

2018 Ohio Lesbian Festival

Workshops Information

Womyn from all over are working to create presentations and activities that will stimulate your mind, free your spirit, feed your soul, move your body, move your heart, move you to action.

This “*Lavender University*” is:

- A wonderful way to share our experiences and our truths.
- A place to connect with womyn, learn new skills, and hear new ideas.
- A place to be curious and make mistakes.

So, grab your chair, come alone or with friends, and ask lots of questions!

Lavender University / Workshop Central will be a place to find all workshops and times. It will also be the location for any updates and last-minute additions or cancellations for any workshops.

****Don't forget to ask permission before you take any pictures!****

The online schedule will be updated as it gets closer to 2018 Festival.

At this time we are taking applications for workshop submissions (See below)

2018 Ohio Lesbian Festival Workshop Presenter Guidelines

Come share your knowledge, expertise, and passion with other womyn at the 2018 Ohio Lesbian Festival by leading a workshop at the Lavender University. We are accepting applications for workshops Thursday late afternoon, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday until early afternoon. [We invite you to fill out the application and submit your workshop proposal.](#)

LBA/OLF Statement on Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying:

LBA/OLF is committed to the inclusion and honoring of ALL womyn. We seek to establish a culture that fosters respect for each other as a community. Our desire to create a space where we celebrate all womyn is tied to creating a culture of radical community-building and safer space. We call on the OLF community to join us in this work of community-building and to draw strength from our differences and our shared commitment to each other. We are co-creators of this supportive and safer environment for all womyn. Our commitment to every woman is reflected in our long-standing policy “**ALL Womyn Welcome. Always.**”

Once we receive your workshop registration we assume that you will be purchasing a ticket and attending the event. **Festival admission is not waived for general workshop presenters.** We welcome womyn to apply for a rate reduction if they are economically unable to attend without assistance.

Please see the [Reduced Rate Application](#) on the Tickets page for information on how to apply for a reduced rate ticket.

We truly value the time and passion each presenter invests in their workshop. To honor the effort that goes into the preparation and delivery of a workshop, each presenter will receive a \$10 voucher that will be accepted by the Festival General Store, the café, or that can be redeemed for cash at Home Base. Upon completion of your workshop at its scheduled time, just come to the Lavender University tent to receive your voucher. If you present more than one workshop or multiple sessions of a workshop, you may receive up to four vouchers. One voucher per workshop session will be awarded, regardless of the length of the session.

If you are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can cancel your workshop. Workshops are held rain or shine. Occasionally a workshop presenter will have books, records, crafts or other items that they have created and want to make available to the womyn of the Festival. It is important to know that no items can be sold at a workshop or anywhere at the Festival outside of the Vendor area. You can apply for a vendor booth to sell your products if they meet general Vendor area guidelines. [Vendor information is available HERE](#)

Scheduling your workshop and getting it into the Program:

Please use one workshop form per workshop – all of your information is important to us! If we receive your workshop application by August 20th, we will schedule your workshop and include it in the Festival Program. If we receive your application after August 20th, your workshop will be scheduled but we cannot guarantee that it will be included in the Festival Program. Information regarding workshops that are scheduled after the program goes to print will be posted near the workshop areas, at Rise, and at Workshop Central. While at the Festival, if you decide you want to schedule an additional workshop or to

reschedule your workshop, please speak with the Workshop Coordinators and they will be happy to assist you. If it is raining, workshops are held where scheduled unless the Workshop Coordinator can make alternate arrangements. **IMPORTANT:** If you need to **CANCEL** your workshop – even at the last minute – please let the Coordinators know. Please do not take this lightly! It is extremely important that you take responsibility to tell the staff that you will be canceling. Please remember that womyn make a significant effort to get to the workshop areas on time and the information you are sharing might mean a great deal to them. If you cancel without due notice or don't show up, it will not only disappoint the womyn who want to attend your workshop, it will also affect our ability to schedule your future workshops.

Materials and Supplies:

Available by Request

- chair for presenter
- drinking water for presenter
- bucket of water for crafts activities (request in application)
- Electricity (request in application)
- Covered space (request in application, limited covered spaces available)

Not Available:

- running water
- refrigeration
- photocopying
- drinking water for participants
- wooden floors or indoor space

A limited number of chairs for participants will be available

Workshop Information for Application

Title: Choose a clear and descriptive one- to five-word title for the Program.

Description: Give a brief (30-word maximum) description of your workshop including its format (lecture, discussion, active participation) for the Festival Program's workshop descriptions. If you have presented this workshop or one like it at previous Festivals, please let us know approximately how many attendees you have had in the past. Also, please indicate if your workshop would benefit from quiet space or if your group is likely to be loud.

Workshop Locations: Workshops are held, rain or shine, in areas that could be in an open field or under trees. Some areas will not be shaded. Varying degrees of privacy are possible. Every effort will be made to separate noisy and quiet workshops. However, some sound-overlap may occur.

Length: Workshops will be scheduled Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, with start times from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday; 10:00 am. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Sunday. Most workshops are one to two hours, but you can request a longer time if you feel your subject or activity warrants it. All efforts will be made to accommodate your request, but timing, scheduling, and location limitations will be a factor in when and where we can schedule your presentation.

Frequency: Most womyn present their workshop once during the Festival. However, attendees often request that presenters offer workshops twice so that they can have more flexibility in their schedule. If you want to offer your workshop more than once, please state that clearly in your application. We will do our best to fit multiple times into the schedule.

Audio Visual Material: If your workshop requires audio-visual equipment, please fill out the application with that information. We cannot provide equipment for any media presentation, but we can try to accommodate space or electric for your set up. There are a limited number of spaces for media workshops so please state your needs and we will try to help in that process.

Special Needs: If, as a facilitator, you have special needs such as a sign language interpreter, please describe your need on the application and we will do our best to accommodate you. If you become aware of special needs at the time of your presentation (such as womyn needing a sign language interpreter) please let the workshop coordinators know of the need and arrangements will be made as quickly as possible.

BE ADVISED THAT NO ANIMALS ARE ALLOWED ON THE LAND. ONLY RECOGNIZED COMPANION OR ASSISTANCE DOGS WILL BE PERMITTED ACCESS.

[Follow this link to be taken to the Workshop Proposal](#)