

CENTER FOR A HOLISTIC ECOLOGY

Financial Permaculture: **entrepreneur training, business ecology, small farm startup**

September 24-26 Summertown, Tennessee

www.financialpermaculture.com

Thank you so much for your interest in Financial Permaculture Course. We really look forward to seeing you. Please note below the arrival times, course start times, and departure times.

Included in this packet is

- Travel information to and from the venue
- Accommodations
- Meal information
- Frequently asked questions,
- What to bring.

Financial Permaculture Course

Suggested Arrival: September 23rd, 2010

Course starts at 9:00 AM on September 24th

Departure Time – Course ends at 4:00 PM CST on the evening of September 26th, 2010 or you can leave the morning of September 27th, 2010

Tuition covers all meals and lodging from start to finish of course. All meals before start of and after finish of course are participants responsibility.

Next Steps-

- Register
- Pay Deposit or Full Tuition of Course
- Confirm received Logistics Package
- If a private room is needed, contact The Farm and make reservations yourself. If dorm or tent is indicated, we will make reservation
- Make travel arrangements

For more information please contact Sheila Sewell, event registrar

Contact information: sheila@financialpermaculture.com and 931-796-1808 or 888-878-2434 x 2



Financial Permaculture 2010 TRANSPORTATION

Travel by Plane:

Closest airport: Nashville, TN

[Nashville International Airport-BNA](#)

flynashville.com

Travel by Bus:

Closest bus terminal: Greyhound station in Nashville, TN

[Greyhound Bus Lines](#)

www.greyhound.com

200 8th Ave S

Nashville, TN 37203

(615) 255-3556

Transportation from Nashville to town near Venue:

Closest bus stop: Anchor Trailways bus stop in Ethridge, TN

[AT Runner, by Anchor Trailways](#)

www.atrunner.com

(800) 476-2841

The AT Runner bus line goes from the Nashville airport and the Nashville Greyhound station to Florence, Alabama, with a stop in Ethridge, TN, which is 20 minute drive from the ETC (the Gaia U Venue).

Shuttles:

The ETC arranges a shuttle from the Airport and Bus Terminal in Nashville, TN.

The ETC charges approximately \$60 fee/way for this service with discounts for multiple travelers.

The ETC arranges a shuttle from the Greyhound Bus Terminal in Ethridge, TN.

The ETC charges approximately \$20 fee/way for this service with discounts for multiple travelers.

Details: Please make your shuttle requests at least **2-weeks in advance**. To reserve a shuttle, please provide inn@thefarm.org with your flight number, airline or bus information, and estimated time of arrival/ departure. (Remember to put Gaia Shuttle in the subject line of your email.) The ETC schedules very specific shuttle days/times and it is up to you to organize your bus transportation to their shuttle schedules. (This is the cheapest and most efficient option). Details about where to meet the shuttle will be sent to you.

Carpool: We recommend that you use the carpool forum on the GEL site to coordinate groups so that you may get the group rate. <http://gel.gaiauniversity.org/mod/forum/view.php?id=8819>

Nashville Transit:

Main Office Metropolitan Transit Authority - Nashville, TN

130 Nestor Street

Nashville, TN 37210-2124

Phone: (615) 862-5969 (615) 862-5950

www.nashvillemta.org



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Lodging in Nashville (if needed while traveling)

Red Roof Inn (just outside of the airport). I-40 at Donelson Pike, Exit #216/#216-C, 510 Claridge Drive, Nashville, TN. Phone: (615) 872-0735

Nashville Hostel: www.musiccityhostel.com 1809 Patterson St Nashville, TN 37203 (615) 692-1277

Taxi Service

Allied Cab, 6430 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37209, 615-244-7433

Car Rental at Nashville BNA Airport:

Alamo	615-361-7467	800-462-5266	www.alamo.com
Avis	615-361-1212	800-331-1212	www.avis.com
Budget	615-366-0822	800-527-0700	www.budget.com
Dollar	615-367-0503	800-800-4000	www.dollar.com
Enterprise	615-275-0011	800-736-8222	www.enterprise.com
Hertz	615-361-3131	800-654-3131	www.hertz.com
National	615-361-7467	800-227-7368	www.nationalcar.com
Thrifty	615-361-6050	800-367-2277	www.thrifty.com

Driving Directions:

From North: Nashville to Columbia- Take I-65 South. About 30 miles from Nashville, take Exit 53 at the Saturn Parkway. At the end of Saturn Parkway, follow US Route 31 South to Columbia. About 9 miles south at a major intersection Hwy 412/43, turn right (south) onto US Route 43.

Columbia to The Farm- Take Highway 43 South for 22 miles to the intersection with Highway 20, which is marked for Summertown. Turn right onto Highway 20; you are now in Summertown. Check your odometer. At 1.5 miles you will bear right at the Summertown Market.

*Two miles further on Highway 20, immediately after passing under some powerlines, you will see a green Lawrence County sign, take a sharp right onto Drakes Lane at that county line sign. Drive 1.1 miles, turn right on Walker Road, where Drakes Lane takes a sharp left, and 0.4 miles later you will see the brown automatic gate and brick house, the Welcome Center of The Farm.

From South: To Lawrenceburg, Tennessee: Take the Natchez Trace or I-65 to US Route 64; Lawrenceburg is 17 miles east of the Trace, 27 miles west of I-65, at the intersection of Highways 64 and 43.

Lawrenceburg to The Farm: From Lawrenceburg take US Route 43 North. After approximately 12 miles, take a left on Highway 240 at Johnson's One Stop, towards Summertown. About 2 miles later, take another left at the Confederate Monument, onto Highway 20. Follow Highway 20 into Summertown; bear right at the Summertown Market. From here, follow directions in asterisked paragraphs above.

When arriving at the automatic gate, on your left is a map of The Farm, & information holder with a map and a Farm brochure. More information is on the porch of the Welcome Center.



Financial Permaculture 2010 ACCOMMODATIONS

Accommodations: The *Eco Hostel* at the Farm is open April-November. It is closed during many large Farm events and during ETC courses. Visit www.thefarm.org/general/calendar.html for our schedule. Check-in at the Eco Hostel is from 8am - 6pm CST. Contact inn@thefarm.org or call 931-964-4474 for details.

What to expect: Although the Eco Hostel provides clean sheets, blankets and pillows, guests are asked to bring their own towels and toiletries. Those guests who choose to camp are expected to provide their own sleeping bag or bedding and tent. While you are here, you will have most of the amenities you may be accustomed to, with a few exceptions. You will have electric lights and power for shavers, portable computers, and small personal appliances. You will have a choice of indoor showers, bath, and toilet or outside solar showers (they're great, you have to try them!) and composting toilets. What you will not have is a lot of privacy. Three dorms each sleep from 4 to 12 people in close quarters and the queue for the indoor bathroom has been known to be long at certain hours of the day.

Available Accommodations at the Eco Hostel and Prices:

Privates: There are 3 private rooms. One room has a queen sized bed, another a full sized bed, and the third has a single bed. There are also privates in various outbuildings that do not have immediate access to bathroom facilities, yet they add an extra sense of sustainability to your visit. They include a straw clay slip cottage, an earth bag structures and a historic reconditioned bus from the early hippie days.

Family Suite: The private family suite consists of two rooms that have an adjoining doorway with no door. The smaller room has a bunk bed and the larger room has 2 single beds forming a king sized bed.

Dormitories: There are 3 dormitories. One room has 12 beds, one has 8 beds and the other has 4. Unless you have a large party that requests group accommodations, you will very likely find yourself with company of the same gender.

Camping: There are several camping sites. Campers have access to enclosed solar showers, water, and outhouse. Campers are asked to bring a camp stove for cooking, because we do not allow fires except in the fire circle located in main plaza. There are some platforms available for an additional \$2/night/platform.



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Per Night Rates at the ETC

	Regular guest 17+	Child 12-16yrs	Child 6-11yrs	Child <5
Beds				
Private - Single/person	\$28.00	\$20.00	\$10.00	**
Private - Double	\$38.00	incl.	incl.	**
Family Suite	\$45.00	incl.	incl.	incl.
Private Outbuildings	\$45.00	incl.	incl.	incl.

** The price is free if the small child sleeps in their bed or on a pallet, an extra bed will \$5 if available. to reserve/rent an entire dorm room if available.

*****These rates do not include use of the kitchen. There will be a nominal fee per person for use of the kitchen and its facilities.

Other Accommodations on The Farm

When these rooms fill up we then out source our accommodations to dormitories and private rooms located elsewhere on the Farm, all within 2 miles of the

Ecovillage Training Center. Prices are similar to those at the ETC's Eco Hostel. At many locations bikes or transportation is available for a nominal fee. Some sites have direct trails leading to the Center. These are \$45 each night.

To register for Farm lodging in conjunction with an ETC course or event, please contact inn@thefarm.org and specify that you want off-site accommodations. Our staff will be happy to arrange your stay.

Lodging off the Farm - if you do not wish to stay on the Farm, then we encourage you to seek lodging in Hohenwald, Lawrenceburg or Columbia, which are 20-30 miles from the venue.



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What's the weather like? The weather in middle Tennessee in early spring and late fall is somewhat unpredictable, but we often enjoy mild, sunny days. This area receives over 30 inches of intermittent precipitation. Summer months are typically hot (95°F, 35°C) and dry. During dry periods guests are asked to be very careful with fires and to conserve water.

Are the Meals Vegetarian? Vegetarian (most commonly Vegan) meals are available during workshops only. Gourmet Vegan meals are prepared by professional Farm cooks during ETC workshops. If wish to utilize our kitchen you can purchase groceries at The Farm Store. Our kitchen is meat free and Kosher. You can utilize our kitchen to prepare your own food for \$3/meal. This includes using our refrigerator, stove, kitchen appliances, utensils, cooking oil and very basic condiments. The Farm Store also offers prepackaged meals (such as Amy's Kitchen, Thai noodles, and many more)

How do I register?

If you'd like to stay at the *Eco Hostel* please contact us in advance to make reservations. We have limited space, especially on dates coinciding with scheduled events at the Center or at The Farm. All inquiries and comments about accommodations, meals, transportation needs, and group visits should be directed to the ETC at inn@thefarm.org or call and ask for our Eco Hostel Coordinator Alayne Chauncey at 931-964-4474. She will be glad to assist you in planning your stay with us.

What to Bring:

- Laptop with wireless connection (if you do not have one that is OK. If you do, be sure to bring it along.)
- Camping gear (if camping bring tent, warm sleeping bag, pillow, etc.)
- Towels
- Clothing for warm and cold weather
- Personal items
- Good walking shoes
- Sandals
- Toiletry articles: toothbrush and paste, towels, biodegradable soap and shampoo
- Flashlight
- Sun protection and sunhat
- Swimwear
- Water bottle

- Notebook
- Pen/pencils
- Binder for papers
- Something to do/share for the talent show (music, art, poetry, eccentricities, etc)
- Your Learning Journal

Optional:

- Yoga mat
- MP3 player
- Camera or Audio/Video Recording Devices
- Musical instruments
- Anything culturally interesting
- Poetry
- Art supplies
- Favorite music