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Co-sponsors help us keep afloat, 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. Email [oaccleaf@gmail.com](mailto:oaccleaf@gmail.com) or visit [ozarkareacommunitycongress.org](http://ozarkareacommunitycongress.org)



**Costs.** Registration covers programs, lodging, plus meals Saturday and Sunday. Our experimental policy this year is simply "pay what you can but please consider our costs." Due to a sharp rise in fees paid to the camp, we expect costs to range from \$50-\$100 per person, depending on the length of stay. See website for details.

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

**Our Volunteer Village. Please be ready to help out**, in the kitchen, with grounds cleanup, or whatever it takes to keep our little village going. This enables OACC to be inexpensive to attend. Help with setup on Friday and cleanup 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**



You are invited  
**OACC 46**  
Ozark Area Community Congress  
September 26-28, 2025  
Hammond Mill Camp  
Ozark County, Missouri

**Mapping our Abundance**  
**Matching Needs & Yields**

All those who love and care about the Ozarks are invited to our 46th 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 Clara Vaughn for OACC 45 photos

With our theme this year, "*Mapping our Abundance: Matching Needs & Yields*," the 46th annual OACC will feature two panel discussions, hands-on apple cider pressing, an interactive map that can help producers and consumers find each other, and the ever-popular coffeehouse talent show.

We're also embarking on a bold experiment with registration. Hammond Mill Camp has raised fees significantly, yet we're concerned that our longtime registration fee (\$50 for the weekend) can be a deterrent for some participants. This year, our fee is simply "pay what you can, but please consider our costs." Camp fees alone for an adult staying the weekend are now \$67! We anticipate overall costs will average \$80 per person (higher for those staying the weekend, but lower for those coming Saturday only). We hope anyone who can will give a little extra to cover those who are less able to pay.

# OACC 46 Presentations

# General Schedule



**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 sign up during the Open Space process. We'll start **5 p.m. Friday** with a hands-on **apple cider pressing** demonstration. Most other activities take place on Saturday, and on Sunday morning we'll hold our OACC plenary, the planning session for next year.

## 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

### Forest Farming in the Ozarks Panelists:

**Richard Herman**, Marshfield, cultivates the longest-running intentional forest farm in Missouri, at 25 years.

**Nathaniel Graham**, Rockbridge, practices Korean natural farming, which utilizes soil microbes.

**Wren Haffner's** Mountain Jewel farm in Ozark County is an off-grid combination of food forest, adaptation gardening, appropriate technology, and buildings of natural, local materials.

**Ezra Houston**, of Lincoln University of Missouri, will introduce the Midwest Forest Farming Coalition, a partnership of farmers, researchers, and landowners.

**Mapping our Abundance: Matching Needs & Yields** discusses innovative ways to connect local producers and those seeking products. Panelists:

**Ryan Goolsby & Renee Cleveland** run the Little Farm Store, Mansfield, a home delivery service providing fresh local farm products.

**Ayana Mayes** will present an interactive Ozark map geared toward to connecting producers and consumers.

**Amber Johnson** will talk about the Needs/Yields Wheel, offering basic principals for a biologic approach to the human condition.



Richard Herman



Nathaniel Graham



Wren Haffner



Ezra Houston



Renee & Ryan



Ayana Mayes



Amber Johnson

## 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.

**5 p.m. Hands-on Apple Cider Pressing**

**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 47 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

**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 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.**