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Many thanks to our generous co-sponsors!

You can be a Co-Sponsor

Co-sponsors help us keep our registration costs down, while giving recognition to good people and organizations. Co-sponsorship, costing \$160 (more if you are able), provides you: two (2) adult admissions, exhibit space, and recognition on OACC social media. <https://ozarkareacommunitycongress.org/product/co-sponsor-registration/> or contact: oaccleaf@gmail.com



Costs:

- Adults (ages 17 & up) Saturday-only \$35
- Adults (ages 17 & up) Weekend \$50
- Young ones (ages 5 to 16) Saturday-only \$15
- Young ones (ages 5 to 16) Weekend \$30
- Youngest ones (4 and under) no cost

Saturday-only registration fee cover programs plus Saturday lunch and dinner. Weekend fee includes programs, lodging, plus meals Saturday and Sunday.

Pay cash at the door, or pre-register with a credit card: <https://ozarkareacommunitycongress.org/product/event-registration/>. Attendees under 17 must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Our Volunteer Village

Please come ready to help out, in the kitchen, with grounds cleanup, or whatever it takes to keep our little village going. Your help enables OACC to be inexpensive to attend. Setup help on Friday and cleanup help on Sunday especially needed.

Directions From West Plains, go west on Hwy CC 15 miles to Camp entrance, on the right. The Ozark County line is 1.6 miles before. **Camp: (417) 293-8365**



Learning from the Earth

You are invited!

OACC 44

Ozark Area Community Congress

October 6-8, 2023
Hammond Mill Camp
Ozark County, Missouri

All those who love and care about the Ozarks are invited to our 44th annual congress, to celebrate, appreciate, and learn from this phenomenal part of the Earth and each other.

Ozark Area Community Congress (OACC) is

- The first and longest-standing bioregional congress.
- A decades-long forum for a sustainable and regenerative economy for the Ozarks.
- A place to network with ecologically-informed, creative, talented people, growers, activists, small business operators, musicians, writers, innovators, and just plain folks.
- OACC is a celebration of the Ozarks and all things restorative and ecological!



Over the more than four decades that OACC has been meeting, we've developed practices that honor a good relationship between ourselves and the land. This year, with our theme of "**Learning from the Earth**," we'll talk about components of living a bioregional lifestyle, and explore practical and conceptual ways to cultivate a deep relationship with this place we love.



Thank you to Wren Haffner for OACC 2022 photos.

OACC 44 Presentations

OACC offers an opportunity to share what we are learning from the Earth, and to explore better ways to live in a caring relationship with natural systems, right here in the Ozarks.

We have scheduled two focused panel discussions, listed below, but there's also time for participants to share emerging knowledge with each other. Anyone who wants to host a workshop or discussion should bring your show-and-tell items and then sign up during the Open Space process. To offer more Open Space time, we'll hold our OACC planning session and plenary on Sunday morning, as was our tradition in pre-Covid years.



General Schedule

Friday

2 p.m. Set up begins. Exhibitors may set up if desired. We welcome volunteer help.

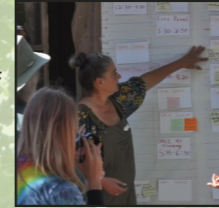
5 p.m. Registration

open for anyone staying overnight.

Go pitch your tent or set up your cabin space.

6 p.m. Dinner. Potluck.

7:30 p.m. or so. Music or other activities might pop up.



Saturday

8 a.m. Registration opens. Exhibitors may set up.

9 a.m. Opening Circle. Introduce yourself, make connections, learn about other participants. Very important for the full OACC experience.

After Opening Circle. Open Space Process. This is your time to sign up if you want to give a presentation.

10:30 a.m. State of the Ozarks.

12:30—1:30 p.m. Lunch.

1:30—6:30 p.m. Presentations. Our two planned presentations, plus workshops and other sessions, the things everyone signed up for during Open Space.

6:30—7:30 p.m. Dinner.

After dinner. Coffeehouse Talent Show—Major fun!

Sunday

8 - 9 a.m. Simple breakfast food available.

8 a.m. -12 noon. Open space opportunities. Cleanup.

9:30 a.m. OACC 45 Congress Planning Session. All are encouraged to attend this session of the Congress, which determines the future of OACC!

11 a.m. Silent auction for unused food.

12 noon. Lunch, which will likely consist of leftovers.

Before, during, and after lunch. Cleanup.

After cleanup. Closing Circle.

Children's activities.

We expect to have planned and informal activities for children, with the support of the adults accompanying them. Child-care will not be provided.



Food — We will be serving lunch and dinner on Saturday, and offering breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Meals are mostly vegetarian, prepared as



much as possible with organic, local, or fair-trade ingredients. Locally-sourced meat may also be included, with such dishes labeled. Help us keep registration costs low by bringing food to share, such as garden produce, bread, fruit, cheese, mushrooms, garlic, onions, etc. Please tell our food coordinator what you can bring: oaccleaf@gmail.com.

Facilities — Hammond Mill Camp is a beautiful CCC-era camp near the North Fork River, surrounded by the Mark Twain National Forest. It has a big pavilion, dining hall, and lots of outdoor space.



Lodging — Tent camping is encouraged. Cabins with bunks are a short walk from the bathroom/shower building. This year cabins are available on a first-come, first-serve basis. No RSVP needed.

What to bring — Camp chairs!, drums, musical instruments, songs. Acts for the coffeehouse talent show. Swim gear, river shoes. Food donations. Friday potluck items. Your kids, your friends. News from your group or neighborhood, and maybe an Open Space presentation. Plan for fall weather which can range from mild and dry to cool and wet. If you're staying over, bring sleeping bags, pillows, bedding, soap, shampoo, and towels.

Please, no dogs, other pets, drugs, or alcohol.

Planned Activities

OACC includes both pre-scheduled and spontaneous presentations. Scheduled activities are listed here.

State of the Ozarks. This popular session offers the opportunity to hear what others are doing and to share your news. Be prepared to give a short talk about your event, project, organization, business, or ideas. Whether you're new or a long-timer, this session can help you find connections.

Open Space. Previously unscheduled events are added to the roster during our Open Space process. Join us to add your presentation at OACC. We set the final schedule then. OACC is all about sharing and participating! Open space slots are 35 minutes each. Presentations may be tied to the theme, or not.

Coffeehouse Talent Show.

Fun and entertaining! Enjoy our participants' many talents. Everyone, from the smallest child, is encouraged to perform, be it with music, poems, theatrics, dance, or jokes.



Exhibits. Artists, organizations, and entrepreneurs set up displays and demos for their Ozark-based, environmentally-friendly products.

Presentations

Composting A-Z. Professional composter **Stan Slaughter** and worm



Stan Slaughter



Jo Olszewski

culture author **Jo Olszewski** will demonstrate techniques, based on experience and new science. Go home with real-world tips you can use to enrich your own patch of Ozark soil and deepen your relationship with the Earth.

Relocalizing Food Systems. Ozark agriculturists on this panel discussion are playing key roles in developing ways for their communities to create more stable local food systems. Panel moderator is **Sasha Daucus**.

Maile Auterson, founder of Springfield Community Gardens, has grown the program to eighteen gardens, two urban farmers markets, and one hospital farm.

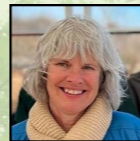
Wren Haffner, a bioregional homesteader, is interested in breeding plants species that thrive under typical Ozark growing conditions.

Hannah Hemmelgarn, with MU's Center for Agroforestry, is passionate about perennial tree crops, forest botanicals, and fungi for their contributions to food sovereignty and biocultural conservation.

Mia Jones, founder of Soul Fresh Farms and United Community Change, Springfield, MO, works to increase healthier food access.

Kelda Lorax runs an organic market garden near a small town in the Oklahoma Ozarks and teaches permaculture.

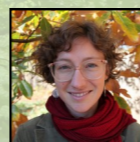
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