

What to expect 2022 ISCDC

26th Annual, Indigenous Sustainable Communities Design “Indigenous solutions for a sustainable future”

Dear Participant ,

Welcome to the 26th Annual “Indigenous Sustainable Communities Design Course 2022 (“Indigenous Solutions for a Sustainable Future”)

What is ISCDC :

ISCDC 2022 is a holistic indigenous approach based on traditional knowledge and practices (*“putting the words of our elders and ancestors into actions”*) as a tool for improving air quality, water quality, community health, ecosystems understanding and management, traditional farming, traditional diets and nutrition, pattern understanding, Indigenous Women in agriculture, herbal processing, Earth Building, communal and global responsibilities. ISCDC takes a permaculture approach to sustainability. Permaculture is the harmonious integration of landscape and people, providing food, energy, shelter, and other needs in a sustainable way for all species. Permaculture is working with nature rather than against it; of protracted and thoughtful observation rather than thoughtless action; of looking at systems to evolve beneficially towards a state of maximum natural productivity and abundance. The 26th Annual Indigenous Sustainable Communities Design Course is a thirteen-day intensive training in ecological design, natural farming and earth restoration, natural healing both human and Mother Earth, These strategies and objectives compliment the Permaculture methodology, which is: the conscious, holistic design and maintenance of biologically productive ecosystems that have the diversity, stability, balance and resilience of natural ecosystems.

Who Should Take the Course:

Environmental students, agricultural department staff, agricultural students, landscapers, land owners, people thinking of purchasing land, people concerned for a healthy environment, farmers, ranchers, parks personal, range management personal, wildlife personal, environmentalist, health department personnel, indigenous peoples concerned for the future. This course has been taught to young (13 yrs.), elders (plus 70’s) both men and women. Participants under 18 years of age MUST have an adult supervisor.

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COVID Protocols 2022

Welcome to TNAFA Permaculture Design Course 2022. Per community safety protocols we are requesting **in person attendees must show proof of a negative COVID test completed in their place of residence 24 hours within estimated arrival to design course location.**

TNAFA will be performing COVID testing weekly or as needed while on site in an effort to keep our community, presenters, elders and fellow attendees safe and updated to COVID standards. Masks will be required while in closed indoor spaces and encouraged in outdoor spaces.

We acknowledge that we all want to learn and contribute to these sacred knowledge ways and are trying to do it in the safest most respectful way possible. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns that are COVID or otherwise related. We truly thank you for your patience and want to continue celebrating through community knowledge shares.

Indigenous Peoples Registration Fees and Scholarships :

Registration cost is \$200.00 We have a very limited number partial of scholarships available; selection is based on need and interest. All students are encouraged to seek additional funding support to attend this course. [See scholarship application](#)

What to Bring if attending in-person :

This course will consist of classroom presentation, field trips and hands on work experience. Head covering of some sort, gardening hat, cap, broad brim hat, water, canteen, bottled water, work clothes, gloves, good shoes or boots, sunscreen, pens, pencils, note paper, etc. We will be working out side at **7,000-ft elevation**, or higher, ***the sun is intense.***

We are providing lunch, but you must bring your own dishes, bowls, cups, and utensils!!

ISCDC 2022 ; This years course will be a Hybrid Course, with limited number of in-person participants (learners) and virtual leaners via Zoom. TNAFA is requiring all participants to provide a negative COVID The hybrid scheduling requires strict adherence to the scheduling times. The in-person leaners start time will be at 10:00 AM , the virtual leaners will join at 11:00 AM - 2:30 PM .

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This course will start each day promptly at 10:00 am. If you wish to receive a certificate, you must attend the entire course. Lunch each class day and will be served at approximately 2:30 to 3:30. Lunchtime is one hour. Each day will adjourn at approximately at 5:00-6:00 pm, some days are a little longer, depending on weather and travel time during field trips.

Classroom presentations will consist of presentation from TNAFA staff and invited presenters. Depending on weather some classes are held outdoors, under shade.

Field trips, we will visit several on going traditional agriculture, Permaculture, and alternative agriculture sites that will give you a first hand look and work at sustainable designs.

Participants responsibilities:

TNAFA and Camino de Paz , require participants to obey all rules of both organizations , read and sign **“participants agreement form”**. All participants are required to assist with camp, kitchen , campus cleaning, assisting with preparing and contributing (funds or groceries) to group meals , breakfast and dinner. A sign up sheet will be provided, everyone must contribute labor and time. TNAFA will provide the lunches .

Hands on Experience:

Learning by doing. Some presenters will require hands on activities. Such as making seed balls, seed cleaning, planting gardens, building compost piles, digging, cooking, exercising , hiking , mud plastering, and more.

Evaluation:

At the completion of each day we are requesting a written evaluation of the day's activities.

Location:

Camino de Paz , School / Farm ; Northern New Mexico, Near Espanola NM CdP , website ; www.caminodepaz.net

Camping students:

Camino de Paz School /Farm (CdPSF) allows student camping. (we/ they also require students to sign a letter of responsibility) Students that are camping must provide their own tent and camping equipment, sleeping bag, lamps, sleeping pads, etc. CdPSF permits the student to access to their school kitchen, two showers and laundry room.

Previous students have scheduled themselves for shower and kitchen use.

Most evenings organizing “pot lucks”. We will provide a list of local grocery

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stores and farmers markets; CdPSF also sells produce , Four Sisters Farm donates some traditional foods .

Local transportation :

Dependent on funding and size of class, we maybe able to provide a passenger van. If you have your own transportation this will be helpful. Some field trips are 20 miles from home base; others are only a few miles.

Certificate :

After completion of the course and design presentation of certificates. Selected student's evaluations from previous courses :

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Please sign acknowledging I have read and understand ,expectations and responsibilities :

Signature : _____

Print Name : _____

Date : _____

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