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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).

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, where people from all backgrounds can participate. For example, we want to be able to provide camping gear for people who don't own their own tents and sleeping bags, so that no one is prevented from coming by a lack of specialized equipment.

In order to do this, we need your help. This event is only possible because of volunteered time, energy, & supplies. Please consider making a donation that supports education and organizing to respond to climate change in the Northeast. While we'd be delighted if you could donate new items, we would also gratefully receive any returns or slightly damaged but still serviceable items that your store can no longer sell.

Many thanks,
The Northeast Climate Confluence Volunteers

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

NORTHEAST CLIMATE CONFLUENCE NEEDS

Travel: gas cards, travel money, use of vehicles (especially vans & buses).

Office and/or art supplies: pens, pencils, markers, paper, paint, canvas, printing supplies & costs, laptop computers, printers, flip-charts, glue, etc.

Outdoor gear: tents, sleeping bags, sleeping pads, rain gear, tarps, flash lights, batteries, inflatable mattresses, pillows, water bottles, snake bite kits, bug repellent, sunscreen, etc.

Audio/video/technology: digital cameras (still and/or video), digital voice recorders, microphones, amps/speakers/PA equipment, cables, computers, printers, projectors, extension cords, walkie talkies, batteries, etc.

General materials & tools: tarps & large event tents, lumber, gravel, woodchips & sawdust, chicken wire, shovels, rakes, nails, hammers, screwdrivers, saws, duct tape, etc.

Food: vegetables, fruit, and herbs (preferably grown in the Northeast), rice, oats, and other grains, pasta, bread, tortillas, beans, lentils, tofu, tempeh, oil, spices, salt, soy or rice milk, jellies, nut butters, bulk foods.

– Note: We need food for 400 people for 8 days!

Kitchen supplies: large pots, pans, & cooking dishes, woks, utensils, mixing bowls, coolers, cleaning supplies, clean food-grade 5-gallon buckets & 55-gallon drums, etc.

Donate Money -- \$10 \$20 \$50 \$100 \$500 \$1000

Make money order or checks out to "Northeast Climate Confluence."

Donate through Paypal on our website, www.climateconfluence.org.

Organize a benefit fundraiser for the Confluence.