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Looking for a Different Way to Celebrate this New Year's Eve?

WHAT: Welcome the New Year with a Peace Fire, Labyrinth Walk and Drumming Circle at the 8th Annual New Year's Eve Celebration at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU). This event is FREE and OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

Bring any musical instrument you can play and something to share such as an appetizer or other food. Chairs, restrooms and a place to warm up will be provided. Hot drinks including coffee, hot chocolate and tea will also be provided, please bring your own mug or cup for drinks. Alcohol is prohibited.

If there is a heavy snow (4" or more) the event will be cancelled. Please call (773) 442-5564 to check before you come.

WHEN: Sunday, December 31. The fire will be lit at 6 p.m. and will burn until 1 a.m. on January 1, 2007.

WHERE: NEIU Physical Education Complex, Auxiliary Gym
5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago

DETAILS: This event is sponsored by T.E.A.M. (Teachers of Experiential and Adventure Methodology, and the health, physical education and recreation department.

The Peace Fire at NEIU was lit at the 1996 T.E.A.M. Conference. Coal bundles from each Fire have been carried and placed globally to help spread the energies of peace, non-violence, compassion, and understanding worldwide. Most recently, fire coal bundles have been carried to the World Parliament of Religions in South Africa and the 100th Anniversary of the Hague Peace Conference. The coal bundles were personally handed to the Dalai Lama in India and to Dr. Jane Goodall at the NEIU Peace Fire site.

The celebration will also feature a 36' eleven circuit and a 30' seven circuit canvas labyrinth. The labyrinth is a walking meditation that has been used for thousands of years.

Guests are also invited to join the Drumming Circle. No prior musical experience necessary.

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