



COMMON GROUND COMMUNITY RETREAT









Looking for spiritually-oriented, peaceful, mature, mother-nature-loving people choosing to live a healthy lifestyle to co-create an adults-only retreat in beautiful Wahkiakum County in the Pacific Northwest.

We are envisioning a place where our members (lol “commoners”) participate long term and share the use of a six acre farm which includes the lower story of a quaint farmhouse (kitchen, living room, dining area, office), a 100 year old barn, a large shop, mature fruit and nut trees, and a 2.5+ acre area for gardening.

Most of the infrastructure to support a small group of up to 12 people is already in place. The addition of a bathhouse and composting toilets, conversion of a carport to an outdoor kitchen and patio to outdoor dining area, and graveling parking areas are already a part of the plan. A floating deck to enjoy the amazing Columbia River view and a floating dock for river access would be a (kayaker’s) dream.

Bring your visions to the community!

There is so much potential at this location. The upper barn space can host weekly meditation, yoga, and dance. The shop can be a place for your artful creation. The lower story of the barn

can accommodate smaller animals. The stalls can potentially accommodate up to 4 horses. The land is fertile and we can grow beautiful organic food for ourselves and possibly something extra to sell.

We hope to extend ourselves to the larger community. Some of our ideas are to host:

Weekly-

- The non-denominational silent meditation group Island Within
- Yoga Sanctuary classes and workshops

Monthly-

- Body and Soul Ecstatic Dance
- Full Moon Vegetarian Potluck

Occasionally-

- Lower Columbia Paddlers Club
- Harvest Garden Party

To be able to cooperate this way will necessitate a commitment of time, so you will need to make time for this on a regular basis, working around your social and work life while being someone we in the community can depend upon.

The intention behind Common Ground Community membership is to garden together and to cook and eat most evening meals communally. To do this each person will cook once a week. Our communal meals will be vegetarian, and otherwise one can eat whatever, but we want no animal killed on property or animal raised here to be killed for food.

Cooperating this way also includes upkeep of the common areas of the property, including the land, so we will need everyone to bring their positivity, good work attitude, physical energy and skills to benefit the whole community.

We are wanting to create a legal outline that protects us from having to possibly evict community members who are causing problems so:

Common Ground Community membership is a prerequisite to licensed use of the property. Licensed use allows one to bring a licensed RV, tiny home licensed as one, or licensed bus, box truck, trailer, etc. for your private hang-out sleeping space/storage. (Once licensed in WA the registration can probably lapse with no repercussions.) As we do not have water and power hookups for them, rechargeable batteries, solar panels, and a portable waste disposal system are encouraged.

Licensed use of the property requires the payment of a first and last month's fee plus deposit money.

The monthly fee is kept low as your time put in regularly is valued, but this is not a work/trade situation. We want members who want to and do take good care of the common spaces without the idea that this is in trade and without expecting others to do this for them.

Common Ground Community members in good standing can be licensed to use the property after a trial period. Licensed use is for a minimum of 6 months per year.

Licensed individuals (or couples) may use the property for \$280 per month per person. Licensed use includes utilities (water, electricity, internet) and garbage collection, and parking authorization.

Great pluses to bring to this endeavor are:

- Gardening experience
- Good communication skills and knowledge of non-violent communication
- Building experience and craftsmanship
- Cooking aptitude
- A loving, generous and compassionate spirit
- A desire to work with people on shared goals

Many people are interested in co-operative spaces and they are increasingly common these days as more people realize that they don't have the means to (and really don't need to) own their own land and/or do everything themselves.

If you are interested, please respond with a written introduction to yourself.

If you are part of a couple, each person should introduce themselves. (No children, sorry, as this is an all-adult co-operative.)

The more detailed your personal introduction the better. We ask for this to be in writing so that the people in the community can read it in their own time.

We especially appreciate learning about what your life experiences have been, what your interests and hobbies are, what your lifestyle is like, and what your belief system/outlook is.

Additional Things that we are wanting to know about you are standard:

- Do you rent now and how long you have been there
- Where have you rented in the past
- Can you provide us rental references
- What is your paid work/income source
- Can you provide work references
- Can you provide personal references

Please email your introduction letter to premaslove2@gmail.com

