

Dear August PDC Attendees,

I hope everyone is having a great summer! As I write this, I am still in Thailand packing and putting the finishing touches on the course outline for the last two weeks of August. Without a doubt, this is going to be one of the most fun and exciting learning experiences you'll ever have and I'm so stoked to be sharing in the experience with you! But, before we get to all that fun, lets get some of the details out of the way.

Below is a bit about what you can expect from the course. If, after reading through all this, you still have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

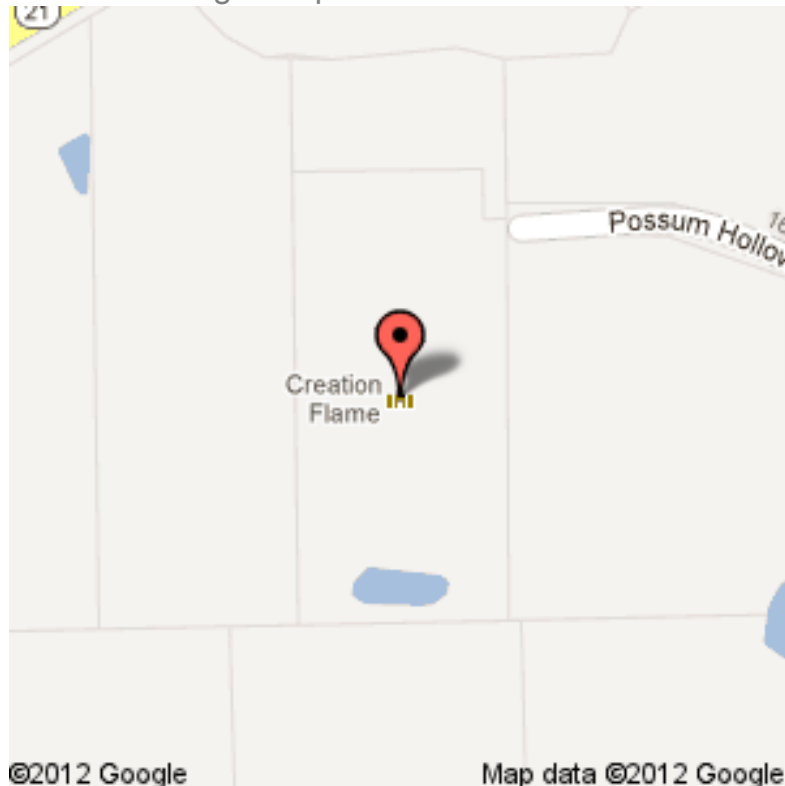
How to get to Awesome Hollow:

Awesome Hollow, home of [Creation Flame](#) is located at:

161 Possum Hollow Rd

Cedar Creek, TX 78612

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We want to make this event as ecologically friendly as possible so...

Keep the planet cool, please carpool!

Course Schedule:

The course starts with a **light breakfast at 7:30 am** on **August the 18th** and course **registration from 8:00 - 9:00 am**.

Each day is divided into four 1.5 hour sessions separated by two 30 minute breaks and a 1.5 hour Lunch (starting at 1pm).

Below is the expected schedule. Please note that **times and dates** are **subject to changes**. I will attempt to give as much advance notice of any changes as possible.

Session	Time	Minutes
Breakfast	7:30 - 8:00 AM	30
Hands-on Farm Chores	8:00 - 9:00 AM	60
Review	9:00 - 9:30 AM	30
A	9:30 - 11:00 AM	90
Break	11:00 - 11:30 AM	30
B	11:30 - 1:00 PM	90
Lunch	1:00 - 2:30 PM	90
C	2:30 - 4:00 PM	90
Break	4:00 - 4:30 PM	30
D	4:30 - 6:00 PM	90
Evening Activity	7:30 - 9:00 PM	(OPTIONAL) 90

Day	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesd ay	Thursday	Friday
Week one (Aug 18th - 24th)	7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	DAY OFF
				(Optional) 7:30 - 9PM		(Optional) 7:30 - 9PM	
Week two (Aug 25th - 31st)	7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	7:30 AM - 6:00 PM	7:30 AM - GRADUATIO N PARTY
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All evening activities are optional, tentative and TBA.

Day	Activity
Saturday 8/18	INTRODUCTION
Sunday 8/19	ETHICS & PRINCIPLES
Monday 8/20	PRINCIPLES & PATTERNS
Tuesday 8/21	CLIMATE & MINI DESIGN
Wednesday 8/22	TREES & FOOD FORESTS
Thursday 8/23	FIELD TRIP DAY
Friday 8/24	~~~~~DAYOFF~~~~~
Saturday 8/25	WATER & AQUACULTURE
Sunday 8/26	SOIL & HUMID TROPICS
Monday 8/27	EARTHWORKS & TEMPERATE
Tuesday 8/28	DRYLAND AND COMMUNITY
Wednesday 8/29	DESIGN
Thursday 8/30	DESIGN & PRESENT
Friday 8/31	PRESENT & PARTY
Friday 8/31 Eve	BLUE MOON GRADUATION PARTY!

Again please be aware that these schedules are **subject to changes**. I will give as much advance notice as possible regarding any changes!
A more detailed course outline will be available at the start of the course on the 18th.

What about the FOOD?

As you already know, A light breakfast and lunch is being planned and prepared by one of our talented and resourceful course participants. The cost of this service has not been factored into the price of the course. This means that the quality and quantity of meals is largely based on what you are able to contribute. This is the *perfect* opportunity to *practice* permaculture!

To ensure there is an abundance of food every day we are recommending a donation of \$10 per person per day. Better donations result in more quantity and quality of food options for everyone but we understand that not everyone will be able to cover this additional cost... and that is where the permaculture comes in!

We would like to encourage you to BRING FOOD of all kinds with you to the course!

Have a garden in the front yard? - Bring in your harvests and prepare to be hoisted up and carried around on the shoulders of classmates in celebration of your permaculture successes!

Have a CSA subscription to share? - Share the abundance and we'll perform a permaculture parade in your honor!

Have friends who work the farmers market? - Encourage them to donate to

this awesome cause of local food sustainability and we'll sing you a song in appreciation!

Pride yourself as an amazing cook? - Put together delightful dishes before the course or help our generous chef in the kitchen and we'll shower you with praises!

All this is to say that there are many ways to contribute and all are welcome, encouraged and will be celebrated by your community!

Remember, if you have very specific dietary needs, or know that you have strong preferences that may be challenging for us to accommodate on a donation budget, please consider bringing food of your own choice. If possible, we are happy to help you prepare food that you've brought to help suit your dietary needs.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We are also wanting to make this course a "**no disposal zone**" so please bring all your own reusable eating wares. **Please bring: Plates, bowls, eating utensils, cloth napkins, etc...** being equipped to lead a disposal free lifestyle is a very important skill in embodying the ethics and principles of permaculture.

Camping:

For those of you who have selected the option to camp at Awesome Hollow during the event, Creation Flame has arranged over 30 primitive camp sites to choose from.

Cost is \$10 per night due at the start of the course

Portipotties will be available for the duration of the course.

Misters have been installed to help beat the August heat.

Water is available onsite

Evening meals are NOT provided... **please be prepared to provide for your own dinner in the evenings!**

Limited outdoor showers will be available

BLUE MOON GRADUATION PARTY - August 31st!

In case you didn't already hear, August 31st marks the second full moon of the month! This makes the evening of our graduation celebrations a BLUE MOON! Please be ready to bring a potluck dish and friends as we celebrate our achievements on this very auspicious evening!

Many thanks for sharing in this exciting event with us! We still have some registrations available so if you have any friends or family that might be interested joining us in this adventure please send them to <http://augpdc.eventbrite.com>

See you soon!
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