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Q SOUTH SOUND CALENDAR

LGBTQ Events in Tacoma, Olympia & South Puget Sound Area

STAY IN TOUCH WITH NEW GASS PROJECT
QCal makes it easy to find what's happening!

The Gender Alliance of the South Sound is pleased and proud to be the anchor organization for the *South Sound Q-Calendar project*. This unique online calendar compiles events from a wide range of South Sound businesses and organizations and presents them in one convenient location on the web.

The mission of the Q-Cal is to help build a more cohesive community by promoting awareness and accessibility to those interested. Rather than having to visit umpteen different websites to find out what's going on, LBGTQ folk in the South Sound region can simply stop by the Q-Cal and see just about everything that's going on.

Please check out the calendar. By linking to the website and "liking" it you can help spread the word and make a stronger LGBTQA2I community.

Click here to go to to the



<http://southsoundqcal.com/>

RETREAT SET FOR GOOD WEATHER

The forecast is for sunny and warm this coming August 17 - 19 for the first ever GASS camping trip/retreat at Ocean Breeze camp ground a couple of miles north of Ocean Shores, WA. Members and allies will bring the tents, RVs, dutch ovens and kites to the beach for a two night gathering met to foster friendship and community. <http://www.kmresorts.com/resorts/ocean-breeze>

RAD Offers Self Defense Class

A women's (and those presenting as) two day self defense class is being offered for only \$5. The RAD system is a comprehensive system taught internationally and all over the US since 1989.

This is a special offering to GASS members from the UWT Campus Safety and Security staff. Participants do not have to be students to take advantage of this training.

Reservations Required

Saturday, April 21st and 28th, 10 to 4pm. Sign up by emailing Selena at selena.lester@gmail.com. The class will on the UWT campus with exact location announced after the minimum sign-up is met.

Learn more about RAD at: <http://www.rad-systems.com/offer.html>



Council of Trans Spiritual Leaders to Visit Tacoma

Starting September 21st to the 23rd they come from all over the country. Sponsored by the Gender Alliance of The South Sound, the council intends to offer rich, deep community building programs for youth, the trans and queer population and others who are committed to serving. Last year the Trans-spiritual Council as they call themselves, connived in Minneapolis where their focus was "Supporting & Creating Healthy Communities For Our Queer, Trans & Gender-Queer Youth"

The Trans-spiritual Council formed in 2009 and has offered community building programs every time they have come together in various cities. The following is taken from the council's website: "Embodying many spiritual traditions, each member offers a unique approach, pathways of service and leadership. A collective offering of the Council is that all beings experience personal transformation in many diverse ways as well they teach that transformation, when it's authentic, comes from within."

For more information about the events in September as the date nears and to learn about the council go to:



Everyone's welcome, even if they have never been out of the city.

CAMPING IS FUN !!



Trans Scholarship Now Open FREE MONEY!

In conjunction with the GASS goals of support and education, a *Scholarship Fund* designed to recognize outstanding transgender students and promote their educational goals is now open for 2012 applications. Opportunities for gender identity minorities are in short supply, and the need for positive role models acute. This fund is intended to celebrate the achievements of individuals with "gender identity" minority status. The amount of the award(s) will be determined by funds available at the time they are granted and shall be at least \$500.



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Funding for Name Changes

NameAid is a program provided by GASS to help people of low income pay for their legal name change.

The name we go by has an effect on how people relate to us, and in some cases, can even affect our ability to assimilate well in society. Many trans people say a name change sends an important message to the world, a message solidified and made official by a court order. The formal update is critical to getting other IDs and papers to reflect one's new name. *GASS will reimburse court and clerk charges to those trans persons changing their names who qualify for a reduced fee through WA State court rules.*



See the GASS website to learn more.



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