



JANET & BARRY PRESENT SAMHAIN 2007

When: Saturday, October 27, 1 pm-?? - come for part or all of the party

Where: Janet & Barry's house, 199 Chopin, Troy MI 48083

Food will be pot luck, though we'll provide some seasonally appropriate snacks throughout the day. Costumes optional; bring lawn chairs and blankets for the bon-fire, and a dish to pass for dinner, labeled with ingredients for those with food allergies. We'll also provide tea, water, and apple cider;

bring other beverages if you prefer.



Halloween, Samhain, Feast of the Dead—whatever you call it, it's a good reason to have a party. We celebrate Samhain as a religious holiday meant to remember our ancestors and to celebrate all the good things of the past year.

What better way to celebrate with friends and a lot of food and doing a lot of fun and crazy things? (Though no blowing up pumpkins in our yard, please—the Troy police really will take offense).

To that end, this is an open invitation to all of our friends. While we know that not all of you know each other, and that you might not all have the same opinions or interests, we figure you're all adults and can all manage to get along for one day.



Hope to see you there!

welcome to bring photos or other mementos of those you are honoring, and any unusual offerings you'd prefer (check with us if you want to know specifically what we'll have).

As people feel inspired, they will go to the altar throughout the evening, light a candle or candles in honor of their ancestors, leave offerings, do any ritual sort of stuff they desire, and so on.

Or you can just enjoy looking at the pretty candles in the dark—no one is required to participate.

AFTERNOON EVENTS:

CARVING PUMPKINS, MAKING POPCORN BALLS AND CARAMEL APPLES, BOBBING FOR APPLES, AND OTHER HALLOWEEN TYPE ACTIVITIES



DINNER AT 6

ANCESTOR ALTAR SET-UP AT MOONRISE (7:13) - THE ALTAR WILL STAY UP ALL NIGHT.

SIT AROUND THE BONFIRE AND SOCIALIZE AFTER DINNER UNTIL LATE. WE'LL PROVIDE THE SMORES INGREDIENTS

MIDNIGHT SHOWING OF THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION ENCOURAGED AS LONG AS YOU CLEAN IT UP AND DON'T PERMANENTLY DAMAGE ANYTHING.



THERE WILL LIKELY BE AT LEAST SOME CRASH SPACE AVAILABLE AT OUR HOUSE; LET US KNOW IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO CRASH HERE SO WE CAN MAKE ARRANGEMENTS.

A note on the ancestor altar:

In general, the plan for honoring our ancestors and the beloved dead this year goes something like this:

We plan to set up a table for use as an altar. We will provide tea light candles, a libation bowl, and some typical offerings. You are