

# **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**

## **Cascadia Permaculture Institute Teacher Training**

### **June 2008, Wolf Gulch Farm, Southern Oregon**

#### **I don't have my Permaculture Design Certificate yet, but I plan to have it soon. Can I attend?**

If you have been studying Permaculture, have a solid understanding of the principles, and are planning to attend a Permaculture design course, you will do fine in the Teacher Training. Hands-on experience is not necessary. If you do not yet have your Permaculture Design Certificate, you may take the Teacher Training, but *you won't receive your certificate* until you submit documentation that you have completed a certified PDC Course.

#### **Who are the instructors for the Teacher Training?**

[Jude Hobbs](#) and [Tom Ward](#), founding members of the Cascadia Permaculture Institute, will be co-teaching this course. Between them, Jude and Tom have over 40 years of Permaculture experience.

#### **What does the Teacher Certificate qualify me to do?**

After completing this course, we recommend that folks start small and intensive (a classic Permaculture principle) and teach two-hour introductory workshops, working up to one-day and week-end workshops and co-teach five to six PDCs with an experienced Permaculture instructor before attempting to teach a full Permaculture Design Course.

Teacher Training certification will increase the odds of your being accepted to teach a section of a course with an established instructor. A Teacher Training certificate is not required to teach a PDC.

According to Toby Hemenway (author of *Gaia's Garden*) "The procedure in the US West for becoming a PDC teacher, agreed on by just about all of the "old guard" instructors, is to take a PDC and then teach with one or more experienced instructors for at least two years or 5-6 courses. One is not considered a full instructor until one can teach the whole curriculum."

#### **What are the Cascadia Permaculture Institute's (CPI's) credentials?**

Cascadia Permaculture Institute is Oregon's permaculture certifying organization. It was founded in 2002 by Jude Hobbs, Tom Ward, Rick Valley and Toby Hemenway.

#### **For further insight into the certification process, please read the following letters:**

[Toby Hemenway Letter](#) (Author, *Gaia's Garden*; adjunct professor, Portland State University; Scholar in Residence, Pacific University; founding member, Cascadia Permaculture Institute. [Bio.](#))

[Scott Pittman Letter](#) (Founder and Director-[Permaculture Institute](#), Faculty Member-[Ecovercity](#))

#### **What forms of payment do you accept?**

We accept cash, personal check, money order or cashier's check. We do not accept credit cards at this time. NOTE: do not send cash through the mail.

## **Are work-trades available for partial or full tuition waiver?**

Limited work trades are available on a first-come/first-served basis, excluding room and board. Work trades are for the cost of instruction only. Please contact Denise at [permaculturerocks@yahoo.com](mailto:permaculturerocks@yahoo.com) if you are interested in doing work trade.

## **Where is Wolf Gulch Farm located?**

[Wolf Gulch Farm](#) is located in the beautiful Southern Oregon countryside, a half-hour south of Jacksonville, Oregon, southwest of Ashland. It is approximately a 3 hour and 15 minute drive from Eugene, Oregon. Carpooling is encouraged! If you are interested in carpooling, please let us know and we'll put you in touch with other participants who are also interested.

With advance notice, we may be able to provide transport to and from the Medford airport and/or bus station.

Regardless of how you arrive, please bring everything you expect to need for the week. The closest grocery store, in Ruch, is about 20 minutes away. Medford is almost an hour.

## **What kind of accommodations are available?**

We will be camping on the property. There are no dorm rooms or cabins. Bring your own camping gear (camper or tent, sleeping bag, air mattress, flashlight or lantern, ETC). There are no RV hookups. If you will be flying in and need to rent or borrow equipment, please contact us and we'll see what we can do.

SOLAR shower facilities will be provided. Again, bring everything you need.

There are plans to have satellite wi-fi access by the first of June.

NOTE: Wolf Gulch is a small, family-owned farm. It is not "ADA compliant;" however, a previous participant was able to make do in his wheelchair. If you have mobility or other impairment, please contact us and we will do everything we can to accommodate you.

## **What amenities are offered at Wolf Gulch Farm?**

Wolf Gulch Farm offers a swimming hole and a hot tub. Both are clothing optional. There are hiking trails in the valley and surrounding hills. There's plenty of bird watching and meandering country roads (with moderate hills) for biking.

## **I have special dietary needs. What kind of food will be served?**

We have a fabulous cook! Meals will be primarily vegetarian, local, and organic, with the possibility of some chicken and/or fish. Snacks will also be provided. If you have specific dietary needs, please let us know in advance and we'll do everything we can to accommodate you. All participants are welcome to bring food and snacks.

## **What is the weather like in Southern Oregon? What kind of clothing and shoes should I bring?**

Southern Oregon weather in the late Spring and early summer can be unpredictable. Be prepared for all kinds of weather. It will be quite cold at night (40-50'S). Bring a swimsuit if "clothing optional" is not your option! Most class activities will take place indoors, in a beautiful straw bale structure. Bring items for your own comfort.

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