

BIG WEEKEND COMING UP
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Every year for the past many years I have had the opportunity to attend a very, very special event, the annual "Harvest Gathering" at the Earthwork Farm near Lake City, Michigan. I have written of this before and I am sure I will again, but consider why:

I am a child of the Sixties; I came up at that time and it was unforgettable. The Harvest Gathering is the closest thing to the 1960s that I have experienced since then. I understand that most of you are (like me) busy, but do yourself a favor. If you live in Michigan or anywhere near Michigan come on up to the 11th annual Harvest Gathering and experience a world either you thought no longer existed or never knew existed: real community.

Held on the 15th, 16th, 17th, and 18th of September, 2011, this is a convocation or gathering of the finest musicians in the Midwest for a weekend of sharing music and each other. Almost 90 bands perform and this is not your typical music festival. It is low-key and very friendly. There are three stages going all the time. Originally this gathering (they don't call it a festival because the musicians that come play those all summer) was only for musicians, but over the years it has grown larger and more and more people like you and I have found our way to this very special place in time and space.

Most people bring tents and camp out; many stay at nearby motels or have a motor home or even a tarp and sleeping bag. There are all kinds of food vendors with organic vegetarian offerings plus grass-fed burgers and authentic UP pasties, etc. The food is great.

I will be there and I hope to see some of you there, even if it is for one day. The Harvest Gathering is a pocket in space that has not been spoiled or commercialized, a shot of spirit in an otherwise sometimes difficult world. Come see.

More information at:

<http://www.earthworkharvestgathering.com/>

Here are some links to photos:

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.209082842657.161809.587252657&type=1>

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.209120567657.161822.587252657&type=1>

<http://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.209193137657.161849.587252657&type=1>

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