

Howdy Folks!

Thanksgiving Council 2015

Thursday, November 26 - Sunday November 29

Melrose, NY

We're asking that folks don't show up before Wednesday, to give our hosts time to prepare. Anytime on Wednesday is fine. Thanks!

This is a working council and not a Rainbow Gathering.

All who come should be ready to participate in the process.

Directions:

42.828744, -73.626228

11 Grant Hollow Road Melrose NY 12121

From Albany NY:

I-787N to Exit 9E. (NY7 East Troy/Bennington)

At the Exit Stay in the Left 2 Lanes

At the second light make a Left onto NY40 North

After 3.5 miles make a right then an immediate left to stay on NY40 North

After 3.5 miles make a light right onto Grant Hollow Road,

Grant Hollow road is immediate after Rice Mtn Place

Arrive at the second driveway on the right, it will be well marked.

Please follow parking directions on-site and please park sensibly!

Thanks again. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Feel free to bring musical instruments and all good things to share.

If you plan to take public transportation to Albany, bus, train or plane, & need a ride drop a line to the FERN facebook page so that things can be coordinated.

Come totally self-sufficient with enough warm clothes, bedding, tents, personal items, toilet paper, etc. Weather will be low to mid 50's day, low 40's/high 30's at night.

Although people have committed to cooking, there was no talk of getting food supplies. Please bring enough food for yourself and to share. Several folks have committed to cooking over the weekend, but so far no one has volunteered for Thanksgiving Day.

Council will begin Friday, with the most active discussions on Saturday. People are expected to clean up on Sunday and leave by mid-afternoon as this is a private, family-owned farm.

There is plenty of space for parking and setting up personal tents. There is a workshop where we can council if there is inclement weather and for some folks to sleep. We've

been offered indoor space by our hosts for folks over 60, folks with health care issues, and families with young children. If you are young, healthy and show up before the indoor couches have been claimed by those who need them you will be asked to give that space up. The workshop currently does not have heat - a wood stove with 10' of pipe would work if you can donate one, if not there are a few propane and kerosene heaters we could use. There's a mash style tent somewhere on the property complete with floor and liner, just like the old nerf tent, which is possible for insulated working space...

We will set up a kitchen outside, permanent or temporarily. There's a barrel, clay, rocks, and straw if folks want to build an oven. Outside fires can be made as needed. Kitchen equipment will be brought on Wed. with more coming on Fri. There will be several 2 burner coleman stoves, a turkey fryer type burner or 2, a few 5 gallon pots, a large frying pan, cambros (if needed) water/coffee service, baking pans, and a few other parts and pieces to make a kitchen. If folks want to bring more they are welcome to do so. Some kitchen tarps will be needed to make an enclosure, especially if it is windy.

\*\*\*Please keep your dogs on a leash or tied up. This is a family farm with a goat and chickens. We do not want to see any harm come to these animals. Please be respectful of the family who generously donated their home for this council.\*\*\*