



Cooperatives of the West Coast
PRESENT



WESTCO



The Flexible Schedule

Friday, April 14th

3:30-6:30 Early arrival volunteers help cook at Lothlorien
6:30-8:30 Pizza dinner at Lothlorien
8:30- Party at Broad St. Co-op in SF & at Stebbins/Kidd in Berkeley

5:00-7:00 Volunteers help cook, drum & jam circle at Chateau
7:00-ish Dinner and Open Mic at Chateau... featuring Jen and Jessica's Westco Jingle
Later-ish Party at Chateau

Saturday, April 15th

8:30-9:30 Morning yoga
9:45-11:30 COURSE BLOCK 1
11:30-1:30 Cooperative potluck lunch (houses bring food) and Roundtable
1:45-3:15 COURSE BLOCK 2
3:45-5:00 COURSE BLOCK 3

Sunday, April 16th

9:00-10:00 Morning yoga
10:15-12:00 COURSE BLOCK 4
12:15-1:00 Closing goodbye circle
1:00- Tour of local housing co-ops

Westco Group Registration Form

(Please return to: Westco '00, c/o USCA, 2424 Ridge Rd., Berkeley, CA 94709)

Coordinator Name: _____ Phone: _____

Co-op: _____ Address: _____

Email: _____

Housing Preference: # Smoking? # Non-Smoking? Other preferences? _____

Please volunteer!

Cooking Friday Dinner # Cleaning Friday Dinner # Cleaning Saturday Lunch
Cooking Saturday Dinner # Cleaning Saturday Dinner

Fees: Total number of people attending: _____ X \$10 =
total enclosed \$ _____
Make checks payable to the USCA

If possible, have individuals fill out form(s) on the back.

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WESTCO WORKSHOPS!

COURSE BLOCK I SAT 9:45 - 11:30

Tour of Worker Coops (Karen Edwards)

** CARPOOLS NEEDED **

** STARTS EARLY! **

- 8:30 Meet up with carpools at various houses (sign up at Loth and Chateau Friday night)
- 9:00 Cheese Board Collective, 1504 Shattuck, and they sell *yummy* scones, muffins, coffee, etc.
- 9:30 Juice Bar Collective, 2114 Vine (around the corner from Cheese Board)
- 10:00 Missing Link Bicycle Cooperative at 1988 Shattuck
- 10:15 Jump in cars & 15 minute drive to Berkeley Worms, a composting collective which composts food waste from the university dorms and (starting this year!) the student coops. Started by UC Berkeley students & alumni.
- 11:30 Optional stop at Good Vibrations on the way back (a sex toys worker collective), or LUNCH

Multiculturalism Within the Coops

(Ratana Lim) Location: Wilde House

Recruiting, tracking and redefining coop norms, and some of the problems that may arise, e.g. "isms". Exercises on getting members excited about recruiting, fair employment, and dealing with sexual harassment.

COURSE BLOCK II SAT 1:45 - 3:15

gettin' it on: past, present, and future

(Honey Shor Posner and Holly Jo Sparks)

Location: Chateau

Take a brief tour of the cooperative memory lane. Learn about how co-ops began and how the "movement" is progressing through this modern cooperative age. Discuss co-op philosophy and other good things. So spice up your co-op smarts and learn everything you ever wanted to know about co-ops (but were afraid to ask!).

Slideshow of Intentional Communities

(Dan Einstein and Terry O'Keefe)

Tentative Location: Lothlonian

COURSE BLOCK III SAT 3:45 - 5:00

Collective Activism

(Kate Kirkham, Emma Schwartz and Darren Noy) Location: Chateau

First, a discussion of general models of collective activism, including the facilitators' experiences with coop development, Food Not Bombs, the Seattle WTO protests, democratic education, and work in Chiapas. Then a brainstorming session: What issues are relevant to student coopers today, and in particular, which issues would student coops be naturally suited to work collectively on? E.g. how can your house make an impact? What issues could your co-op system rally around? Is there any way to harness the geographically distributed energy of the student coop movement as a whole?

Cooperative Games

(Ian/Participants) Location: People's Park

Are you by any chance spending your days in a college environment which is a little too... COMPETITIVE? Can you imagine restructuring a class like Bio 10 so that the more people work together to grasp the material, the better everyone's grade gets?

Games like Log Roll, Stick-Arm Pudding, Aboriginal Infinity Marbles, and Collective Blowball bring us back to the innocent values of our kindergarden years...because it's never too late.

COURSE BLOCK IV SUN 10:15 - 12:00

Starting New Coops!! Q & A Session

(Eric Guetschoff) Location: Wilde House

Eric Guetschoff is the NASCO's Development Coordinator. He has a long and infamous history with student coops and coop development, including development projects with SBSHC (Santa Barbara), SCSHC (Santa Cruz), Masala Coop (Boulder, CO) and the Junxion Pizza Coop (Santa Cruz). From the first visions that haunt his dreams of the House that Must Be...to the final minutes before the deadline for closing

What can community look like after graduation? Come and see some examples of communities around the country., from Sand Hill's bountiful gardens to Dancing Rabbit's biodiesel fuel operation. Followed by a discussion of our own communal visions.

escrow, juggling multi-way conference calls between bankers, insurance agents, zoning officers and property owners...Eric has ridden the Wave. Here's your chance to hear his stories.

Consensus Workshop

(Holly Jo Sparks) Location: Lothlorien

WORKSHOPS IN PROGRESS

Working with your Local Land Trust and your Local Food System
(Nathalie Nicklett)

And your workshop! There will be a signup sheet Friday night if participants want to volunteer their own workshop ideas.

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6 WORKSHOPS THAT WILL MAKE YOU GASP

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Intentional Communities Presentation & Slide Show
History & Philosophy of the Co-op Movement
Survival Skills for the Student Co-op World

THINGS 2 BRING

Bedding: If you plan to stay in the USCA Co-ops, you will need a sleeping bag, sleeping pad, and pillows.
Personal Care Items

3 DAYS ONLY - RAIN OR SHINE

Join us for a weekend spectacle of cooperative learning & laughter!!

Only \$10!!

Side shows include:
Morning Yoga
Go-Op Queers
Tour S.F. Coops
Open Mkt Night
and Party!!