

Registration

Names of People Attending

Early registration creates the potential for a better experience for everyone.

Adults _____

Children _____ Age _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Planning to offer a workshop? _____

Date & Time Arriving _____

Date & Time Departing _____

We encourage participants to arrive on Friday for the weekend or on Sunday late afternoon for the week to support the creation of a cohesive community.

____ Will take the train or bus. Note: Pickups are coordinated.
Contact us: reg@earthstory.org.

____ Willing to ride-share. Note: EarthStory will help coordinate ride-sharing. Just e-mail us at reg@earthstory.org.

Cost: **Before July 17:** \$44-\$59/person/day or \$264-\$354 for the week. Postmarked between **July 18-24:** \$49-64/person/day or \$294-\$384 for the week. **After July 24:** please do not mail your registration, just reserve your place via phone or email, and then register on site: \$54-\$69/person/day or \$324-\$414 for the week. No one turned away for lack of funds. Children under 7 are free. Ages 7-12 are half-price.

Please keep in mind that it takes 10 days to process your registration.

Total Event Contribution _____ Today _____
Required Deposit is 50%. Please pay in full if you can, as this contributes to ease for the event coordinators.

Additional Donation _____

Make deposit payable to EarthStory and mail to:

Nina Smolyar, Earthstory Registrar
PO Box 35132
Brighton, MA 02135

Note: Please e-mail your registration info in addition to mailing it: reg@earthstory.org. You may also e-mail questions or phone Nina at 617-935-3298.

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Address Correction Requested

EarthStory

Gathering the Community

Since 1991



An annual co-creative community event of celebration, renewal, inspiration and growth as we honor Spirit, Earth and One Another

Earthlands

Petersham, MA

Friday August 14, 2009

thru

Thursday August 20, 2009

www.earthstory.org

Details About the Gathering

- 1. Register Now.** Please register and mail your deposit or payment by July 15th as it is needed for food **ordering** and preparation. To register after August 7, please contact the registrar (reg@earthstory.org or 617-935-3298) for information about space availability, a speedy registration process, and directions.
- 2. Paying for EarthStory.** Please see the registration portion of this flyer for payment information. "As a community we are committed to erasing stratification/hierarchy based on financial resources. We work to find ways for all participants to contribute their energy in such a way that all necessary work is done and all financial costs are covered." *EarthStory Council*
- 3. Accommodations.** Tenting is available with a sheltered area for meals and meetings. Clean outdoor toilets and solar showers will be available. Bring your tent or sleep under the stars. Earthstory seeks to encourage a "deep ecology" experience by being an outdoor camping event. However, if necessary, indoor space is also available at the Earthlands lodge, for \$35 per night per person, as determined by our host, Earthlands. Please e-mail the Earthlands office directly, office@earthlands.org, to make arrangements.
- 4. Meals.** The provided community meals are vegan, primarily organic. If you have special dietary needs please let us know on your registration form, and we will try to **accommodate**. Three meals per day are planned throughout the event, beginning with dinner on Friday August 14th and ending with lunch on Thursday August 20th. There will be limited facilities for individual preparation of non-vegan food. Ice can be provided mid-week, however, please bring your own food containers, as there is no additional space for personal food storage in the communal kitchen.
- 5. Community Care.** Participants take turns in helping to maintain the site, prepare food, clean up, and spend time with our young people. New this year, we are requesting deliberate intention and organized action to leave the event site as we find it.
- 6. Donations and Proceeds.** Donations are greatly appreciated as they provide the means for low income people to attend. Proceeds from the event, after setting aside seed money for future events, is given to non-profit environmental or peace-making organizations.
- 7. Eco-Fair.** Throughout the event there will be space for attendees to display their literature and wares. This is intended to support people in their cottage industry or right livelihood.
- 8. Youth program.** If there's a need, the community can self-organize to provide special programming for the young people throughout the event. People offering ideas and resources that would benefit the children are much needed and appreciated. If you are interested in helping to co-create this part of the event, please contact the registrar at reg@earthstory.org. NOTE: Parents have full responsibility for their children at all times.
- 9. Dates.** EarthStory will begin **Friday, Aug. 14, 2009** at 3:00 p.m. for registration and set-up, and end on **Thursday, Aug. 20** at lunch. If your schedule limits you, you are welcome to participate for as many days as you would like. AND we encourage everyone to come and be part of the EarthStory community for the whole week.
- 10. Policy.** No alcohol or recreational drugs are permitted at the gathering. No pets.
- 11. Directions.** Earthstory will be held at Earthlands (earthlands.org) in Petersham, MA. It is located at 39 Glasheen Rd, Petersham, MA 01366. From points east or west take exit 17 off Rt. 2. This brings you to Route 32, which you will take south towards the center of Petersham. At the intersection of Rt 32 and East St is the center of Petersham, with a Country Store, Town Hall and Church, centered around the commons. Turn left (east) onto East St. and drive for about 3-4 miles. Make a left onto Glasheen Rd, which is a dirt road marked by a white "Earthlands" sign. At the first fork (marked by another Earthlands sign) make a left, and drive up the hill.



Honoring Each Other And Earth

We gather each year to share our joy and gratitude for the Living Earth of which we are a part. The core of EarthStory is Deep Ecology, experiencing our interconnection with all life.

We come to deeply listen, and to share our grief and struggles as well as to celebrate in this journey of being human. At a time of so many environmental and social wounds, we find that as we share our stories, Earth's story and our hearts, it is possible to rekindle hope and joy and to continue in our journeys with renewed strength.

We invite you, whether a seasoned participant or a newcomer, to join us in this co-creative experience.



EarthStory is held at Earthlands in north central Massachusetts. The site has an open field, outdoor kitchen, fire circle, solar showers, latrines, and plenty of space for tent camping in field or forest, all surrounded by thousands of acres of woodlands. Activities are held outdoors, with shade and escape from rain provided by Mother Nature and 2 canopy tents.

Sharing Circles, healing processes and other group-generated and facilitated events create the container for connection. At the end of each day the community gathers around the Fire Circle to share music, songs, dance, drumming, stories and fun. Children are welcome and can participate in the Children's Programming. Three delicious vegan meals are provided each day.

We are an experiment in community. Our intention is to build skills to work cooperatively; to be part of the changes we wish to see; and to create structures to support one another in taking the risks that come with being in our truth. We come together to seek ways to live sustainably with the Earth.

We hope that you will celebrate with us.

