

Gaia's Way Participation Agreement

Cannabis will be legal to possess and use in certain contexts in Illinois starting January 1st, 2020 but the laws are complex and evolving. This agreement ensures that you, the facilitators, and Gaia's Way Events LLC are properly and legally protected.

This agreement only needs to be read and signed before your first experience and once per calendar year in order to participate in any Gaia's Way Event (GWE) unless new regulations affect how we provide our services.

Gaia's Way Ceremonies are safe but they are not for everyone.

While there is a growing body of medical and anecdotal evidence that supports the skillful and intentional use of cannabis for personal growth, those under medical supervision or people with a history of mental health disorders should consult their medical doctor before participating in a GWE.

Although GWE's can be beneficial and very safe for almost all participants, these events are not a substitute for medical or psychiatric treatment and we do not recommend it for people with serious psychiatric disorders or physical conditions that may impair their ability to participate safely.

Contradictions (reasons not to attend) include but are not limited to, pregnancy and physical health problems, clinically significant acute anxiety or other mood disorders, psychosis, bipolar disorders, personality disorders, acute/unprocessed trauma and PTSD, acute addictions, suicidal ideation/self-harm and tendencies for disruptive behavior or inability to be in a group setting.

We are not licensed Doctors of Medicine or Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine here at Gaia's Way and therefore, cannot and do not prescribe or recommend medical marijuana as a therapeutic option for people in this context. Your presence at a GWE and decision to use cannabis during the event, is strictly voluntary and does not constitute a medical recommendation by Gaia's Way Events LLC or its facilitators for the use of marijuana as a therapeutic option.

Thank you for your interest in Gaia's Way Ceremonies and events. To ensure your safety and the safety of the group, please review and check the agree checkbox for the following statements.

Please note, if for any reason you are not accepted into a Gaia's Way Events, it is for your own safety as well as the safety of others. Any money received will be returned to you in full.

Attendee Requirements

By checking the box here, you agree to attend a Gaia's Way Event LLC. This is an invite-only event. Anyone that wishes to join a GWE must fill out the required forms on the Gaia's Way website.

I Agree

Designated Driver Required

PLEASE NOTE: Everyone that participates in the use of cannabis at a GWE must have a designated driver arranged or arrange to use a rideshare service or public transportation. If you choose to consume cannabis at a GWE you will not drive and have arranged transportation.

I agree

Safety Self-Assessment

I have reviewed the Safety Self-Assessment. By agreeing to this form and by attending a GWE, I certify that I am physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually fit enough to safely participate in this event. I also acknowledge that I can speak with Megan about any safety concerns before attending a GWE.

I agree

Informed Consent

I understand that a GWE is intended as a personal growth experience and should not be used as a substitute for psychotherapy or medical treatment.

I agree

Substance use Policy

Anyone who shows up to a GWE showing signs of intoxication runs the risk of being asked to leave.

I understand that the use or possession of controlled substances other than cannabis Sativa is forbidden at any GWE.

I agree

Full Personal Responsibility and Inherent Risk

All GWE are voluntary adventures through mind and body exploration. Like any adventure, there may be some risks that come with attending a GWE.

You agree to take full responsibility for your participation in GWE and all outcomes resulting from such participation. You agree to ask for additional support as needed from Megan or any Gaia's Way facilitator(s).

You accept the inherent risks of GWE.

These risks may include, but are not limited to:

- 1.** Intense prana, energy, or somatic experiences; intense transpersonal experiences, life-changing realizations, and psychological experiences such as fainting, vomiting, extreme emotional states, difficult memories, panic attacks, unusual thoughts, or hallucinations.
- 2.** Physical harm from slips or falls while moving around under the influence of cannabis. During winter months, the outdoor perimeter of GWE may be icy or slippery and you agree to use extra caution walking around these areas, particularly if you have consumed cannabis.
- 3. Food Allergies** - At the end of GWE snacks are provided to participants, that usually includes coconut water, orange juice, chocolate, gluten-free pretzels, and fruit. You are responsible for informing the facilitator(s) of any severe food allergies before the experience begins, and to take responsibility for any snacks you consume.

4. Negative experiences are uncommon and are generally mild to moderately difficult. If a crisis requires additional emergency support by medical or mental health professionals, you agree to pay for all additional expenses of the intervention. GWE facilitator(s) have the right to call emergency support services if a crisis requires additional professional intervention. Emergency support services and/or emergency contact will be contacted at the request of any participant.

I agree

Safety and Prerequisites.

1. You affirm that you are in a good position to participate in these events, meaning that you are psychologically, physically, spiritually, and financially capable of participating. You understand that Gaia's Way Facilitator(s) are not in a position where they can fully determine whether participation in these events or use of cannabis is appropriate or safe for you and you will only decide to do so after appropriate independent investigation and reflection. If you are in any way uncertain then you will seek out consultation with a licensed medical or health care professional before attending any GWE.
2. You affirm that you have done the appropriate independent investigation to understand how cannabis use may affect your psychological and physical health, including consulting with a trusted health professional if appropriate. You are informed as to how cannabis use may impact any psychological or physical conditions you may have, as well as how cannabis use may interact with any over the counter or prescription medications, herbs, or supplements you are using. You understand that Gaia's Way Facilitator(s) are not responsible for how cannabis may affect you should you choose to use cannabis as a part of these events.
3. You affirm that you are not aware of any psychological or physical condition that would make it unwise for you to participate in GWE or use cannabis in the context of these events. You affirm that you have never been told to abstain from such practices or from cannabis use by any licensed medical or health care professional.
4. You affirm that you are not currently pregnant.
5. You affirm that you are at least 21 years of age or older at the date of this agreement.

6. You confirm that you will completely and truthfully answer any and all questions in a safety questionnaire provided to you prior to any GWE.

Non-sexual Touch. You understand that there may be strictly non-sexual physical touch for safety, calming, or reassurance purposes during intense experiences by the Facilitator(s) from time to time. If you do NOT want to be touched in any way, except in the event of a true emergency for safety purposes, it is your responsibility to let the Facilitator(s) know prior to the start of the event.

Confidentiality. Although GWE and Facilitator(S) will do our best to keep the information you disclose during the event confidential, because of the community nature of GWE there is a risk of loss of confidentiality of sensitive information.

Cost and Refunds. 48-hour notice of cancellation is required to receive a refund for GWE. You understand that if you wish to cancel, you must do so before the 48-hour mark. The total cost of any GWE is specifically provided for services and not for the purchase of cannabis. All participants are encouraged to bring their own cannabis. You agree that any gifting or sharing of cannabis is done so on your own accord.

You understand and agree that under no circumstances will GWE, the Facilitator(s), affiliates, representatives, or partners be responsible for any loss or damage, including personal injury or death, resulting from your participation in the event.

I agree

I agree to the above conditions of this agreement, and that these terms and conditions will govern my participation in any GWE. I understand that this Agreement contains a limitation of liability provision, which I have read, understood, and consented to in a sober state of mind.

I agree

First name

Last name

Phone number

Email address

Participants date of birth

Emergency contact name and number

I _____, Agree that if I choose to consume cannabis at any GWE, I will have either a pre-arranged designated driver or a rideshare service in place. I will not operate a motor vehicle until I am completely sober.

Designated Driver's name and phone number: (not needed if using public transportation or a rideshare service).

Participant's Signature:

*Please print/scan or Email to megan@gaias-way.com

You can use your phone's camera to take a picture of the filled out Participation Agreement (last page) and email or txt the form to me @630-740-3339