

Rude Mechanical Orchestra, Tax Day 2013, NYC. Photo by Ed Hedemann.



NATIONAL WAR TAX RESISTANCE

Gathering & Coordinating Committee Meeting

MAY 2 - 4, 2014 • PEACE RESOURCE CENTER 3850 WESTGATE PLACE • SAN DIEGO, CA 92105

Hosted by the Peace Resource Center & the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee (NWTGCC)

“Another World is Possible” – a popular slogan and sign during the most active days of Occupy – fits well with the dreams and actions of war tax resisters. As we refuse to cooperate with the war machine, we also redirect our money to the people, programs, and projects that help to build a better world.

San Diego is home to the largest naval fleet in the world, many military contractors, and close to a highly militarized border – a perfect setting to learn about war tax resistance, strategize how to strengthen our efforts, and share skills and stories to strengthen our own resolve.

The gathering is open to everyone with an interest in war tax resistance and will include many longtime war tax resisters from around the country. Everyone is encouraged to join this discussion of how to end war and create a better world.

Registration begins at 4 pm on Friday, May 2 at the Peace Resource Center, and all meals and events are at the Center. We ask a registration fee of \$15 in advance if possible, but no one is turned away

Come for the whole weekend or one session.

REGISTRATION FORM

For full or partial weekend – Please fill out front and back

I am (we are) coming to San Diego

NAME(S)

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

Attending: ___ Adults ___ Children for Full weekend Partial weekend

If partial, please check meals you will need: Full Weekend or Friday Dinner

Saturday: Breakfast Lunch Dinner Sunday: Breakfast Lunch

I can offer to help with:

- Housing for ___ person(s) in San Diego
- Pick-ups/drop offs at ___ San Diego airport
- Carpool/shared travel to San Diego. Please connect me with others in my region.

Accommodations:

- I/we need a bed (___ beds)
- Sleeping on floor is OK (you will be contacted if you need to bring bedding)
- I/we will find our own accommodations.

I/We will be staying over these nights: Fri. Sat. Sun.

Special needs of any type (ASL, dietary restrictions incl. vegan, pet/other allergies, etc.)
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PROGRAM

War tax resisters from around the country will attend and join local activists as presenters and facilitators for panels, group discussions, and workshops. Content and details are developing and remain subject to change. Please check the website or ask us for the latest schedule.

FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 2

5 pm Registration begins and is ongoing throughout the weekend

6:30 pm Community dinner/potluck with First Church of the Brethren

7:30 Welcome, Introductions.

Stories, actions, and highlights from the lives of war tax resisters—past, present, and future!

SATURDAY, MAY 3

8 am Breakfast

9:30 am San Diego activists talk about their work against this super-treaty (called NAFTA on steroids) involving the U.S., New Zealand, Australia, Brunei, Chile, Malaysia, Peru, Singapore, Vietnam, Mexico and Canada. Discussion will include how the TPP connects with war tax resistance.

11 am - Workshops: War Tax Resistance 101: A how-to workshop for those new to war tax resistance; WTR 202: A session for current resisters to answer questions, offer legal updates, help resolve problems. The Affordable Care Act and WTRs will be discussed in this session. WTR 303: A session for those very involved in WTR who would like to talk about NWTRCC resources - status of current resource; ideas for new resources; etc.

12:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Afternoon sessions will be a small and large group workshops and panels on topics including: Social Media; Support for WTRs—Penalty Fund; Elevator speeches; College outreach; Strengthening connections with the wider activist community; WTR and other forms of Economic Disobedience

6:00 pm Dinner; evening program TBD.

SUNDAY, MAY 4

8 am Breakfast

9 am NWTRCC Business meeting, including strategy committee update, decisions on proposals, consultant review, budget and finance decisions, new objectives, etc. All welcome!

Noon Lunch and good-byes.

TRAVEL INFORMATION

I will be arriving by Air Car Train Bus

Airline/Flight Number

Bus/Train Info

Date/approx. arrival time

I need driving directions.

I need to be picked up or receive public transportation directions from the train or bus station.

It is difficult for me to walk up many steps and/or use public transportation.
(Call the NWTRCC office if you need help getting around.)

LOGISTICS

LOCATION: All events and meals take place at the Peace Resource Center (PRC) of San Diego, 3850 Westgate Place, San Diego, California, 92105, www.prcsd.org. PRC is located in the Friends Center, an energy-efficient straw bale building, which is also home to the local Friends Meeting, First Church of the Brethren, and the San Diego American Friends Service Committee office.

TRAVEL: Amtrak (station: SAN, Kettner Blvd.) and Greyhound (and possibly other ground systems) serve San Diego.

Flights go into San Diego International Airport. Please note your arrival time on the registration form or let us know if you are flying; we will try to coordinate times and consolidate pick-ups. If you are driving and can offer rides or might be able to stop and pick others up at nearby airports or bus/train stations let us know.

More information and directions for drivers will be sent after you register, or call the NWTRCC office for help. Allow at least an hour from airports.

HOUSING: Housing will be provided in the homes of local hosts, and some sleeping space (mostly floor) is available at the Peace Resource Center. If you need housing, please register as early as possible to facilitate arrangements. In general housing is offered for Friday and Saturday nights, and to a limited extent Sunday night. If you are willing to sleep on the floor, please bring bedding and a mat.

MEALS: The program begins with dinner on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday. All meals are at the meeting place, with simple, vegetarian menus. Everyone will be asked to share in preparation or cleanup.

If you are in San Diego and can help with any meals or housing, please call NWTRCC office, 718-768-3420 or email nwrcc@nwrcc.org.

COSTS: We are asking \$15 registration fee in advance for those who can afford it. No one will be turned away. Those who come for part of the weekend are asked to make a contribution in advance or on site.

FULL TRAVEL AND HOUSING DETAILS WILL BE SENT AFTER YOU REGISTER.

HOST: *The Peace Resource Center of San Diego (PRC) was founded in 1980 by six local organizations as a membership organization and community clearinghouse of information on peace and social justice issues and activities. Through active programs and by promoting networking among peace-related organizations, offering nonviolent alternatives to conflict resolution and carrying on a program of peace education, PRC provides an ongoing presence throughout San Diego County. Its offices are located in the beautiful and environmentally friendly Friends Center.*

Program/workshop suggestions _____

I would like to lead a discussion on _____

Fees and Registration Deadline

We are asking \$15 registration fee for the weekend, or donations if you are attending part of the time. No one will be turned away for lack of funds, although a collection make be taken up during the weekend if costs have not been covered.

Enclosed is \$15 (make checks payable to NWTRCC)

Please register by April 18 (mail, phone, fax, email!)

Return this form to:

NWTRCC, PO Box 150553, Brooklyn, NY 11215

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