
ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP SUMMER WORKCAMP

June 18 to June 20, 2010

An introduction to Sustainable Living Skills

THE ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP SUMMER WORKCAMP



is an experiential leadership program focusing on the big question: Can we design sustainable communities for our future?

From June 18 to June 20, 2010 participants will live and work together on the beautiful campus of Westtown School in south-eastern Pennsylvania and have the opportunity to

explore the social, economic, spiritual and ecological issues and skills needed for developing sustainable life practices.

THE PROGRAM IS ORGANIZED ALONG 4 THEMES:

Holistic Worldview: The Big Picture: why do we need to be developing sustainable life practices and sustainable communities? Listening to Nature, Celebrating Life, Discerning your role and creating your dream.

Ecological: Bioregionalism, Defining a watershed, introduction to local food issues and Permaculture techniques.

Social: Building Community and Embracing Diversity, Introductory Communication Skills.

Economic: Shifting the Global Economy to Sustainability, Understanding the Global Versus Local argument, Analyzing your ecological footprint, Careers in sustainability.

Hands-on projects may include:

habitat restoration, sustainable agriculture, seed saving, building with earth, building a composting toilet, solar cooking and other alternative technologies.

ABOUT WESTTOWN SCHOOL

Westtown offers us a stunning campus with facilities for education in sustainability and environmental stewardship, all in one place.

Since it's founding in 1799, Westtown School has had an active, practical, and spiritual relationship with the 600 acre campus which provides the foundation for its educational mission. In recent years Westtown has renewed its commitment to stewardship through an expansion of a garden program, energy conservation and habitat restoration projects among other measures. Facilities for Sustainability and Environmental Stewardship on the campus include an arboretum, a lake, frog pond, wetlands and riparian ecosystems, Native Plant Demonstration Gardens, a Mini-farm for food production and composting systems. Westtown also is the home for a number of a sustainable energy projects including geothermal heating systems, biodiesel for school vehicles, solar-assisted cold frames, compact fluorescent bulbs replacing incandescent bulbs and a commitment to wind energy.





Westtown's Quaker Leadership Program, the host for this workcamp, embraces the need for a new relationship with the earth, one which calls us to live in deep communion with all life spirit.

Financial aid may be available on a limited basis. There is a non-refundable \$75.00 application fee. The balance is due one month before the workcamp.



ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

A selection committee evaluates all applications, some applicants are interviewed by phone or in person. Upper-division high school students (juniors and seniors), recent graduates, and undergraduate students and adults are encouraged to apply.



- We look for participants ready and eager to challenge themselves and others as we look for practical alternatives to our dependence on fossil fuels.
- Participants should be comfortable working outdoors and getting messy, be willing to share leadership roles, and have a sense of adventure.
- We seek participants from diverse geographic, ethnic, and other backgrounds.
- Health insurance is required.

PROGRAM COSTS

The program fee for participation in the 2010 program is \$200 for the residential program. The residential fee includes program activities, program materials, local transportation to demonstration sites, food, and camping accommodations. Participants are responsible for the cost of transportation to and from Westtown.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants will share tenting accommodations next to the picturesque Westtown Lake. Meals will be served at the Westtown Dining Room and at various workshop locations, including the cob pizza oven at the Mini-farm. Days are hot and dips in a local pond and the Westtown pool can offer respite from the heat. Westtown offers hiking and jogging trails. The charming town of West Chester with many local restaurants is 10 minutes away.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS



A completed application may be submitted by e-mail or by regular first-class mail. Applications are due by May 1st. Late applications will be considered as space allows.

FOR MORE INFORMATION...

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