

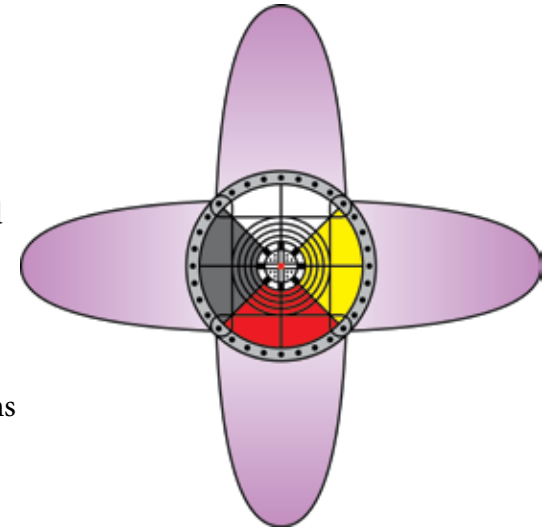
# Basic Protocols

1. All Ceremonies BEGIN at 7:30 AM (Eastern Time) and typically ends after dark. Please stay as long as you can.
2. Wear regalia if you have it. If not, then casual wear is fine. You may change into shorts, etc., for the afternoon.
3. Men must wear long pants (blue jeans are ok) and headgear while in the Square Ground. A hat or ball cap is fine.
4. Women must wear a skirt (a long skirt is preferred) and cape (we have some you can borrow) while in the square.
5. Comfortable footwear should be worn if you plan on dancing.
6. Purple, corn yellow, and all-white regalia and ceremonial clothing is not permitted in the ceremonial square.
7. Bone and metal items (such as knives) are generally not permitted in the Square.
8. Everyone who enters the Square Ground must touch medicines (holy water) and be smudged with sage, cedar leaves, and special herbs. This is the purification process which is done before entering the square ground. *(Note: If you arrive after the purification process is over, ie, after about 8:00 AM, you may not be allowed inside the Square Ground but may watch from outside. You **will be** allowed to enjoy all other activities during the afternoon and the night time stomp dance.)*
9. Treat the Square Ground with respect as you would your Christian church. You may talk to your neighbor but do so in a low voice as to not disturb others around you.
10. There is no moving around inside the Square Ground. If you have to leave for any reason, check with the person in charge of the cabin you are in. That person will notify the Gatekeeper and he will escort you out during one of the pauses in the ceremony.
11. If you do not know how to stomp dance but decide you'd like to try it - that is fine. We encourage this. But please watch others who know how to dance and try to emulate them as best you can.
12. Men respond to the Head Caller's "call" - women do not. Instead, all women pay close attention to the Head Shaker - who sets the rhythm and speed for the dancers.
13. Be respectful, ask questions, and have a good time!

# Nene Hutke Muskogee Ceremonial Square Grounds Visitor Information

## What to Bring

1. Each family group should bring at least one covered food dish to share during the noon and evening meals. There is no electricity at the Grounds. We have a gas-powered refrigerator and stove. Bring your covered dishes to the mobile kitchen. Plates, forks, cups, etc. will be provided. We also have plenty of serving spoons and utensils.
2. Be sure to stay hydrated. Ceremonies are held in the open and mostly during the summer months. It gets hot!! Cold, bottled water is available for as long as it lasts.
3. There are plenty of chairs at the grounds. You may bring your own chair if you prefer.



**Don't forget to turn off your cell phones during the Ceremony.  
Please, no ringing and definately no text messaging.**

***Please know that you are very welcome at Nene Hutke. Our folks will be friendly toward you and will be helpful should you need anything. If unsure of what to do while in the Square Ground, please ask someone and they will be happy to help.***

# Driving Directions to the Ceremonial Grounds

**From the East:** Driving WEST on I-10, take the Quincy Exit, Exit 181 onto Hwy 267. Go right (north) on Hwy 267 approx 3.4 miles to Hwy 90 in Quincy. Turn left (west) on Hwy 90. Go approx 14.5 miles to McKeown Road. (You'll pass through Gretna, Mt Pleasant, & Oak Grove communities.) Turn left on McKeown Road. Turn right and go approx .6 tenths mile to the Nene Hutke entrance on right hand side of the road. (Note: If you miss Exit 181 continue driving to the next exit at Hwy 12 which is approx 6 miles further west. Exit here and then go right to Hwy 90. It's a little further this way.)

**From the West:** Driving EAST on I-10, take the Chattahoochee Exit, Exit 166. Turn right and drive to Highway 90 (the first red light). At the Red Light (Hwy 90 and Main Street intersection) in Chattahoochee, turn right (east) and drive approx 4 miles to McKeown Road. Turn right and go approx .6 tenths mile to the Nene Hutke entrance on right hand side of the road. (Note: If you miss Exit 166 continue driving to the next exit, Exit 174, at Hwy 12 which is approx 8 miles further west. Exit here and then go right to Hwy 90. Follow the directions above for driving west on Highway 90.)

**From the North:** From Bainbridge, GA: Go south approx 25 miles on Hwy 97, into Florida, to Hwy 90. Turn left on Hwy 90 and go approx 1 mile and turn right on McKeown Road.

## 664 McKeown Road, Chattahoochee, FL 32324

McKeown Road is a paved road that deadends at Hwy 90. There is a "Mushroom Compost" sign at this intersection and a nice wooden fence on the north side of Hwy 90. Go approx .6 tenths mile on McKeown Road. Entrance to Grounds will be on the right (north) side of the road. There will be a mailbox labeled Nene Hutke as well as a Nene Hutke sign during Ceremonies. Turn right onto the dirt road, drive through the open gate, and travel down the grass & dirt road approx .1 tenth mile to reach the grounds. Follow the posted signs to the parking area where someone will greet you and direct you to the appropriate area.

# Acommodations

Recommended accomodations are:

1. Lake Seminole Inn — on Hwy 90 in Sneads, FL. (850) 593-6158
2. City of Chattahoochee RV Campground & Resort — has Cabins, RV Spaces, and Tent Sites. They have showers and restrooms for primitive camping.
3. KOA Campground — just south of the Chattahoochee exit off I-10
4. Corp of Engineers RV Park — east side of Lake Seminole, just

north of Chattahoochee.

5. There are also several Florida State Parks offering camping near Lake Seminole.

**Sneads** is 6 miles west of the Grounds. It has a grocery store and 3 eating establishments as well as a relatively new motel (Lake Seminole Inn) on Hwy 90. **Marianna** is 18 miles west of the Grounds. It has 14 eating establishments around I-10 & Hwy 71 exit. Motels include Quality Inn, Microtel Inn & Suites,

# Nene Hutke

## 2025

**Renewal** ..... Feb 22  
**Berry** ..... Mar 30  
**Wild Onion** ..... April 13  
**Green Corn** ..... Jun 28-Jul 1  
**Little Green Corn** ..... Aug 24  
**Fish Day** ..... Sep 7  
**Harvest Busk** ..... Nov 23

The High Holidays are Berry, Green Corn, Little Green Corn, and Harvest Busk. They are held on, or as near as possible, a NEW MOON. On the other hand, Renewal, Wild Onion, and Fish Day are social events and are held on, or as near as possible, a FULL MOON. Beginning 2018, we are conducting ceremonies on Sunday (instead of Saturday) in order to reduce the number of scheduling conflicts. Updates to this schedule are announced on Facebook.

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Super 8, American's Best Value Inn, Fairfield Inn, Country Inn & Suites, Marianna Inn & Suites, and Days Inn.

**Quincy** is 14.5 miles east of the Grounds. It has about 9 eating establishments and motels.

**Tallahassee** is 40 miles east of the Grounds.

**Bainbridge, GA** is 26 miles north of the Grounds.

**Chattahoochee** is the closest town and it has 5 eating establishments in the downtown area.