

# Druid Grade Gorsedd 2020

The first continental gathering of Druids



The first OBOD Druid Grade Gorsedd will be a platform, where druid grade members share their experiences and learn from one another. The Gorsedd will take place in a green oasis in Germany. Matt McCabe will accompany us on our journey and he will lead the way to the Druid initiation. An initiation, that all the participants will participate in, in one way or another.

## Your contribution

This weekend is a gathering by and for Druid grade members. As such, we create our sacred work space and hold it together. We teach and learn (from) each other. Matt will coach us, if necessary.

As a central theme, we're going to look into with our continental Celtic history and pantheon of Gods and Goddesses and work with them.

To connect to our Celtic inheritance, we ask you to **find an old story or song** that could be part of a continental Mabinogion, a story that matches the magic of that book. Tales about talking animals that share wisdom, giants, heroes that travel with magical beings and anything else you can think of. All participants will receive **a list of continental Gods and Goddesses**. Add the local ones you know, or see

if you can find anything on the ones on the list that come from your region of Europe.

## Outline of the programme

On Friday we 'll start after dinner with meeting one another, sharing what it means to be a Druid, the opening ritual and the first part of our storytelling. Saturday will be busy. We 'll talk about the Druid Grade and the future of the Gorsedd. We 'll work with the mentioned Gods en Goddesses and we 'll work on initiations in general and the Druid initiation in particular. If the weather allows it, we will take a long walk in the beautiful surrounding landscape. On Sunday we will share more stories and experiences and for a great part, we will work on the closing ceremony.

Closing time is around 15:30 u.

Date	<b>3-5 April 2020</b>
Location	Centre Savita, In der Burbecke 15, 59955 Winterberg-Niedersfeld, Germany. Please do not contact them yourselves.
Costs	€ 195,- (bed, tea, coffee and vegetarian/vegan food included).
Rooms	Single rooms with shower and balcony. We will have to do some housekeeping ourselves.
Language	The weekend will be English spoken.
Register	Please book before <b>30 November 2019</b> .
Information	OBOD LL For more information and booking contact: <a href="mailto:nickyreitsma@planet.nl">nickyreitsma@planet.nl</a>



**MATT McCABE** is a familiar face for those who have visited summer camps in Germany recently.

Matt joined OBOD in 1990. He talks about modern Druidry in a

variety of (interfaith) contexts and delivers OBOD's Meditation and Ritual Workshops and facilitates initiations. For more information see among others his video's on YouTube 'Tea with a Druid'.