

JOB: THE FIRST AVATAR DECOMPRESSION SESSION



APRIL 21-23, 2023

WYMAN CENTER

600 KIWANIS DRIVE

WILDWOOD MO 63025-2212

ALL JOB'S DAUGHTERS, JOBIES-TO-BEE, AND THEIR ADULT SUPPORTERS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

IN THIS PACKET YOU WILL FIND SESSION INFORMATION, REGISTRATION FORMS, T-SHIRT ORDER FORM, PACKING LIST, RML SCHOLARSHIP INFO AND STATEWIDE INITIATION INFORMATION.





We are very excited you have decided to come along with us to jump into the world of Avatar: The Last Airbender (ATLA). This Decompression Mini Session is designed to get you out into the world and reconnect with nature and life.

Through a generous donation from the Grand Lodge of Missouri, we have been able to reduce the price for Members and Bees attendance by \$25 to Mini Session 2023. The rates for different attendees are as follows:

- Active Members/GB Members, Bees: \$85*
- Adults: \$125*
- Please note that due to lodging restrictions, those under the age of 20 who are not a Daughter, Jobie-To-Bee or an Applicant to join JDI at the Statewide Initiation will not be allowed to attend.*

The cost includes

- Saturday Night Lodging*
- Saturday Lunch and Dinner*
- Sunday Breakfast*
- Mini Session T-Shirt*
- All Activities*

Friday Night:

In addition, the Wyman Center has graciously provided Friday Night Lodging for us at no fee. If lodging is needed for that night, that will need to be filled out in the registration form. No Friday night meal will be provided. Upon arrival and registration at the Decompression Session on Friday night, the individual will receive a breakfast voucher for an easy grab and go breakfast on Saturday, provided by the Grand Bethel Council.



Registration

In this packet, you will find information about Mini-Session and various forms to fill out. Please turn in all the paperwork and money no later than Saturday, February 18, 2023 to Nicole Gottlieb.

- *Schedule of Events*
- *Packing List*
- *Bethel and Individual Contests*
- *Ruth Mary Levitt Scholarship Information*
Bird House Auction & Tote Bag Decorating
- *Misc. Information*
- *Bethel Registration Form*
- *T-shirt Order Form (For attendees/not attendees)*
- *Statewide Initiation Information and Registration*
- *Marketplace Registration*

Registrations and Money are due February 18th

All forms and a Bethel check made payable to 'The Grand Bethel of Missouri' must be received by February 18th, 2023. Send them to:

*Nicole Gottlieb, GB Sec'y/Treas
5033 Louisiana Ave, Apt 2N
St Louis, MO 63111*

There will be a \$10 per person late fee for any forms/money turned in after February 18th. No registrations will be accepted after February 25th. Absolutely no refunds will be given.



Bethel and Individual Contests

Car Decorating:

Arrive at the Decompression Session in style! Post your caravan decor and passengers on the Missouri JDI Bulletin Board, tagging Abigail Teska GBHQ. The favorite of the GB Trio will win a prize!

Centerpieces:

Design a centerpiece for the tables for Mini Session meals! Pick an element/character from the Avatar world and design a centerpiece that shows how cool they are! Be sure to include your Bethel members in the centerpieces. They cannot be wider than 1.5ft or taller than 3ft.

Essays:

All essay submissions are due on February 18th with the remaining registration information.

- ***Jobies-to-Bee, 6-9 years old:***

If Avatar Aang let you borrow Appa, his flying bison, where would you go to visit first?

(Word count max: 150)

- ***Junior Division, 10-14 years old:***

You just found out you're the Avatar, and can master all four elements. Which is the first element you're mastering and why?

(Word Count: 250-300)



- ***Intermediate Division, 15-18 years old:***

Avatar: The Last Airbender has a very large list of strong women characters with complex identities. If you were to create a Strong Woman character for the show, in which Nation would you place her and what characteristics would she have
(Word Count: 350- 450)

- ***Senior Division, 19- 25 years old:***

Zuko, Prince of the Fire Nation, has arguably one of the best redemption arcs in modern media history. Have you had a redemption arc, and how did you grow from it?
(Word Count max: 500)

Miscellaneous Information

Saturday Activities:

Members, Jobies-to-Bee, and Adults will be divided into different groups to do a rotation block of activities: They will be as follows:

- ***Water: Tye-Dying Mini Session Shirts***

Using water guns to direct the colors, you will be able to make your very own custom Mini Session t-shirt. No two will be alike!!

(The Grand Bethel Council reserves the right to restrict participants from completing the activity due to the participant not complying with instructions for the safety of the facility and other participants)



- ***Earth: Take a Hike for HIKE***

The Wyman Center has some fantastic trails that interact with nature and gets us out into the wilderness. We encourage participants to ask for sponsorships/pledges for HIKE donations! (i.e. \$0.50 per step, \$10 per mile.)

- ***Fire: Welcome to the Fire Festival***

Join us as we prepare to celebrate the Fire Festival by making fire festival masks! We will also offer coloring book pages that have ATLA characters with their stories.

- ***Air: Outdoor Yoga***

Our yoga instructor will be a Past Grand Bethel Honored Queen. She will teach us how to center our bodies and minds, and reconnect with the earth.

After Dinner Entertainment

Trivia:

After dinner, we will be dividing teams to play Elemental Trivia!

Brush up on your facts about water, earth, fire, air, and ATLA. First place team will win a prize!

Following the Trivia Contest attendees will be able to go to the S'more station to get their just desserts.



Packing List



Mini Session 2023: April 21/22- 23

PLEASE NOTE: *We will be very active this session (hiking, painting, tye-dying). Please plan your clothing accordingly.*

What to Bring

- *Closed toed/heeled shoes (Tennis shoes or boots)*
- *Clothing for the entire length of your stay (Pants, shorts, shirts, socks, underwear, sweatshirt)*
- *Rain protection (Poncho or raincoat)*
- *A water bottle*
- *Toiletries (Soap, shampoo, toothbrush & toothpaste, etc.)*
- *Shower Shoes*
- *Bed Linens (Sleeping bag or sheets and a blanket)*
- *Pillow*
- *Bath Towel*
- *Yoga Mat or extra beach Towel*
- *Clothes for Statewide Initiation*
 - ♦ *Grand Bethel Officers/Protoms: Robes, with white tennis shoes and socks*
 - ♦ *All others: Warm business professional attire*
- *Lawn Chair (to use as necessary)*
- *Sunscreen and Bug Spray*
- *Money for Marketplace*
- *Camera (Optional)*
- *Flashlight (Optional)*

What NOT to Bring

- *Anything you can't afford to lose! (Wyman doesn't accept responsibility for personal items.)*
- *Food or snacks (Mice and other critters love this stuff! It's not allowed in cabins.)*
- *Expensive Electronic Gadgets (video game systems, stereos, etc)*
- *Toys*
- *Weapons or Tools (Knives, hatchets, martial arts equipment, firearms, fireworks, etc.)*
- *Controlled Substances (Alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, etc.)*
- *Anything not allowed at your school or in your Bethel room.*

The Wyman Center, The Grand Bethel of Missouri and the Grand Guardian Council of Missouri are not responsible for any lost or stolen items



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, April 21

6pm-10pm..... Registration

Saturday, April 22

9am-10am..... Late Registration and Breakfast

10:15am..... Welcome to the Decompression Session

10:30am-11:15 am First Rotation

11:30am-12:15 pm Second Rotation

12:30pm- 1:30pm Lunch

1:45pm - 2:30pm Third Rotation

2:45pm - 3:30pm Fourth Rotation

3:30pm - 5pm Free Time, Market will be open

5pm - 7:30pm Dinner, Trivia

8pm-9:30pm S'mores

9:30pm..... Nearer My God To Thee

9:45pm-11pm Wind Down Time

11pm..... Curfew

Sunday, April 23

8am-8:45am..... Pack up:

9am-10am..... Breakfast with the Teachings of Iroh

10:30am..... Statewide Initiation



The marketplace has been associated with old European villages, rural communities in the United States, the small towns of the far east and other exotic locations. It was in these marketplaces where goods and services were bought and sold.

Likewise, the marketplace has also been a part of Mini-Sessions of the past until the pandemic brought everything to a screeching halt. Now it's time to revive that tradition. The Mini-Session Marketplace will be open on Saturday, April 22, 2023 from 3:30pm until 5pm.

If your Bethel would like to reserve space at the Mini-Session Marketplace. Please fill out the form below and return it with your Session Registration.

Mini-Session Marketplace. Registration

Bethel Number _____

Contact Person: _____

Email Address: _____

Bring whatever you need to staff your space, such as a card table, folding chairs, etc, If you have any questions, Please contact us at minisession2023@gmail.com.



BETHEL REGISTRATION FORM

Bethel #: _____ Contact Person: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

In the status form field, please state if the attendee is a Daughter, an Adult, a Jobie-To-Bee, a Grand Bethel Member who has reached her majority or a young lady who will be initiated on Sunday. If you have girls to be initiated on Sunday but they are not spending the entire weekend, do not list them here.

Name	Status (Daughter, Adult, J2B, Maj GB, Sunday Initiate)	CAV (Y/N)	Friday Lodging (Y/N)	T-Shirt Size S-5x	Late Fee (\$10 per attendee if submitted after 2/18/2023)	Amount Enclosed

For those who will not be attending Mini-Session but still want a T-Shirt, please give us their name and T-Shirt Size.
The cost for these T-Shirts is \$15 each. Add that amount to the Total Amount Enclosed

Name				T-Shirt Size S-5x	Amount Enclosed
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED					

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Statewide Initiation



Dear Grand Bethel Officers, Bethel Guardians, and all attending The Decompression Session,

Due to the fantastic success of the Statewide Initiation at last year's Pandamonium Mini Session, the Decompression Session will be hosting another initiation the Sunday of Mini Session.

This year, Statewide will be looking a little different. We have intentions of holding the initiation outside and onsite at the Wyman Center! With the uncertainty of the weather, we will be communicating any changes as we get closer to Mini Session.

We are requesting the Grand Bethel Officers and guests to be prepared for the outdoor weather. As it could be warm or cold, the dress code is as follows:

- Grand Bethel Officers/Protems: Robes, with all white outdoor shoes and white socks. Nude/white long undergarments are encouraged for warmth.
- Guests: Warm business professional attire (nice tops, skirts, pants, blazers, dresses, warm outdoor shoes/socks)

Guests will also need to bring outdoor chairs for the initiation.

Grand Bethel Officers will be required to learn their respective Station and Duty, initiation work, and all other ritual parts needed to complete the meeting. A list is provided below with the specific pages/instructions for each officer to complete their parts.

Grand Bethel Officers	Stations/duties pg #	Initiation pg #	Other duties/parts during meeting
Grand Bethel Guide	P. 44	P. 86-87, P. 89,91,92,95,97,99,101, 103 Marching - P.140-149	Opening March, Escort of Bethel Flag, Escort, Introductions, and Honors, Closing March (triangle formation, P. 79-81).
Grand Bethel Marshal	P. 44	n/a	Opening March, Escort of National Emblem, Escort, Introductions, and Honors, Closing March (triangle formation, P. 79-81).
Grand Bethel Chaplain	P. 43	P. 88 Proficiency Lesson 1, P. 108	Opening Prayer, Pledge of Honor Closing Prayer. P. 24-25
Grand Bethel Recorder	P. 43	n/a	Take minutes for the meeting, assist GBHQ during order of business.
Grand Bethel Treasurer	P. 43	n/a	Treasurer's Report
Grand Bethel Librarian	P. 42	n/a	Librarians Report
Grand Bethel Musician	P. 42-43	n/a	Music during ceremonies and meeting, General Instructions (P. 25-26)
Grand Bethel Sr. Custodian	P. 40	P. 99-100, 104-105 (Instructions)	n/a



Statewide Initiation



Grand Bethel Officers	Stations/duties pg #	Initiation pg #	Other duties/parts during meeting
Grand Bethel Jr. Custodian	P. 40	P. 92-94 (Instructions)	n/a
Grand Bethel Inner Guard	P. 39-40	P. 83-85	General Instructions (P. 21-24), Retiring Directions (P. 70)
Grand Bethel Outer Guard	P. 39	P. 83-85	General Instructions (P. 21-24)
Grand Bethel First Messenger	P. 41	P. 90-91 Marching - P. 142	n/a
Grand Bethel Second Messenger	P. 41	P. 91-92 Marching P. 142	n/a
Grand Bethel Third Messenger	P. 41	P. 95-97 Marching P. 144	n/a
Grand Bethel Fourth Messenger	P. 42	P. 97-98 Marching P. 144	n/a
Grand Bethel Fifth Messenger	P. 42	P. 101-102 Marching P. 146	n/a

All members will need to be aware we will be doing the Opening Prayer for opening (P. 46), singing Forward All Job's Daughters for closing, and doing the closing triangle formation (P. 79-81).

Bethel Guardians, please check with your Bethel members that are Grand Bethel Officers to ensure they are aware and prepared for the role they will play in this spectacular event. We will have NO rituals on the floor. If you are not able to attend the Decompression Session/Statewide Initiation, please contact the *designated* email below. Any questions will also be accepted through this email.

Please reach out to us with the names of the Daughters by **April 14th, 2023**. *For members initiated after February 18th, 2023, and qualified applicants for initiation, a late registration for Mini Session may be approved if there is space available. The contact people for this will be Mom Theresa Smead/Dad Ashley Underwood.* Be on the lookout for more emails giving updates and reminders. I am so looking forward to having us out in the world, connecting with nature and each other, ushering in a new age of Job's Daughters.

As always, love one another, and BEE kind.

Jobie Love and Ours,

Abigail Teska, PHQ
Grand Bethel Honored Queen
minisession2023@gmail.com

Mom Theresa Smead, PHQ
Grand Bethel Guardian
theresa.l.smead@gmail.com

Dad Ashley Underwood
Associate Grand Bethel Guardian
theashleyunderwood@gmail.com



Statewide Initiation Information

*If you are a Grand Bethel Member attending the Statewide Initiation
please fill out the following information*

NAME		AGE
ARE YOU A CURRENT GRAND BETHEL OFFICER?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
*IF YES, WHICH OFFICER ARE YOU?		
*IF NO, WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PROTEM ONE?	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, WHAT STATION(S) WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PROTEM?

NAME		AGE
ARE YOU A CURRENT GRAND BETHEL OFFICER?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
*IF YES, WHICH OFFICER ARE YOU?		
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ARE YOU A CURRENT GRAND BETHEL OFFICER?		<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
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RUTH MARY LEAVITT
SCHOLARSHIP
**TOTE BAG
CONTEST**

Create your own tote
bag for a chance to
win a prize!

Deadline:
April 22

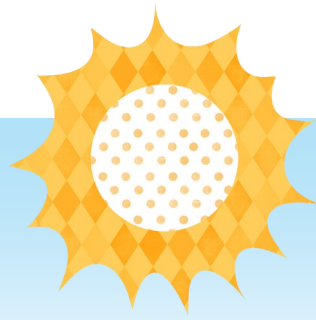
Bring your decorated Tote
bags to Mini Session 2023
to be voted on and raffled
off to raise money for
RML Scholarship Funds!

\$10

per additional
tote bags.
first tote bag
provided to
each Bethel.



More information is being sent to Bethel Gaurdians!
**Sew a pocket onto it, paint it,
color on it, etc. Get Creative!**



REMINDER!!!!
NATURE CONDO
SILENT AUCTION

Bring your decorated
"Bethel Nature Condo"
to Mini Session 2023

Birdhouses were given out at Miss Missouri Pageant
for contest submissions due by January 28th, 2023



Please direct questions to
Gabi Knarr, Chair-RML
jobs.gabriella.knarr@gmail.com

