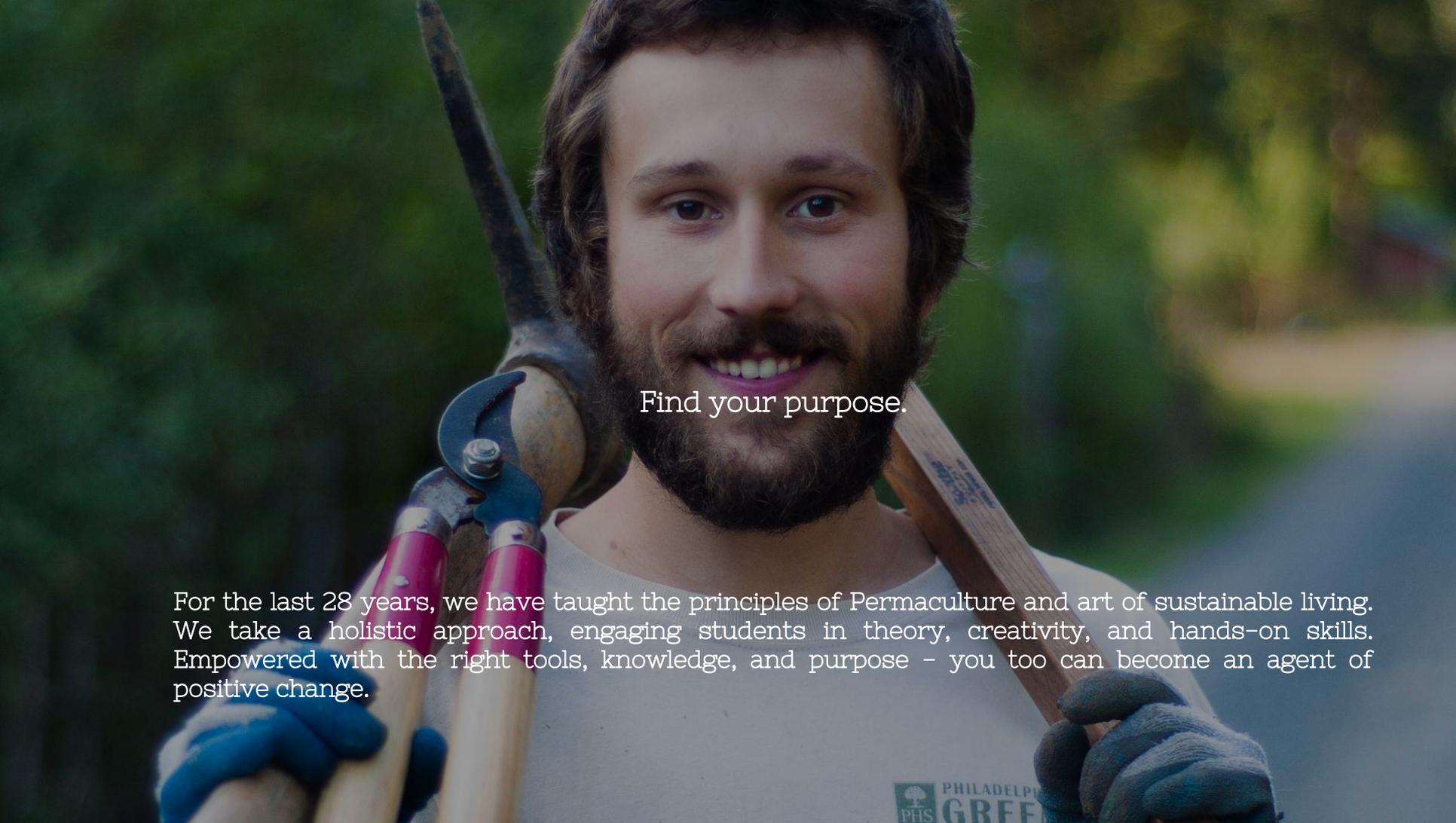




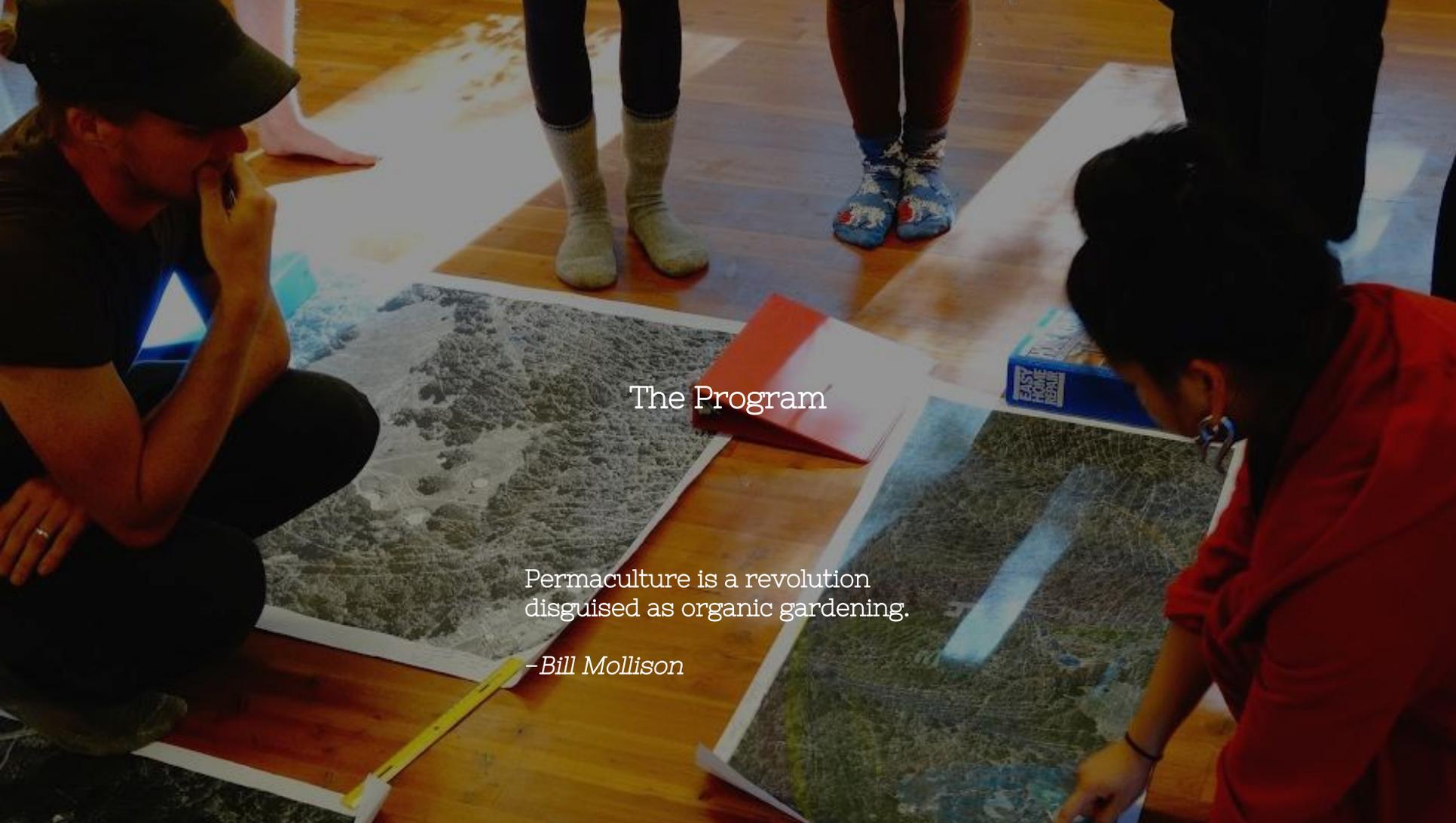
Permaculture Design Certificate Course (PDC) 2018

This is your future.



Find your purpose.

For the last 28 years, we have taught the principles of Permaculture and art of sustainable living. We take a holistic approach, engaging students in theory, creativity, and hands-on skills. Empowered with the right tools, knowledge, and purpose - you too can become an agent of positive change.



The Program

Permaculture is a revolution
disguised as organic gardening.

-Bill Mollison

1 Permaculture
Design Certificate (PDC)

3 Months

12 Classes

72 Hours of
Permaculture Study

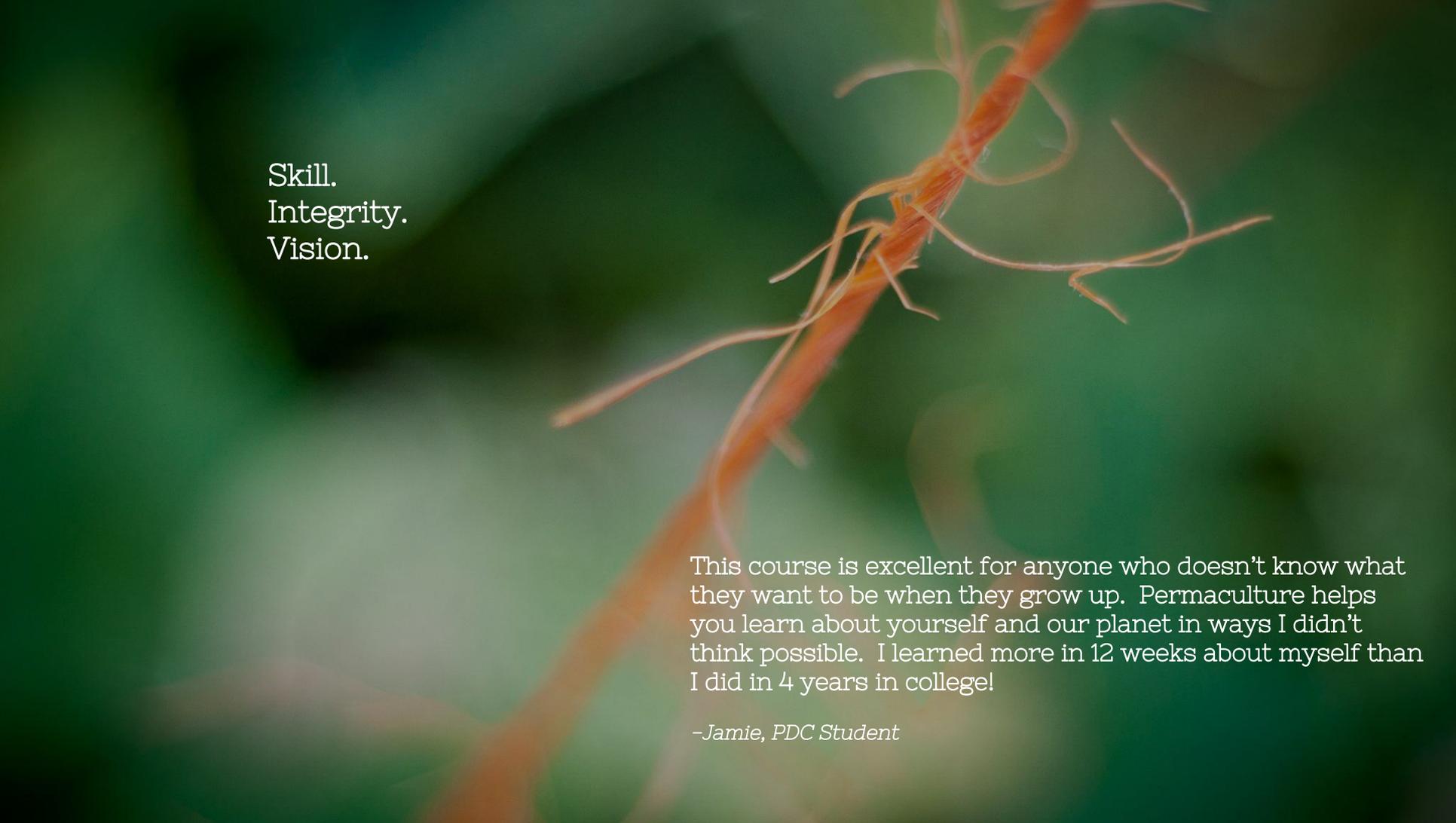
Permaculture is a practical design science, based on the patterns and principles of natural systems. Drawing from the wisdom in nature, Permaculture remains a creative and thoughtful response to the disconnected modern paradigm of resource extraction, industrial growth, and consumerism.

Over the course of 3 months, we'll deliver 72 hours of the critical information you need to become a certified designer, and to get your dreams moving.

Classes are one Wednesday per week, for 6 hours each. Cherry-pick the most attractive topics, or take the full course to get your Permaculture Design Certificate. Local commuters are welcome.

Our diverse teaching team is knowledgeable, experienced and ready to help you grow your future.

The revolution is here, and it starts within you.



Skill.
Integrity.
Vision.

This course is excellent for anyone who doesn't know what they want to be when they grow up. Permaculture helps you learn about yourself and our planet in ways I didn't think possible. I learned more in 12 weeks about myself than I did in 4 years in college!

-Jamie, PDC Student

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

WEEK ONE:

Ethics & Principles

Earth care ~ people care ~ fair share! By staying grounded in our core values and principles, we can design solutions to any of our collective challenges. Learn the 3 core ethics and 12 principles that guide and inform permaculture design and practice, and why they're so needed in the world.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

WEEK TWO:

Patterns in Nature

Learn the art of observation and awaken to the patterns all around you. In Permaculture, pattern language informs our design process at all levels. Weather systems, ecological successions, zones & sectors, keyhole gardens, deer trails, seashell spirals, leaf veins, and more...

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

WEEK THREE:

Permaculture Design

Learn the fundamental elements of permaculture's innovative design process – like the practical tools for measuring and mapping your landscape. Our whole systems approach doesn't stop at the ecological; a design is never complete without integrating cultural, economic, and even spiritual considerations.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

WEEK FOUR:

Resilient Plants ~ Healthy Soils

Soil is the foundation of all terrestrial life. Learn from the ground up about soil care, basic botany, plant families and uses, and sample plant guilds. This day is organized as a field trip to a learning site either in Eugene or Cottage Grove.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

WEEK FIVE:

Natural Building (+ design group formation)

Modern construction practices create a massive amount of landfill waste. In natural building, the key ingredients come from, and return to, the Earth. Learn how to use local, renewable materials to design smart and simple shelters. Then get dirty with a hands-on project.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

WEEK SIX:

Appropriate Technology

Sustainability + innovation = low impact technologies that benefit the planet and improve the quality of human life. Learn about aquaculture as an alternative closed-loop food production system. And discover human nutrient recycling – the responsible use of composting toilets and urine recycling.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

WEEK SEVEN:

Responsible Forestry (+ design project check-in)

Forests are among the most diverse and resilient habitats on Earth. With conscious management, they can grow our long-term needs while providing habitat for other life. Explore how forest ecosystems function and how to design productive and regenerative food forests & woodlots.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

WEEK EIGHT:

Water is Life

Water is the lifeblood of our world. In permaculture, we respond by working with its natural flows: catching it from the sky, cleaning it with plants, and storing it in the landscape. Carry out hands-on water planning projects. Then learn how to treat and reuse greywater.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

WEEK NINE:

Animal Partnerships (+ design project check in)

Learn the characteristics of wild and domesticated animals and how to design productive ecosystems that benefit them and us. Also, explore techniques for dealing with troublesome critters, such as integrated pest management (IPM). Then, do a hands-on project with our animal systems on-site.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

WEEK TEN:

Energy Ecology (+ design project check in)

Energy is abundant in natural systems. Learn the fundamental principles of how energy moves through our landscapes and how to capture and store it with good design. Get a taste of lesser-known energy sources, and how to implement these small & simple solutions.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

WEEK ELEVEN:

Designing for All Situations (+ project presentation tips)

Permaculture design can be implemented anywhere to improve resiliency. Learn practical strategies for other biomes, like the tropics and deserts. See how permaculture design can mitigate the effects of climate change, natural disasters, and other emergencies.

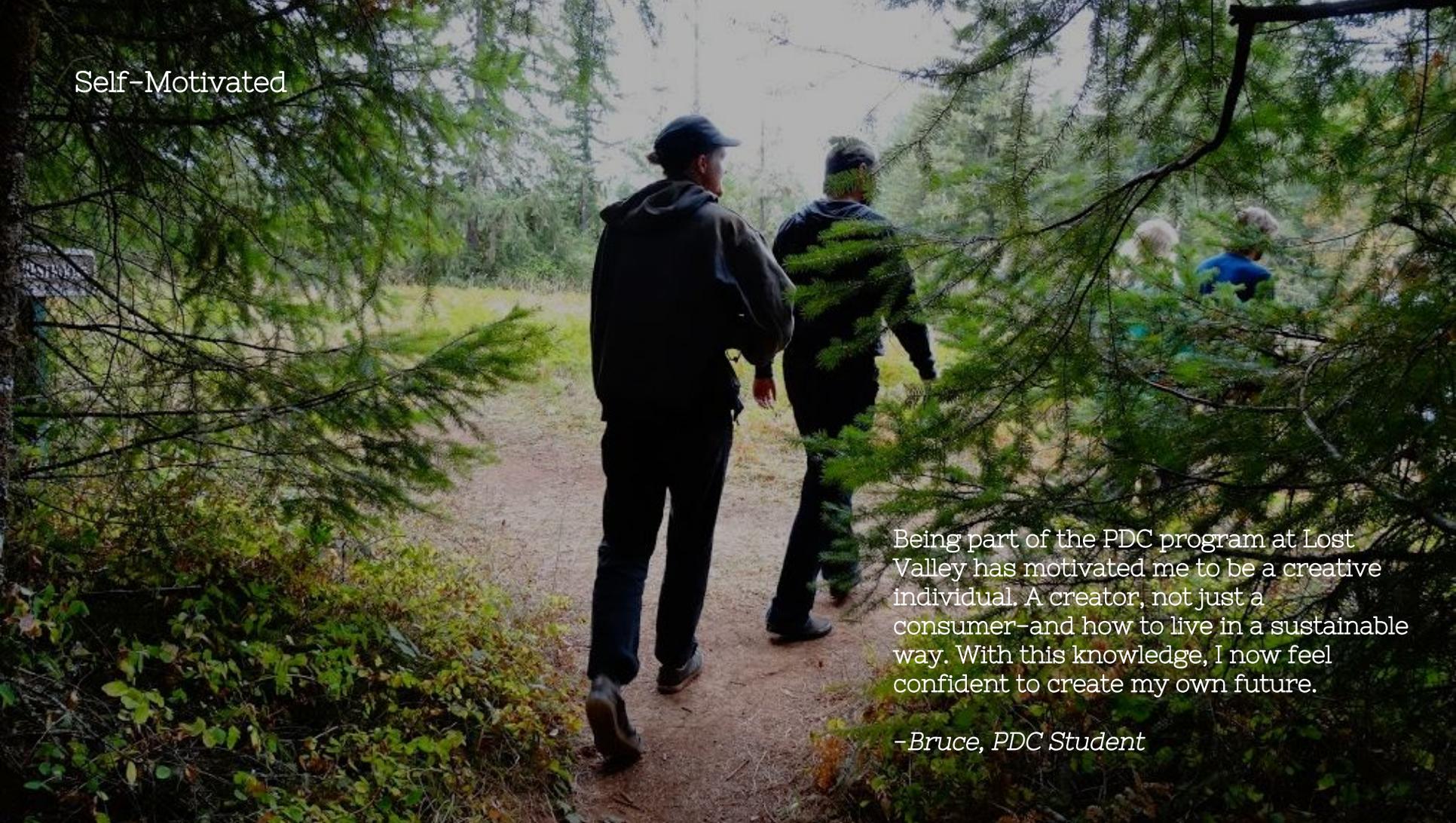
WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

WEEK TWELVE:

Your Project Presentations

Present your polished group projects to the Lost Valley community and mentors. Fill out course evaluations. Explore what you can do next with your PDC degree. Hey, maybe you can stay on and help enact your design!

Finally, participate in one last night of community fun with the “Untalent Show.” Congratulations!

A photograph showing two men from behind, walking along a dirt path in a forest. They are wearing dark jackets and caps. The path is surrounded by evergreen trees and some lower vegetation. In the background, another person in a blue shirt is visible near a large tree.

Self-Motivated

Being part of the PDC program at Lost Valley has motivated me to be a creative individual. A creator, not just a consumer—and how to live in a sustainable way. With this knowledge, I now feel confident to create my own future.

—Bruce, PDC Student

WHERE WILL YOUR PDC TAKE YOU?

- Utilize permaculture design principles to bring insight to any line of work – or any part of life.
 - Become more hireable for environmental and land-based work opportunities.
 - Begin the journey towards true self-reliance.
 - Imagine and design your own farm or homestead.
 - Improve your home garden with innovative techniques.
 - Grow into a permaculture teacher (inquire for next steps)
 - Strengthen your college degree. Apply with your school for academic credit.
 - Awaken as an informed and responsible global citizen.
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Attending LV has given me a broad range of information for Permaculture, both agricultural and socioeconomic. All of the instructors knew a bunch about their areas of sustainability. I have found much growth while here.

-Drake, PDC Student

Knowledgeable

Class Dates. Class Times.

2018 Sessions:

Spring: February 28–May 16

Summer: May 30–August 15

Fall: August 29–November 14

Every Wednesday:

9:00 a.m. – 4:45 p.m. with a 1-hour break for lunch



Inspiring

Coming to Lost Valley and taking the Permaculture Design Certification course has been both an enjoyable and inspiring experience. I feel more empowered to advance my understanding of Permaculture - building off of the basics one brick at a time. I would highly recommend this course to anyone interested in the subject. ^^

-River, PDC Student



A Vision of Sustainability
Lost Valley, since 1989

28 YEARS OF STUDYING SUSTAINABILITY

For the last quarter-century, we've been educating students about sustainable living. We are a community that gathers around a set of collective understandings and interests, common in our hearts:

- To live lightly on the Earth
 - To cultivate a spirit of service
 - To explore the essence of family, tribe, and partnership
 - To dedicate ourselves to personal growth, healing, and spiritual understanding.
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A group of people, including children and adults, are standing in a garden filled with tall green plants and bright pink flowers. The scene is outdoors, with a wooden fence and trees in the background. The text "Why Lost Valley" is overlaid in the center of the image.

Why Lost Valley

Why Lost Valley

- The best course for its price in the Northwest.
 - Experienced and helpful instructors.
 - Extended learning period for increased integration.
 - Just one class/week – build career skills while keeping your day job.
 - Based at a living permaculture–inspired site.
 - Explore 87 acres of forest, meadow, creek, & trails.
 - Only 30 minutes from Eugene/Springfield (commuters have come from as far as Portland and Ashland).
 - We're your local permaculture community – stay connected beyond this course.
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Cost

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\$800 for the full course (if paid before course start). This is a great price for a Permaculture Design course, half of what most immersion PDCs cost. Additionally, it's half-price for anyone who lives in our zip code (97431).

\$70 per class session, if taken individually.
Additional expense for lunch, or bring your own.

Visit our [financial aid page](#) for options – the application deadline for spring semester is December 15, for summer March 15, and for fall June 15.



Register

REGISTER

If you're ready to register, click [here](#). An interview is not required.

Questions? Please email programs@lostvalley.org or call 541-937-3351 x 202. After receiving your information, we'll schedule a time to connect and get to know you better.

Thank you for reading this information and for your interest in the program. To learn more about our organization, please visit us at lostvalley.org.

Cheers from your friends at Lost Valley, until we see you in person.

