from the resident computer administrator.

Watching Movies -We have no broadcast television here and do not desire it. We do have many movies on VHS, 8mm tape and DVD. Movies watching in the yurt in the evenings only! Special events take precedence over movie watching. There are hundreds of body, mind, spirit, and earth video's to enjoy besides the regular movies. Please respect our media collection by carefully handling DVD's and putting them back in their cases in the media storage area

Safety- We want your stay here to be safe. There are always projects going on so please keep your awareness present and be careful. If you do not know how to use a tool then please ask before you use it. Be willing to slow down and ask for assistance rather than risking injury to yourself or another. Be aware of others around you while working with sharp or heavy tools. Read further about the other animals, insects, and reptiles in the area that could cause pain or injury if bitten or attacked. Also be aware of cactus thorns and others thorns on trees and bushes. Ask community members if you have any concerns.

Inviting Friends - Visitors need to get permission from the community to invite other visitors or their own personal guests to the land. Usually it will be fine. We ask for the courtesy of communication so we can make sure that there no potential conflicts with your plans. All guest and visitors are asked to contribute at least \$5 a day for their stay on the land, unless other arrangements are made. If a visitor wishes to stay for longer than a week then they too must go through an approval process and are expected to join into community activities. This means showing them around and making sure they read these same guidelines and have a general understanding of what is expected of guests here at WSC.

Mail - Our mail usually comes around 9am-10am each morning. Please let community members get the mail out of the mailbox on the road, unless you have been Okayed to do so. Mail put in the wrong boxes has caused insurance to be cancelled, missed bill payments etc. There is a visitor mailbox slot that is used by multiple individuals. You may not use WSC address for your permanent mailing address passport, for registering your car or for its insurance, driver's licenses, and for government assistance and food stamps. Long-term visitors may petition to the community council to use our address for any of the above purposes, although it must be approved by vote by the whole community council. If you are leaving the land and expect more mail to arrive after your departure then please leave us a self-addressed and stamped envelope so that we may forward your mail.

Part IV – Land Guidelines

Vegetarian environment - Windspirit is a vegetarian environment. We encourage the use of organic whole foods and would like to inspire those willing to learn of alternative nutrition and not only its relationship to the body but to the environment at large.

Clothing optional area's – We are clothing optional, while this is not the common practice here we do like people to feel the freedom for this if they wish. However we ask you exercise good judgment. Please no naked people in the kitchen or computer room. Please do not walk naked anywhere you can be seen from the road. We do have day visitors sometimes who just want a tour of the land so please be considerate and cover up momentarily if needed. Finally we ask that people not be naked walking along the main lower path, which goes from the kitchen to the parking lot. If we happen to have drop-in visitors this is where they will most likely be. The rest of the land and garden is more than enough space to be naked and sunbath.

Open Fires- There are at times fire bans in Arizona due to a lack of rain and dry conditions and the potential of wild fires (especially April through July). During these times we ask that no one have any personal fires. We have frequent controlled fires around our fire pit where music and good conversation can be had. If brush needs to be burned then we ask that an individual is always attending to the fire and has a hose within proximity in case of emergencies. Only small brush or wood is to be burnt in the fire pit. Please save any larger wood for the kitchen or sauna. Never start a fire anywhere near a pine tree or dead brush and/or grasses. Do not burn any useable lumber!

Fire Safety - Beware of glass bottles, cups, vases, that are left out in the sun. Please be very careful with open flames within tents and around dry brush. In times of drought it is not at all acceptable to put out cigarettes or any burning materials on the land. In case of a real fire that seems out of control then immediately seek out a fire extinguisher (specify the locations of these?), and see if you can yell for help or find an air horn to set off a siren. If the fire is electrical or propane based then throw dirt on the fire. If you hear the air siren then do what you can to find buckets and shovels to bring towards the fire. It is also important to locate hoses and spigots and to find the closest water source. In the event of a fire emergency a community member needs to be notified at once. We can assist the whole community in an emergency because we all know where the fire extinguishers are within buildings, where most of the water spigots and hoses can be found around the land, and finally where to locate shovels, buckets, and the air horn sirens. During a fire emergency, all irrigation needs to be turned off so we have hose pressure to put out a fire.

Tools - Please help take care of our tools. If you are working on a project please return the tool to the tool shed after you have finished! It is very draining to spend time searching the land for a tool that is not where it is supposed to be. If you are working on an ongoing project please cover the tools at the end of the day or bring them back to the tool shed. Please be aware that fiberglass will break down if left in the sun and wood will dry out. Tool maintenance is appreciated and greatly needed on an ongoing basis. This usually involves oiling the handles, tightening loose screws, sharpening etc. This will greatly assist in the long term care and upkeep and functionality of our community tools.

Heaters & Propane – We do have a few propane heaters available to be used in buses and dwellings. These are not to be used in tents. An approved person must fill all Propane tanks. Cost for propane is listed near propane tank outside kitchen. The cost of

propane is not included in ones monthly dues. Occasionally electric heaters can be used but you will be charged a fee for their use as it is expensive to heat with electricity.

Flashlights & Lights on Paths - We have lights on some of the paths, however we highly recommend carrying a flashlight at night. Under the trees at night (especially during the new moon part of the cycle) it can become very dark and create a sense of being blind. Remember we have many cacti, occasional rattlesnake, and other animals that are nighttime dwellers of the desert, being able to see them is important to ensuring their health and yours.

Cleaning up - Please help keep all Wind Spirit clean and free of debris. All campsites, rented dwellings must be kept clean and tidy. This includes all space surrounding your living space. This practice helps ensure a peaceful environment. Please pitch in to help keep the sauna, yurt, composting toilet, and all outside areas clean. A little work here and there by everyone avoids big jobs later on. Finally, if you make a mess then please clean up after yourself. We all have so much to do, and no one appreciates or wants to spend their time cleaning up other people's messes

Toilets - There are instructions on how to use the composting toilets, please familiarize yourself with these. Remember no peeing in the composting toilets in the parking lot area. Do not burn toilet paper, instead put it into the barrel below and then finish with a cup of sawdust, then close and seal the lid.

Showers – everyone uses the showers and everyone is asked to clean up after each use. There are paper towels and/or rags to wipe down the tub and shower. Familiarize yourself with the shower house guidelines posted in the shower house. Please use ecological products only. This means use only organic and bio-compatible products.

Personal Cleanliness - Please keep your clothes washed and yourself showered. Excessive body odor and soiled dirty clothing are not acceptable. Since we all live closely around each other and have access to hot or cold showers and washing machines there is no reason to not be pleasing in both appearance and smell to others.

Digging Holes Underground at WSC - We have a lot of unseen infrastructure at WS in the form of miles of drip lines, thousands of feet of plumbing and underground wiring. Therefore **DO NOT DIG ON ANY PATHS** and ask a community member for the okay before digging anywhere, even in the garden! Our main electric line runs along the front fence line 2 feet underground. Many hours/days of damage can be done by hitting a line or pipe with a shovel or pick ax and it is dangerous.

Watering - If you are helping with watering trees and gardens please get some instruction from a community member. We have to be careful of wearing out our well pump. Turning on a hose randomly and letting it run makes the pump cycle more that it should. Our watering system is quite complex and some parts are older and have their own unique way of operating that should be explained before one begins to work with it on a regular basis. Please report any leaks you may find.

Trees – Use only 100% organic products and sprays on the land. Never prune a tree or plant that you do not know what it is. Every plant or tree has a different way and timetable for when it wants to be pruned. Please do not over pick the fruit if there is no one to eat it or process it. Please do not hog fruit or take lots of fruit into town to either sell or give away without permission of community members. If you see a tree that looks like its leaves are wilting then either put a hose on it or let a community member know. The building of tree wells is always appreciated and assists the trees greatly!

Part V – Kitchen

Refrigerators – Please open and close the doors quickly. Utility bills are on the high side and anything you can do to help us keep them lower is appreciated. The middle section of the commercial fridge is for all community food. Usually the lowest shelves and the freezer are community food as well. Your personal food items should be marked with your name or label so that others are clear what is private versus community food.

Do not under any circumstance eat another’s personal food without permission. This greatly harms a sense of safety and is usually taken as a feeling of violation. Please compost old or rotten food. Please do not wait for another to do it as we wish to eliminate mold before it affects other food.

Community Food - We get food donated to us every week, this is community food. This food should be used to make large community meals. It is okay to take out a couple of items for yourself but please no hoarding food. If you are not sure what is community food then please ask someone. We also need assistance with picking up the community food on some Sunday mornings putting away the food around noon-1pm when it arrives. This includes cleaning out the previous week’s supply that may not be good to eat anymore.

Recycling – There is a lot of plastic to deal with from TJ’s. Please wash out the plastic trays and stack them for recycling. If it is very broken up and filthy it can be thrown in the trash. We always appreciate people who are driving to Tucson or Phoenix offering to take some recycling into town. We can give you the names and locations of places to drop off the recycling in either city.

Trash- Trash gets put out Tuesday night for early morning pickup Wednesday morning. All trash must be in plastic bags within the actual trash can. The main trash is found out in front of the kitchen. Trash bags are found in the small fridge to the right of the kitchen sink.

Music in kitchen - Please be respectful of your music, others might not appreciate your selections so keep the volume low or put something else on. We do not want offensive music played at WS. Music must be kept at a low volume until 10am and after 7pm. Please respect people’s request about lowering volume or changing music. Remember that some people live near by the kitchen and can hear loud noises and/or music.

Compost- The compost is found on the left side of the kitchen sink. It is in a five-gallon bucket with a lid. Please read the signs at the compost piles as to where and how to dump the compost bucket. Be sure to layer the pile as you empty the bucket. You may need to wash out the compost bucket if it seems nasty.

Dishes and Cleaning – Doing your own dishes is a must. Continual failure to clean up after ones self will usually result in either being asked to leave the land or losing privileges of using the community kitchen. We also ask that people put dishes away this includes ones those that are dry and sitting on the dish racks. Part of cleaning is also washing and scrubbing the stove, cutting boards, and kitchen table after you are done. Cleaning supplies are found in the same fridge as the trash bags. Please familiarize yourself with the kitchen maintenance manual. There will be times that we all as a community come together to clean the kitchen as a workday.

Part VI – The Desert Environment

Heat – Hot, Dry, and Sunny weather is common in central Arizona. It is necessary to drink a lot of fluid, use sunscreen, wear a sun hat, visor, or cap, and use sunglasses. In the peak of summer conditions, it is important to keep your head cool and moist. If your urine is a darker shade of yellow or brown then you need to drink a lot more water. If you begin to feel light headed when you are in the direct sun immediately sit or lie down in the nearest shady area and drink fluid as you may be experiencing a minor heat stroke or dehydration.

Rain - It rains infrequently in the desert but our rainy months are in the winter and mid summer. It might not rain for months and then we get a surprise rainstorm. . As you walk around the community if you see anything that would not benefit from getting wet please cover it up with a tarp or put it inside and out of the rain. The desert can also get flash floods, which can rush through washes in the valley. Driving through a running wash can be dangerous! The dirt road can get very slick and muddy after a significant rain. Use extreme caution when these conditions exist.

Winter Conditions – The winter season usually begins some time in November and lasts through April, however February through April are more unlikely to offer the harshest winter conditions. Nighttime temperature can drop below freezing or hover just above it. During a winter storm there is a slight chance of snow or sleet. This is much more common in higher elevations, which affects the drive over the pass into Globe. The pass is at 5000 feet, and should not be attempted to pass if snow levels drop below the elevation of the pass. Driving to Tucson and Phoenix both take you over 4000' in elevation.

Hiking Around Dripping Springs – CHECK the weather before going on a hike and take plenty of water. Discuss your plans with a community member who can give you tips for the area. We ask that any groups that go out on long day hikes or climb nearby mountains to carry a radio for communication. Alert others to your hiking plans or write a note on the community board. Please do not hike on our neighbors property there is an abundance of public land in this area. Please stay on trails whenever possible the desert is a fragile environment.

Indian Ruins - There are numerous Indian ruins sites in this area please to not take any artifacts from these sites (Especially pottery Shards). It is highly disrespectful to the Indians whose ancestors lived and are buried there and it is illegal.

Part VII. Wildlife at Windspirit

It is best to appreciate our many species of wild life from a distance. Therefore, please do not directly interact with any wild animals on the land. However a few notes below on what to do if you find yourself face to face with one of the creatures living here.

Rattlesnakes - Please be present and aware when walking in the desert. During the warmer months rattlesnakes are around. Please do not hurt these snakes if you come upon them. If you find one on community grounds or near by tell a community member who will remove them to a place a few miles down the road. We have snake catching devices and cans around the land in different locations.



Snakes are usually found when the weather is between 73-92 degrees outside. They are not aggressive, but will defend themselves if threatened. We mostly have the Western Diamondback rattlesnakes, which usually has a grey body with white and black diamond like markings along the body. They have small white and black rings just in front of the

rattle. There are other types of rattlesnakes and there are many other non-venomous snakes on the land.

Other Large Animals – You may see one of the many types of skunks that live within our valley. In general they are defensive creatures and will not spray someone unless they feel that they have to. We have many cows and bulls in the valley. We also have giant prehistoric poisonous lizards called Gila Monsters that are yellow and black and from 6-24 inches long. Do not disturb them and they will not harm you. They are mostly seen during the summer months and you are blessed to see one.

Javelina (Havalina) - While hiking you may come across Javelina's which is a small pig like rodent. Be respectful of these animals and give them a wide berth. They are called Javelina because of their razor-sharp tusks, Spanish for javelin or spear. If they feel threatened they may attack you, don't underestimate them because of their size. True name is Collared Peccary the only wild, native, pig-like animal found in the United States.



Scorpions - Be aware and present when turning over rocks, removing junk, and especially moving wood plies. We have 3 types of scorpions in this area and the bark scorpion is the most venomous of these (commonly found here).



They are more of a problem during the warmer months but can also be found all year long. They do not like to be out in the open and prefer to often hide under things. They love warm moist places. Please be aware of blankets and laundry piles on the ground. If in a

tent then you should make sure you keep the zipper closed and have no holes in the tent fabric. Their stings hurt but is not fatal and symptoms usually last for 1-3 days. The main rule with scorpions is to not place your hands in places where you can't see them (unless wearing work gloves and even then you should check the inside of your gloves before putting them on).

Spiders - Use common sense. There are plenty of black widows, brown recluses and other poisonous spiders. No one has ever been bitten here by a black widow. Wear gloves when going through woodpiles. We do have tarantulas here, which are very tame unless they feel very threatened.



Ticks –We have a dog tick here on the land. In 2004 and 2005 we had outbreaks of them. They rarely bite humans, but go after dogs seriously. If you have a dog then you are responsible to deal with any potential tick outbreaks while your dog is here.



Bees – We have many types of bees, hornets, and wasps. **IF YOU ARE ALLERGIC TO BEE STINGS OR OTHER TYPE OF INSECT LET US KNOW UPON YOUR ARRIVAL. You need to carry your own first aid for this.**

Cactus- This is obvious, it is best to avoid coming in contact with cactus, even if you don't get stuck by the larger spines many of the cactus are covered with tiny little spines that are a real drag to deal with. Cactus thorns will usually still go through work gloves, so use tools to move them.

Part VIII - Automobiles and Going to Town

Please Remember That You Are a Representative of Windspirit Community - A reputation of being a progressive, enlightened, and friendly community will benefit all of us.

So please keep in mind that you represent WSC while you are staying here and this includes Globe and Winkelman. They are small towns and word travels fast. When you go into town or elsewhere keep this in mind. We want to have good relations with our neighbors, police, and all people with whom we come into contact with or hear about us.

Cars Oil, Insurance, Registration, Parking & Car Camping, and Sharing Rides - Please do not park out on the road except for unloading and picking up and dropping off passengers. We ask that you put a pan or a piece of cardboard under your car to collect any fluids that might drip out. Car camping is permitted in the parking lot only. You may also ask about other places in the valley to camp. If you plan to car camp then please stay out of view from the road.

We encourage the sharing of rides to do our part in cutting down on global pollution. Please check and use the community information board if you need a ride or can offer one. We encourage people to share rides to town as much as possible. If you come here without transportation and desire to go to town please offer the driver money for gas. It is 50+ miles round trip to Globe and this includes going over a 5000-foot pass. To offer instead of being asked is the courteous thing to do. By helping to cover the expense you can ensure that people will want to continue to offer rides. Don't forget on top of gas prices the person has to deal with repairs, insurance and maintenance of the vehicle. With today's gas prices this may assist you in knowing what to offer:

Cost of going to:

Globe, Miami, or Winkelman (round trip) 50 Tucson or Phoenix (one way) 100

10 miles per gallon@ \$2.50 = \$12.50 - \$15.00 / \$22.50 - \$27.00

17 miles per gallon@ \$2.50 = \$7.50 - \$10.00 / \$14.00 - \$17.00

25 miles per gallon@ \$2.50 = \$5.00 - \$7.00 / \$10.00 - \$14.00

Part IX – Dealing With Problems

Guideline Offenders- Please remember that it is privilege to live at Windspirit and not your right to.

Theft and violence will not be tolerated! If a visitor continually disregards WSC guidelines they will go through a graduated series of DO YOU MEAN warnings before being asked to leave. 1st you will be spoken to and informed of your actions. 2nd you will be brought before the community council and 3rd you will be asked to leave. A major first time offense can be enough to ask someone to leave the community immediately.

Weapons - No visitors, interns, or guests are allowed to have firearms (This includes guns, archery bows, swords, and blow dart guns). All firearms must be turned into the community council when arriving and will be returned at departure. Anyone found disregarding this request will be asked to leave immediately. Absolutely no hunting of any animals on the land (scorpions can be permitted).

Addictions and Psychological Problems - WSC is as compassionate as possible for individuals who have psychological problems. However, we can only take visitors who can participate within the community in a healthy way, this means persons who are emotionally coherent, available, and honest about healing themselves and the issues they need to resolve. If you are on any type of medication please be consistent/responsible with it or discuss it with a community member. Overall we are

not equipped to handle serious psychological problems and addictions so we have to ask people to leave in these circumstances.

Smoking & Drugs - We wish you would not smoke but if you must please be considerate of others. There is no smoking in any community structure or tent. There are designated smoking areas near the kitchen and parking lot. You can also smoke at your own sleeping site. Please do not put cigarette butts on the ground.

In general, we do not encourage drug, alcohol or tobacco use here. If there is obvious addiction behavior and/or the irresponsible use of drugs or alcohol the community will be forced to intervene. This can lead to being asked to abstain first and then if that does not work you will be asked to leave.

Part X – Work Commitments & Monthly Dues

Visitor fees – Fees are adjusted periodically. See the website or information board outside the computer room for the latest fees. We do have a few work trade positions that last up to 3 months. Usually they are for younger people who are of the college age so they can afford to stay on the land. In the long run we ask that people pay the monthly fees because we need money to keep basic bills paid and provide the staples that we all use. None of this money goes into community members pockets – it is not rent!

Work requirements – The amount of work you are required to do is based on the fee paid*.

- If you are on work trade then we ask 20-30 hours a week
- If you are paying monthly dues (\$100 on up) then we ask 12-20 hours per week
- On occasion, work/ money requirements can be adjusted on a case by case situation with community council.

*These fees do not include lodging fees. Which range between an extra \$50-\$100 dollars per month! Check information board for latest work requirements and fees.

Failure to Keep Your Commitments – If one begins to fall behind on their commitment to follow through with their community dues or work requirements then this will lead to being spoken to by community members first and then if still not corrected will lead to being asked to leave the community.