Drum Care and Handling

These are a few important points pertaining specifically to the proper care and use of the drums:

- A drum is considered “alive” and needs to be treated as such.
- Each drum should have its own carrying case/bag.
- Because the drum is made of deer hide, it will become flat when cold or with changing temperatures and humidity, some can be warmed by gently rubbing the surface with the hand in a circular motion while others will require an open fire or other source of heat to warm the drum.
- A drum should never be used when the drummer has consumed any mood/mind altering substance. A period of four days is generally required to pass between the use of such substances and picking up a drum.
- It is not appropriate to touch someone else’s drum without the drum holder’s permission.