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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 are 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**



# Shaped by the Ozarks: Exploring Bioregional Culture

You are invited!

# OACC 45

Ozark Area Community Congress

October 4-6, 2024  
Hammond Mill Camp  
Ozark County, Missouri

All those who love and care about the Ozarks are invited to our 45th 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!



Thanks to Anthony and Tegan for OACC 44 photos

For nearly a half-century, OACC has represented and promoted bioregionalism in the Ozarks. Those of us who embrace the bioregional movement value lifestyles that mesh with and benefit our surrounding ecosystems. For the 45th OACC we are celebrating the culture which has emerged from this movement with our theme, **Shaped by the Ozarks: Exploring Bioregional Culture**.

For example, if we grow regionally adapted foods in our gardens, buy from local organic producers, or use other sustainable, Ozark-focused practices, then our activities have been shaped by our bioregion's natural features and by our own ecological values. This year at OACC, we'll share and learn how this, our bioregional culture, becomes reality in each of our lives and has aided us to form a community with a shared culture.



# OACC 45 Presentations



**Two focused panel discussions** are scheduled at OACC this year, listed below, but there will also be time for participants to share their knowledge. Anyone who wants to host a workshop or discussion may bring show-and-tell items and then sign up during the Open Space process. Most activities take place on Saturday, and on Sunday morning we'll hold our OACC plenary, the planning session for next year.



# 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 46 Congress Planning Session.** All are encouraged to attend this plenary 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.



Program subject to change. For more information:  
Ozarkareacommunitycongress.org

## 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, jokes, theatrics, or dance.



**Exhibits.** Organizations, artists, and entrepreneurs set up displays and demos for their Ozark-based, environmentally-friendly products.



## Panel Discussions

**Ozark Bioregional Herbalists.** Panelists:

**Bob and Jan Liebert** of Teeter Creek Herbs make high-quality herbal extracts and are founders of bioregional herbalism in the Ozarks.

**Jamie Jackson** of Missouri Herbs is a leading regional herbalist, and formulator for her herbal products business.

**Marisa Frazier** is an apprentice in bioregional herbalism and clean water activist.

**Sasha Daucus** of Golden Light Center is a longtime bioregional herbalist who specializes in women's health care.

**Regenerative Culture in the Ozarks.**

*Panelists' farms, art, and music enrich communities while staying connected to the Earth through land-based livelihoods.*

**Amelia LaMair and Eric Bogwalker** of Flotsam Farm host a community center and events at their organic farm in rural Ozark County.

**Curtis Millsap** of Millsap Farms operates a diversified 20-acre farm north of Springfield, connecting with eaters, farmers, and learners.

**Jessi Rieken** of Living Lands Studio, Ava, represents an art center that fosters creativity, community, and wellness.

**Stan Slaughter** of Tall Oak Productions, known as the Eco-troubadour, creates music and learning opportunities for all ages.



Bob Liebert



Jamie Jackson



Marisa Frazier



Amelia LaMair



Curtis Millsap



Jessi Rieken



**Food** — We will be serving breakfast, 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, fruit, cheese, mushrooms, potatoes, eggs, homemade bread and jam, 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. 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. Check the weather, which can range from warm 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.**