



# CLIMATE ENCAMPMENT GUIDE

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# ENCAMPMENT DETAILS

## ORIENTATION AND TRAINING

The Welcome Tent is the first place to go when you arrive at the Encampment to receive direction on where to pitch your tent and any new information since this packet was printed. The tent is located at the end of the State House walkway nearest State Street. It will be staffed continuously during the day.

All campers and visitors are expected to attend a brief orientation session as soon as possible after they enter the Encampment. These sessions are scheduled throughout the time we are camping at the Hourglass/State House Steps (see schedule in this packet). On Friday, attendees will also be able to join an NVDA training, which covers the practice of non-violent techniques.

## ENCAMPMENT POINTS OF REFERENCE (SEE MAP)

This is an approximate set of locations; things may need to change depending upon the situation. Be sure to check the white board at the Welcome Tent often to stay up to date.

1. Welcome Tent: Start here; get guidance on everything about the Encampment; security; ask questions
2. Big Top: Large event tent near lawn entrance, used for workshops, meals, rain protection
3. Portalets/Wash Station
4. Wellness Tent: Sanctuary for regeneration and relaxation for burned-out campers
5. Art Tent: Source for art materials and direction on art builds  
Swag Tent: Clothing and paraphernalia for free or donation
6. Food Tent: Staging area for meals; bring food donations here
7. Ag Tent: Source for agriculture-related workshops and demonstrations
8. Sag Wagon (RV): Medical, security, warmth, water, coffee
9. Carrot Top: Event tent near the Big Top, near lawn entrance, also used for workshops, meals, rain protection
10. Unitarian Church: See map for directions, many events and workshops
11. State House Room 11: Used for workshops
12. Barnyard: Home for the encampment fauna

## ACCESSIBILITY

The State House property is largely accessible to all, although poor weather conditions may inevitably make travel across the grass challenging. A wheelchair-accessible portalet will be on site. The Welcome Tent will have information about other wheelchair accessible toilets in the local area.

## CAMPING IN TENT CITY

To ensure we have enough room and a safe environment for everyone who wants to camp overnight, please keep these guidelines in mind:

- Pitch your tent in the Tent City area, in the location where a crew member indicates.
- Your tent should be pitched as close as practicable to your neighbors' tents.
- For walking safety, pathways in Tent City should be kept clear of tent stakes, ropes, ground sheets, etc.
- Stay on the pathways as much as possible, especially after dark.
- Please do not have open flames inside your tent.
- If you smoke, please do so at some distance away from Tent City.
- We request that any non-campers leave Tent City when the evening's entertainment has concluded (around 11 p.m.).

## DECISION MAKING

During the course of the Encampment, decisions will be made using mechanisms that enable us to hear the voices of all campers on the site. A People's Assembly will be held on Saturday, as well.

## FOOD

Our kitchen crews will be cooking up wholesome breakfasts on Friday and Saturday, and dinners on Thursday (pizza) and Friday (large community meal). Lunch on Friday and Saturday is your responsibility; please patronize Montpelier restaurants and grocery stores!

## HEALTH

If you become ill or injured – or if you just want to warm up a bit and have a cocoa -- the RV (“Sag Wagon”) is the place to go. The RV is located on Governor Aiken Drive, on the western edge of the Lawn.

# ENCAMPMENT DETAILS *(Continued)*

## NEWS UPDATES

Check the white board outside (or inside, if it's raining) the Welcome Tent for new encampment information, such as venue changes.

## PARKING

Keep in mind that parking rules in the City of Montpelier are in effect.

## POWER AND WATER

As of this writing, Vermont's commissioner of Buildings and General Services is not allowing us to have use of the electrical and water facilities. We are expected to have a few solar-powered charging units available for lighting, sound, and device charging. Please be prepared to charge your devices in creative ways – or leave the devices in your pocket and enjoy an analog weekend!

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

The organizers have established a security plan that includes roaming safety crew through the day and night. Look for hi-vis vests and other obvious "security" clothing for help.

As this is an unpermitted event, please be aware that conditions will likely be fluid throughout the duration of the encampment. Use good judgment in your interactions with passersby; don't do unsafe things (like open flames inside your tent); and reach out to others in the event you feel threatened in any way. #WeAreAllCrew

## TENT AMERICA

There is a permitted event, Tent America, which has reserved a part of the East Lawn for the full day on Saturday. As of this writing, that section is expected to be roped off. Please do not enter this space, and please engage with Tent America personnel and visitors respectfully.

## WASTE, RECYCLING, COMPOST – AND OVERALL CLEANLINESS

Please use the appropriate dedicated bins to discard materials and food waste. If possible, pack out your own waste to reduce disposal efforts. It is vitally important to our cause to leave the State House lawn in excellent condition. Please keep your areas clean and take initiative to pick up stray waste, even if it's not yours.

# WORKSHOPS

This is a tentative list of workshops and demonstrations to be held during the Encampment. Be prepared to roll with the changes!

**YOUTH-ONLY COMMUNITY GATHERINGS** (x2): How can we organize as youth? Come meet up in these open forums for youth across the state to build an organizing network.

**HEADING FOR EXTINCTION (AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT):** The planet is in ecological crisis: we are in the midst of the sixth mass extinction event this planet has experienced. Scientists believe we may have entered a period of abrupt climate breakdown. This is an emergency. In this public talk, Extinction Rebellion will share the latest climate science on where our planet is heading, discuss some of the current psychology around climate change, and offer solutions through the study of social movements.

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:** Learn what your constitutional rights are and how they apply to protest, direct action and demonstration. Learn the "magic words" to say while interacting with law enforcement as an activist, in order to keep you and your friends safe. We will walk you through the legal system and what to expect if you are arrested. Finally this training focuses on ways the government and law enforcement try to suppress our movements, and how you can stay resilient to repression.

**DRAWDOWN:** In the face of widespread fear and apathy, an international coalition of researchers, professionals, and scientists has come together to offer a set of realistic and bold solutions to climate collapse. One hundred techniques and practices are described in the book – we will discuss the top 10 in this talk.

**EXTINCTION CAFE:** This is a place where we will gather with our shared concerns and process deeper feelings about the ecological crisis, species extinction, and climate emergency. It is a supportive, facilitated space for working through some of the personal and collective grief that is arising in this era. Extinction Cafe is a safe space where everyone is welcome.

**HERBS FOR PERSONAL RESILIENCY:** Join Nick Cavanaugh of Railyard Apothecary to learn about herbal remedies to help deal with stress. These common herbs can be grown at home, and can help with relaxation, mood support and maintaining balanced energy.

## WORKSHOPS *(Continued)*

**NVDA TRAINING:** This will be a shorter Nonviolent Direct Action (NVDA) training, covering Know Your Rights, action roles, and tactical theory, as well as action preparation and practice for upcoming actions this fall and beyond. Be ready to think on your feet and get you or your team involved in nonviolent action escalation!

**WE SPEAK FOR THE EARTH – CLIMATE POETRY:** A facilitated writing workshop focused on story and poetry in response to climate. All ages.

**CHICKEN CARE:** This fun and open discussion is for new and long-time chicken owners alike. Come learn how to raise backyard chickens, introduce new hens to a flock, care for a chicken's health, prepare a warm and safe coop, and more! Attendees will be able to take home a fowl friend (or two)!

**KURDISTAN, ROJAVA, AND OCALAN (THE KURDISH QUESTION OF FREEDOM):** A conversation influenced by Vermont's political theorist and founder of the Institute of Social Ecology, Murray Bookchin, about the most important social and political experiment of modern history, in which the Kurdish people of Northern Syria have achieved an autonomous society based on principles of Feminism, Ecology & Direct-Democracy. Discussion will include an understanding of the far-reaching impacts of Turkey and its invasion on Northern Syria and its threat to the movement for a more equitable and regenerative world.

**FOOD, WATER, SOIL, CLIMATE, HOPE:** The ripples of our daily choices directly impact climate change. Cat Buxton offers a whole systems approach to understand our impact with accessible, positive solutions that will help to cool the planet while restoring water quality, soil health and public health. Cat covers the basics of the soil health principles, nutrient cycling, watershed function, and how the average person can effect change in the backyard and in the marketplace. Suitable for beginning and advanced gardeners, farmers and land managers.

**THE GRAND MARE:** Come meet one of the Fjord workhorses from Cedar Mountain Farm! We will do some demonstrations and talk with young adults and participants at the encampment about the role draft animals can play in a post-oil future. We are excited to be going and sharing our knowledge and skills of draft animal technology.

## WORKSHOPS *(Continued)*

**POETRY & MUSIC TO IMPACT CHANGE:** A conversation about using poetry, art, and music as a tool to effect positive change.

**ARRESTED IN TIMES SQUARE! + HOW TO GIVE A SUBWAY TALK:** Ward and Maria tell the story of their participation in last week's boat action in NYC; plus, Ward shares what he learned in jail about how to give a short disruptive talk in public places.

**GREEN MOUNTAIN NEW DEAL:** Join Sunrise Middlebury for youth-led presentation and discussion on proposed legislation for a Vermont version of the Green New Deal that is currently under consideration by Congress.

## SATURDAY'S HARVEST FESTIVAL

This is only a small list of stuff happening Saturday.

Check the Welcome Tent for updates!

**WALKING MEDITATION:** Join the Montpelier Buddhists for Climate Action for an early morning walking meditation.

**MORNING STRETCH:** Warm up our bodies and center ourselves for the final day of the Encampment!

**PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY:** We'll come together to practice holding a People's Assembly, a first step toward declaring Climate Emergency and creating resilient communities.

**MANAGED GRAZING & PASTURE HEALTH:** Matt Choiniere of Choiniere Family Farm in Highgate Center will provide a demo on pasture forage identification and lead a discussion on managed grazing, soil health, animal health, and the environmental impacts of ecological farming.

**MENDING & REPAIR WORKSHOP:** Rediscover the lost art of caring and repairing rather than replacing and disposing!

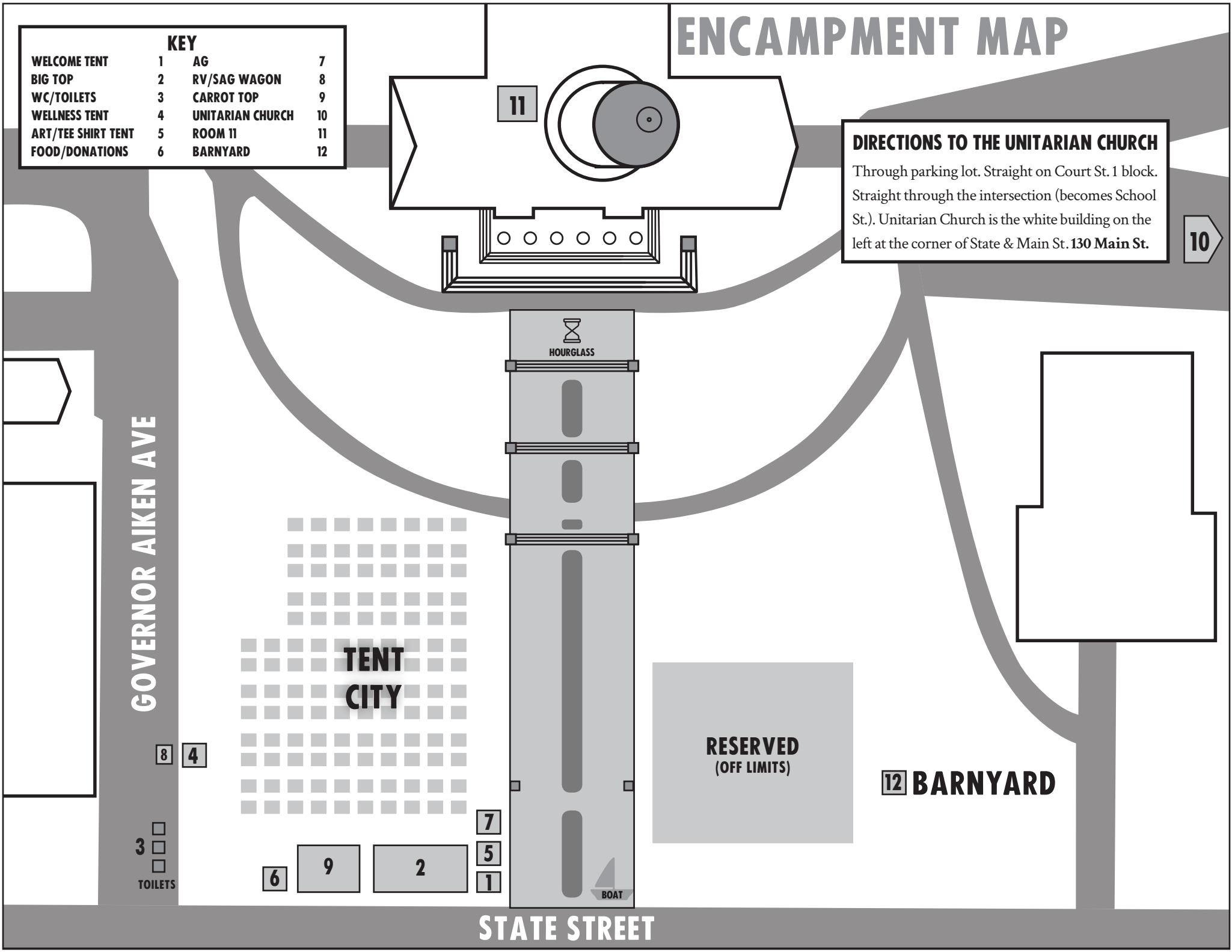
**ART BUILD:** Join artists from XR and The Make to make prints and paint banners.

**SIGN MAKING FOR OCTOBER 20 ICE PROTEST:** Close the Camps/End Deportation: Middlebury College students host a sign making workshop for those planning to attend the Williston protest on Sunday.

# ENCAMPMENT MAP

KEY			
WELCOME TENT	1	AG	7
BIG TOP	2	RV/SAG WAGON	8
WC/TOILETS	3	CARROT TOP	9
WELLNESS TENT	4	UNITARIAN CHURCH	10
ART/TEE SHIRT TENT	5	ROOM 11	11
FOOD/DONATIONS	6	BARNYARD	12

**DIRECTIONS TO THE UNITARIAN CHURCH**  
 Through parking lot. Straight on Court St. 1 block. Straight through the intersection (becomes School St.). Unitarian Church is the white building on the left at the corner of State & Main St. **130 Main St.**



GOVERNOR AIKEN AVE

TENT CITY

RESERVED  
(OFF LIMITS)

12 BARNYARD

HOURGLASS

BOAT

STATE STREET

3 TOILETS

10

# PRINCIPLES

## WE DEMAND

**1** That the Government must tell the truth about the climate and wider ecological emergency, it must reverse all policies not in alignment with that position and must work alongside the media to communicate the urgency for change including what individuals, communities and businesses need to do.

**2** The Government must enact legally binding policies to reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2025 and take further action to remove the excess of atmospheric greenhouse gases. It must cooperate internationally so that the global economy runs on no more than half a planet's worth of resources per year.

**3** We do not trust our Government to make the bold, swift and long-term changes necessary to achieve these changes and we do not intend to hand further power to our politicians. Instead we demand a Citizens' Assembly to oversee the changes, as we rise from the wreckage, creating a democracy fit for purpose.

**4** We demand a just transition that prioritizes the most vulnerable people and Indigenous sovereignty; establishes reparations and remediation led by and for Black people, Indigenous people, people of color and poor communities for years of environmental injustice, establishes legal rights for ecosystems to thrive and regenerate in perpetuity, and repairs the effects of ongoing ecocide to prevent extinction of human and all species, in order to maintain a livable, just planet for all.

XR abides by a strict, non-negotiable commitment to nonviolence.  
**VIOLENCE WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.**

### **COMMITMENT TO RESPECT AND INCLUSION FOR ALL PEOPLE.**

No racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, abuse, or other oppressive behavior.

Acts in ways **CONSISTENT WITH XR PRINCIPLES** (<https://rebellion.earth/who-we-are>):

### **WE HAVE A SHARED VISION OF CHANGE.**

Creating a world that is fit for generations to come.

### **WE SET OUR MISSION ON WHAT IS NECESSARY.**

Mobilizing 3.5% of the population to achieve system change – using ideas such as “Momentum-driven organizing” to achieve this.

### **WE NEED A REGENERATIVE CULTURE.**

Creating a culture which is healthy, resilient and adaptable.

### **WE OPENLY CHALLENGE OURSELVES AND THIS TOXIC SYSTEM.**

Leaving our comfort zones to take action for change.

### **WE VALUE REFLECTING AND LEARNING.**

Following a cycle of action, reflection, learning, and planning for more action. Learning from other movements and contexts as well as our own experiences.

### **WE WELCOME EVERYONE AND EVERY PART OF EVERYONE.**

Working actively to create safer and more accessible spaces.

### **WE ACTIVELY MITIGATE FOR POWER.**

Breaking down hierarchies of power for more equitable participation.

### **WE AVOID BLAMING AND SHAMING.**

We live in a toxic system, but no one individual is to blame.

### **WE ARE A NON-VIOLENT NETWORK.**

Using non-violent strategy and tactics as the most effective way to bring about change.

### **WE ARE BASED ON AUTONOMY AND DECENTRALIZATION.**

We collectively create the structures we need to challenge power. Anyone who follows these core principles and values can take action in the name of Extinction Rebellion US!

# CLIMATE ENCAMPMENT

This action consensus is a binding framework for nonviolent direct actions undertaken during most Extinction Rebellion campaigns. You need to abide by it if you wish to participate in this Climate Encampment. The Climate Encampment is an unpermitted (illegal) action.

This Action Consensus is influenced by the Jemez Principles, which were established in 1996 by 40 people of color and European-American representatives at the “Working Group Meeting on Globalization and Trade,” in Jemez, New Mexico. Just as we intend to do here at the Climate Encampment, the Jemez meeting had the intention of hammering out common understandings between participants from different cultures, politics and organizations. The following principles were adopted by the participants.

- 1** Be Inclusive
- 2** Emphasis on Bottom-Up Organizing
- 3** Let People Speak for Themselves
- 4** Work Together in Solidarity and Mutuality
- 5** Build Just Relationships Among Ourselves
- 6** Commitment to Self-Transformation

## IN THIS CLIMATE ENCAMPMENT:

We raise awareness of the Earth emergency we find ourselves in. We act to protect this country and the Earth, our home. We are rebelling against extinction because our species and the many others we co-exist with are under threat.

We will be mindful of members of the public going about their normal day-to-day activities at all times. We wish we didn't feel the need to disrupt, and at the same time we acknowledge that the political, economic and social system we live in has driven us to take disruptive action; recognizing that unless actions are undertaken in towns, cities and public places any impact

# ACTION CONSENSUS

will be minimal and localized. We understand that workers who may be disrupted by our actions rely on their jobs to provide for themselves and their families.

We will be strictly nonviolent in our actions and communications with members of the public, workers, the authorities and each other at all times. We will treat everyone with dignity and respect. We recognize that nonviolence is essential to our campaign, whilst recognizing that using nonviolence is a privilege that is not available to everybody.

We will act calmly and carefully and will strive not to endanger people.

We will not take action under the influence of alcohol or drugs. We will keep ourselves informed of the legal consequences of our actions and take responsibility for them. We will honor our regenerative culture, looking after ourselves and each other in order to take effective action. Safety will be a high priority at all times.

We will take action with care, being mindful of blockades that may affect emergency routes. We will consult our traffic plan to mitigate for these eventualities. We will not take action unless trained and aware of the consequences of our actions.

Alongside the civil disobedience inherent in this action, we encourage constructive direct actions that offer solutions to the climate and biodiversity crises we face. We encourage the creation of a regenerative culture that supports us as we focus on these solutions in more connected, cooperative communities. We will tell stories of positive change to encourage others to act. This will build a stronger narrative that complements our opposition to failed business-as-usual approaches.

As activists in the Global North, we collectively acknowledge our privilege. We are on an ongoing journey of understanding what this means. We act in solidarity with social and environmental justice front-lines outside Vermont and recognize that our struggles are connected.

# SCHEDULE

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>TAKE THE SPACE</b>	
12:00	Encampment Setup	
4:00-5:30	Camper Arrival	Boat/Welcome Tent
5:30-6:00	Orientation	Hourglass/State House Steps
6:00	Pizza	Center Aisle
7:00-10:00	Music and Dancing!	
11:00	Quiet/sleep time – all non-campers depart	

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>CONNECT AND COMMUNICATE</b>	
8:00	Breakfast	Center Aisle
8:30	New arrivals welcome	Boat/Welcome Tent
9:00	Newcomer Orientation	Hourglass/State House Steps
9:30-11:00	<b>Workshop Sessions 1:</b>	
	Youth-only Community Gathering (10-11)	Big Top
	Heading for Extinction (and What to Do About It)	State House Room 11
	We speak for the Earth-Climate Poetry	UU Church
11:15-12:15	<b>Workshop Sessions 2:</b>	
	Know Your Rights	Hourglass/State House Steps
	Draw Down	State House Room 11
	Chicken Care	The Barnyard
	Herbs for Personal Resiliency	Big Top
	Kurdistan/Rojava	UU Church
12:15-1:30	Lunch (on your own)	
1:00	Newcomer Orientation	Hourglass/State House Steps
1:30-4:00	<b>Workshop Sessions 3:</b>	
	NVDA Training	UU Church
	Food, Water, Soil, Climate, Hope (1:30-3:00)	State House Room 11

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>CONNECT AND COMMUNICATE</b>	
1:30-4:00	The Grand Mare	The Barnyard
2:00-3:00	<b>Workshop Sessions 4:</b>	
	Poetry & Music to Impact Change	Hourglass/State House Steps
	Arrested in Times Square! + How to Give a Subway Talk	Big Top
3:00-4:00	<b>Workshop Sessions 5:</b>	
	Extinction Cafe	Hourglass/State House Steps
	Green Mountain New Deal	Big Top
4:00	Newcomer Orientation	Hourglass/State House Steps
4:45	Keynote Speakers	At Dinner Location
5:30	Community Dinner	TBD
6:30-8:00	Clean up/Rest	
8:00	Take the Streets Dance Party!	State Street
11:00	Quiet/sleep time – all non-campers depart	

TIME	ACTIVITY	LOCATION
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>GROW AND CELEBRATE</b>	
7:30	Walking Meditation	Hourglass/State House Steps
8:00	Breakfast	Center Aisle
8:30	New arrivals welcome	Boat/Welcome Tent
9:00	Newcomer Orientation	Boat/Welcome Tent
9:30-11:00	People's Assembly	Hourglass/State House Steps
11:00	Morning Stretch	Hourglass/State House Steps
	Sign making for march on ICE Facility	State House
11:00-12:00	Initial Cleanup / Prep for Harvest Festival	All Spaces
11:00-12:00	Youth-only Community Gathering	Big Top
12:00	Lunch	TBD
12:00-3:00	Harvest Festival / Lunch	All Spaces
3:30	Final Cleanup	
5:00	Goodbye/Sound the Alarm	



# WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR PARTNERS AND ENDORSERS

Youth Action Alliance  
Migrant Justice/Justicia Migrante  
Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont  
Rural Vermont  
Vermonters for Justice in Palestine  
Jewish Voices for Peace  
Kikon N'dakina Grassroots Center  
Protect Our Wildlife Vermontn  
Sunrise Burlington  
The Make  
Rights & Democracy Vermont  
Middlebury Natural Foods Co-op  
Community Resilience Organizations (CROs)  
Hillside Botanicals  
Middlebury Sunday Night Environmental Group  
Institute for Social Ecology  
The People's Kitchen  
Sunrise Middlebury  
Vermont Yankee Decommissioning Alliance  
Women's March Vermont  
Revolutionary Potluck Society  
Vermont Cannabis Nurses Association  
Jewish Voices for Peace  
Center for Transformational Practice  
Grow Compost of Vermont  
Vermont Coalition for Ethnic and Social Equity in Schools  
350 Vermont Burlington Node  
Salvation Farms  
Building a Local Economy (BALE)  
Soil4Climate Vermont