



Climate Camp: River Farm '25 (CCRF)

Basic Info:

Location: [River Farm](#) (Evergreen Land Trust Intentional Community)

Dates: August 22-24, early arrival 8/21 (Thursday)

Travel Time: ~2 hour drive from Seattle

Trip Style: Festival style camping at site with amenities & Yurts

Cost: \$65 - \$130 sliding scale , 40 people total

Overview:

Join people from across PNW climate communities to come together at River Farm, an 80-acre cooperative about 45 minutes east of Bellingham to come together, connect with each other, enjoy nature, and discuss what futures could look like.

Themes:

- Climate Futures: What does our future look like? How do we hold the current challenges and disintegration while thinking about different possibilities?
- Climate Science & Community: How do we connect with efforts to understand climate, build resilience, and create community in our personal and professional lives?
- Connection: How do we have conversations and connect with each other? This will involve formats such as Liberating Structures.
- Nature: How can we connect with people on individual and communal levels?
- Building Relationships & Intentional Living: What could the structures and soft connections look like to create project intentional living spaces together?

Structure

- 1/3 Focused Group Discussion: In-depth feedback sessions on the draft presentation, discussion of how people are interpreting the current social/political/environmental situation, and time spent discussing different ways to creatively engage
- 1/3 Unstructured Time: free form allowing people to recharge, get out into nature, deal with work/life, or go deeper on discussions
- 1/3 Nature: Spending time hiking, plant identification, star gazing, embodied practice

What Does Success Look Like:

Our goal for this gathering is that we leave connected to each other, with plans, energy, and a sense of collective efficacy that we can build the relationships we need to both survive and thrive in the coming years.

Host Site Details:

River Farm is hosting us on Turtle Island, which in the winter becomes an island as the river swells around the location. This is a clearing with ample space for a large number of camp sites, a fire pit, a wooden covered stage, potable water, a tent, and a fully stocked outdoor kitchen with a stove, two refrigerators and other cooking supplies.

River Farm has ~80 acres surrounding the site, with a hike through community forest to a waterfall, swimming in the South Fork of the Nooksack River, and plenty of other nature. The community is part of the Evergreen Land Trust and it is committed to creating a community around ecologically-based farming and forestry, homesteading skills, and habitat restoration.

References:

For those curious what vibes we hope to explore:

- [Imaginable: How to See the Future Coming and Feel Ready for Anything, Even Things that Seem Impossible Today](#)

- [The All We Can Save Project](#)
- [Liberating Structures](#)
- [A Psalm for the Wild-Built - Wikipedia](#)
- [The Deluge by Stephen Markley review – apocalypse in slow motion | Fiction | The Guardian](#)
- [To Labor for the Hive | Grist](#)

Budget Considerations:

- **Event Insurance:** River farm requires event insurance, and links to <https://www.eventinsured.com/> which costs \$362 for both 25 and 50 people
- **Restrooms:** River Farm has one bathroom and two hu-compost toilets in the Yurt, however at 50 people we might need to consider a PortaPotty as well, which would likely be ~\$300 with the delivery fee.

Budget Breakdowns

Item	Description	25 People Cost	40 People Cost	50 People Cost
River Farm Rental	2 day + half day	\$1,050	\$2,100	\$2,100
Event Insurance	eventinsured.com	\$362	\$362	\$362
Food Cost	Est total	\$625	\$1,000	\$1,250
Misc Costs	Firewood, etc	\$200	\$400	\$400
Facilitation (?)			300	300
Portapotty				
Total		\$2,237	\$4,012	\$4,262
Cost per person		\$89.48	\$100.30	\$85.24

Sliding Scale:

\$60 - Low

\$100 - Regular

\$140 - High

Example of hosting:



The area for hosting is the center clearing that widens as you go south.