

Requirements Invoking Network Growth System (RINGS)

Personal Check List: First-Fourth Circles



(This check list is intended for your personal use in applying for Circle progression. It encapsulates in a simple form the more detailed information listed in the RINGS Cycle—see CAW website. Please note that, while checking off your accomplishments here is a useful way to keep track of your progress in training, you will still need to present the written materials to the RINGS Coordinator along with a copy of this check list.)



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FIRST RING—”Seekers”(Circles 1-3)

Color: Green; Purpose: Growth

- Become involved with CAW: attend one or more CAW events (festivals, workshops, nest meetings), correspond, subscribe to CAW-Phoenix elist, subscribe to *Green Egg*, etc.



This brings you into FIRST CIRCLE (Pluto)

Your purpose here is Contact.

Suggested time in this Circle: perhaps 6 months.

To progress to the 2nd Circle, you must:

- Fill out a membership application (online) and send us the current annual dues for 2nd Circle. Date _____
- Receive CAW membership packet and ID card. You may join our members only Yahoo Group, and access our “members only” forums at www.CAW.org. In addition you are eligible for a discount on a subscription to our online e-zine, *Green Egg*, and a 10% discount on all classes and events sponsored by the Church or its subsidiaries.



This brings you into SECOND CIRCLE (Neptune)

Your purpose here is Getting to know us.

Minimum time in this Circle: 1 year and a day.

To progress to the 3rd Circle, you must:

- Read *Stranger in a Strange Land*, by Robert Heinlein (1961 edition, **not** the “original uncut”--or unedited--1991 version).
- Read *Drawing Down the Moon*, by Margot Adler (at least read the chapter on CAW)
- Read *Creating Circles & Ceremonies* by Oberon & Morning Glory Zell.
- Read *The Spiral Dance*, by Starhawk.
- Read some other Pagan publications.
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- Read *at least* one other book from the CAW Bibliography
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- Attend your local Nest meetings if available.
- Take classes that are offered.
- Attend further CAW events.
- Seek out other Waterkin with questions and comments.
- Write a short essay (1-2 pages) or record an oral presentation describing your understanding of CAW, and how you see yourself fitting in. Date _____
- Submit 3rd Circle application and dues to RINGS Coordinator. Date _____



This brings you into THIRD CIRCLE (Uranus)

Your purpose here is Growing.

Minimum time in this Circle: 1 year and a day.

To progress to the 4th Circle, you must:

- Read *Grimoire for the Apprentice Wizard* by Oberon Zell.

- Read *at least* 4 more books from *at least* three different categories of the CAW Bibliography.

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- If you haven't already done so, begin some form of training in magick, energy work, or miracle manifestation.
- Develop your social and relationship skills both within CAW and within the wider community. If possible, join a Nest or magical Circle in your area.
- Take some training in communication and group dynamics.
- Begin to identify personal issues from your past experience (childhood and otherwise); take steps to address any recurrent problems.
- Meet at least one self-set goal aimed towards improving your overall social skills and psychological well-being.
- Actively associate with the other members of the CAW outside of formal group functions. Organize at least one group social function on your own initiative.
- Demonstrate that you can work in harmony and cooperation with others by participating in the group consensus process within your nest.
- Attend and actively participate in nest meetings and give your input in a constructive manner.
- Take steps to address any issues of conflict with other members in CAW making use, when appropriate, of the CAW Conflict Resolution Policy.
- Reduce your imposition on Mother Nature by reducing your consumption and waste (reduce, re-use, recycle.)
- Spend time in intimate contact with Mother Nature; e.g. gardening, hiking, camping
- Meet at least one self-set goal aimed towards improving your overall health.
- Learn and use skills to earn a livelihood and support yourself and your family in reasonable comfort.
- Perform a cleansing and blessing ceremony in your home, ward it properly, and create a home or personal altar.
- Learn basic first aid and begin to study a healing technique of your choice (herb craft, massage, Reiki, etc.)
- Participate in at least one Community Service project in your area.
- Learn to perform at least 7 of the following life skills:
 - Swim without aid
 - Use a compass
 - Sew a seam
 - Build a fire
 - Cook a meal
 - Change a tire
 - Perform CPR
 - Deliver a baby
 - Change a diaper
 - Set a broken bone



- Build an emergency shelter
- Fire a gun or shoot an arrow
- Drive a manual transmission vehicle
- Establish a regular spiritual practice to enhance your own state of being, strengthening mind, body, and spirit.
- Begin a spiritual journal. Write a paper on your own personal religious worldview, beliefs and ethics. Design your own “Credo” and include this in your spiritual journal.

Transition to Second Ring (Becoming a Scion)

- Contact Lifeways to find a “Scion Advisor,” and call the advisor up and have a chat about CAW, being a Scion, etc.
- Obtain two letters of recommendation from members of your local Nest. Date _____
- Share water and become water-siblings with another member. Date _____
- Create a Curriculum Vitae (CV), a sort of academic resume detailing the ways in which you have met the requirements of the previous Circle, why you believe that you’re prepared to move further inward and how your moving inward will be of service to CAW as a community, to include with your Scion application. Date _____
- Write essay comparing the religion you were brought up in (or the absence of such), Neo-Paganism, and a third religion that you have studied on your own. Submit it to your advisor for review; who will then pass it on to the RINGS Coordinator. Date _____
- Submit 4th Circle application and dues to RINGS Coordinator. Date _____
- Undergo Scion Initiation ritual. Date _____
- Receive Scion Certificate, vows, red ID card and copper Dearinth

SECOND RING—”Scions”(Circles 4-6)

Color: Red; Purpose: Service



**This brings you into FOURTH CIRCLE (Saturn)
Your purpose here is Service.
Minimum time in this Circle: 1 year and a day.
As a Scion, you are expected to:**

- Make a tithing pledge for the equivalent of one hour’s wage per month to the Church, (minimum \$5 per month) which may be earmarked toward an area of your choosing, such as website development, publishing projects, computer equipment, subsidiaries, Sanctuary maintenance and improvements, etc. All contributions are tax-deductible.
- Attend CAW festivals at cost (usually half price) and continue to receive 10% discount on classes.
- Take on an active role in CAW affairs (form or help run local Nest, serve on committees or projects, attend CAW meetings, take on organizing or reporting tasks, or help to run festivals or events).
- Continue your magical & spiritual training, studies & practice training.
- Read more books from the CAW Bibliography.
- Continue contact with Mother Nature (camping, hiking, rafting, climbing, diving, spelunking, etc.)
- Become familiar with CAW’s literature, history, and internal structure. Be able to discuss our theology, ethics, vision, historical perspective, goals, etc.

The Five Elemental Areas of Self-Actualization:

Educational and Mental Growth (Air):

- Become familiar with the broad history of Paganism, including the development of Goddess religions and various pathways such as Druidism, Gardnerian, Alexandrian, Norse, etc.
- Read at least ten books from the Bibliography in at least five different categories.
- Recommend at least two books to the bibliography and submit annotated recommendations to the Library Council.
- Be prepared to act as a Scion Advisor for other members, giving feedback and encouragement in their progression
- Familiarize yourself further with CAW literature, history and internal structure. Be able to discuss our theology, ethics, visions, historical perspective, goals etc.

Magickal Growth and Will (Fire):

- Continue your magickal / manifestation training, studies and practice.
- Be active in a Nest or magickal Circle. If there is not one readily accessible to you, find some like-minded people and create one.

Group Dynamics and Emotional Growth (Water):

- Serve as nest coordinator for your nest, or start a nest in your area.
- Take on an active role in CAW affairs by attending gatherings, meetings, helping to run rituals, taking on specific projects.
- Make and deepen personal connections with other members.

Personal and Community / Environmental Growth (Earth):

- Make a tithing pledge, which may be earmarked to your own interests
- Explore and establish patterns of healthy living, physically, emotionally and psychologically
- Continue spending time in intimate contact with Mother Nature and extend your skills and understanding in this sphere.
- Become informed and politically active concerning environmental and social justice issues.

Spiritual and Religious Growth (Spirit):

- Continue your spiritual training, studies and practice
- Make a study of comparative mythology and ancient or indigenous religions; choose a specific cultural mythology and begin studying it in depth
- Visit other religious centers and services. Engage in interfaith dialogues.

Tracks of Service:

From here on inward, the work of a Scion is conducted in one or more of several Tracks of Service. These are:

Administrative & Support Services

Technical Support Services

Earth Stewardship

Manifestation Studies

Healing Arts

Academic Conclave

Artistic Guilds (Various Guilds)

Religious Life & Spirituality Studies

Details regarding these Tracks may be found in the CAW III RINGS Cycle on the CAW website.