



Northeast Climate Confluence

Greetings from Northeast Climate Confluence organizers; we hope this letter finds you well.

The Climate Confluence is a week long event for people from a wide array of movements to encounter one another, share knowledge and skills, and develop strategies for building a better world. This first-ever Northeast Climate Confluence will be held July 27 – August 3 at Epworth Camp and Retreat Center in High Falls, New York, (see: www.epworthcenter.com).

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The Confluence is a response to global warming - the disruption of the planet's climate caused by industrial pollution that threatens all life on Earth. We realize that we can't simply talk about the issue of climate change and ignore the hundreds of other issues that it is deeply connected to. We are trying to address the political and social "climate" as well as the Earth's changing climate. It is the combination of both that is already bringing us highly visible disasters like Hurricane Katrina, along with hidden disasters in our neighborhoods and worldwide.

One of our goals is to kick-start a regional disaster response network, connecting grassroots groups across the region, local food networks, accessible health care projects, autonomous energy, first-responder trainings, and access to land and housing.

Inspiration for organizing this gathering comes from similar gatherings that have taken place in the United Kingdom and southeastern & northwestern United States. This year, these climate-focused gatherings are also planned for Germany, Australia, and New Zealand.

As Confluence organizers, we aim to create a space that is welcoming, healthy, and supportive of the local area and beyond. The food we provide will play an important role in this, as Confluence participants need nourishment as we face climate challenges. Likewise, we recognize that the food we eat plays a vital role in local & global social, ecological, and economic systems. We intend to support and involve local farmers, processors, and stores as much as possible.

In order to do this, we need your help. Please consider making a food donation that supports education and organizing to respond to climate change in the Northeast.

Many thanks,
The Northeast Climate Confluence Volunteers

P.S. Please see next page for details on contributions.

NORTHEAST CLIMATE CONFLUENCE FOOD NEEDS

The Confluence is a two-part event, with 100 people during the first four days and 400 people during the last four days. We will be providing meals throughout the week, as well as beverages and snacks. Our food needs include but are not limited to:

▪ **vegetables**

- greens
- potatoes
- squashes
- tomatoes
- peppers
- onions
- garlic
- beans
- carrots & other roots

▪ **fruit**

- apples
- pears
- berries
- melons
- dried fruits (raisins, cranberries, etc.)

▪ **grains & bulk foods**

- rice
- quinoa
- oats
- lentils
- beans
- amaranth
- buckwheat
- pasta (with wheat or gluten-free)

▪ **beverages**

- teas
- coffee
- juices
- non-dairy milks
- kombucha

▪ **herbs & spices**

- pepper
- salt
- basil
- oregano
- thyme
- cumin
- coriander
- turmeric
- fenugreek
- chili
- paprika
- ginger

▪ **miscellaneous tasties**

- oils (olive, sunflower, etc.)
- bread (with wheat or gluten-free)
- tortillas (wheat & corn)
- tempeh & tofu
- jellies, jams, & preserves
- peanut/cashew/almond/sunflower seed butters
- cold cereals
- salsa
- sauerkraut & kimchi

We will also be building kitchens for the Confluence and could use any spare equipment or utensils that you may have! These needs include:

- tables
- cutting boards
- knives, graters, peelers
- ladles & serving spoons
- mixing bowls
- 5-10 gallon pots & pans
- spatulas & stirring spoons
- huge woks
- plates, bowls, cups, & silverware
- food grade buckets
- coolers
- measuring cups & spoons
- dish towels
- oven mitts
- iodine, soap, sponges, & scouring pads
- big rubbermaid bins
- baking tools & casserole dishes
- restaurant roasting & serving trays
- can openers
- rubber bands & twisty ties
- clean plastic bags
- water jugs
- (coffee pot setup)
- dish racks
- lamps & lanterns
- sharpening stone