

Disarm Now! War Tax Resistance & Peacemaking

National War Tax Resistance Gathering & Coordinating Committee Meeting Friday, May 7- Sunday, May 9, 2010 • Tucson, Arizona

Hosted by The Nuclear Resister and the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee

The program Friday and Saturday will include a showing of the new film, *Death and Taxes*, produced by NWTRCC with Tucson filmmaker Steev Hise and the Pan Left Collective. Workshops and panels will cover topics about the role of war tax resistance in seeking the abolition of nuclear weapons, ending the militarization of the border, and stopping the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan. There will be a beginner's workshop on war tax resistance, stories of long time war tax resisters from around the U.S., and organizing strategies for peace and justice.

NWTRCC is holding its business meeting at Borderlinks in Tucson on Sunday morning, May 9 (open to all). Along with local activists, people from around the country who refuse to pay for war will participate in the mini-conference. Come for the whole weekend or one session!

PROGRAM

Representatives of war tax resistance (WTR) groups from around the country will attend and join local war resisters as presenters and facilitators for panels, group discussions, and workshops. Program planning is in progress. Please check the website or call for updated information.

HOSTS

The Nuclear Resister began in 1980 to chronicle anti-nuclear and anti-war civil resistance, with a focus on supporting the men and women imprisoned for these actions. The newsletter publishes writings from prisoners, reports on actions, trials and sentencings, provides addresses of imprisoned activists and publicizes future actions. Jack and Felice Cohen-Joppa keep The Nuclear Resister going and are the local contacts for your gathering.

LOGISTICS

Location: We are close to finalizing the location for the Friday and Saturday mini-conference. (Stay tuned for confirmation of Friday eve/Saturday location.) The Sunday meeting and counselor training, along with housing, will be at Borderlinks, 620 S. 6th Avenue, Tucson, Arizona 85701.

Housing: Housing at Borderlinks is in shared rooms, most with 3 beds each. Bedding is provided. Cost is \$20 per night. For those who cannot afford the group housing, we will try to arrange for stays in homes of local activists and friends.

Meals: The program begins with dinner on Friday at 6:00 pm, and ends with lunch on Sunday (all welcome for the Sunday NWTRCC business meeting). Meals are vegetarian with vegan options. You may be asked to help with meal prep or serving.

Costs: \$15 registration fee in advance (helps to cover meals and other costs), plus \$20 per night for housing at Borderlinks. We will ask \$10 per day for area people not requiring housing, and we may take up a collection to cover meals costs not covered by the registration fee. We do our best to keep costs low. Pay what you can. No one will be turned away for lack of funds.

TRAVEL

Borderlinks (housing) is located at 620 S. 6th Avenue. Directions to meeting site will be added soon.

Bus from Tucson International Airport: Take Rt. 6 to the Laos Transit Center and change to Rt. 8 towards downtown (Ronstadt Transit Center) Get off at S. 6th Avenue between 16th and 17th Streets. Borderlinks is on the west (left) side of the street.

From Greyhound Bus Station: Go north to Congress St. Turn right into downtown for 1/2 mile (street name will change to Broadway), then right on S. 6th Avenue to Borderlinks (about a one mile walk total).

Train: Amtrak is scheduled to arrive in downtown Tucson at 1:05 a.m. Thursday from the west and 10:40 p.m. Thursday from the east. Please contact Jack and Felice directly if you plan to arrive in Tucson by train.

Phoenix to Tucson (a 2-hour trip for those flying into Phoenix) - From Phoenix Skyharbor Airport:

Driving from Phoenix, take I-10 east to Tucson, and exit #258 at Congress St. Turn left (east) at bottom of ramp, into downtown for 1/2 mile (street name will change to Broadway), then right on S. 6th Avenue to Borderlinks.

Shuttle: ArizonaShuttle.com departs Sky Harbor Airport every hour on the half hour, and arrives in Tucson two hours later. They will drop you off near the University of Arizona, where Tucson hosts can meet you for transport to Borderlinks.

Limited number of pick ups available. Contact Jack and Felice if you need a pick up, at 520-323-8697 or nukeresister@igc.org

HOSTS

Since 1980, the Nuclear Resister has chronicled well over 100,000 anti-nuclear and anti-war related arrests in the United States and abroad, with a focus on support for hundreds of activists during terms of imprisonment ranging from two weeks to eighteen years - from war tax resisters to Plowshares direct disarmament activists; from weapons factory blockaders to military refusers and conscientious objectors; from backcountry activists disrupting a nuclear test to people sitting in at a lawmaker's office; from the occupiers of nuclear power reactors to citizens inspecting for illicit weapons at military bases. The Nuclear Resister newsletter networks this nonviolent resistance movement, by publishing writings from prisoners; reporting on actions, trials and sentences; providing addresses of imprisoned activists and publicizing future actions.

WEATHER

Likely sunny, low humidity with no chance of rain, 88/57 F average high/low temp. Bring your own water bottle, a hat and sunscreen - and use them!

TUCSON HIGHLIGHTS

Excellent hiking on easy to difficult trails in the Sonoran Desert is a short drive from Borderlinks. Bring hat, sunscreen, water, long pants and good closed

shoes for hiking. Notable destinations on the University of Arizona campus include the Native American antiquities at the Arizona State Museum, and premier exhibitions at the Center for Creative Photography. The 4th Avenue shopping district includes the independent feminist Antigone Books and the Food Conspiracy cooperative. Sonoran-style Mexican restaurants in Tucson set the standard. The Arizona Sonora Desert Museum is a world-renowned institution displaying flora and fauna of the bi-national bioregion, just 20 minutes west by car from Borderlinks.

South of Tucson, the unique Titan Missile Museum is built around an early intercontinental ballistic missile silo. Tucson is home to Davis-Monthan AFB, the principle flight training school for the A-10 warplane, which is the source of the majority of the forever toxic depleted uranium ammunition used in combat in Iraq and the Balkans. Davis-Monthan is also home base for the 214th Reconnaissance Group of the Arizona National Guard which flies around-the-clock combat missions over Iraq and Afghanistan with the Predator drone. Tucson's largest private employer (11,000+ FTE) and largest local exporter is Raytheon Missile Systems Division, producing a variety of missiles and missile interceptors, guided bombs and artillery shells, "nonlethal" directed energy weapons and more.

Further travel and program details
will be on our website and sent to
you in advance of the gathering.

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Registration Form for NWTRCC Gathering • Tucson, May 7-9, 2010

For full or partial weekend • Deadline: April 19, 2010

I am (we are) coming to the war tax resistance gathering in Tucson

Name(s) _____
Organization _____
Address _____
City, State, Zip _____
Phone _____
Email _____

attending: ___Adults ___Children for:

Full weekend Partial weekend

If partial, please check meals you will need:

Fri: Dinner

Sat.: Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Sun.: Breakfast Lunch

Accommodations and Costs:

Housing will be at the Borderlinks (space for about 30) for \$20 per night or in homes as possible.

Day fee for partial attendees: \$10

Registration Fee: \$15 (helps with meals, outreach, organizing, and scholarships)

___ I/We will be staying at Borderlinks these nights: *Thurs. Fri. Sat. *Sun.

** Please call the NWTRCC office regarding Thursday and Sunday night stays, which can best be accommodated for committee members and those whose travel arrangements require it.*

___ I/we will find our own accommodations.

___ I/we prefer to stay in a local home if possible.

Special needs: ___ Vegan ___ Food Allergies: _____

Pet or other allergies _____

Travel Information: I will be arriving by Air Car Train Bus

Airline/Flight #: _____

___ I need driving directions.

Bus/Train Info: _____

___ I can offer rides to ___ people from my area

Date/approx. arrival time: _____

___ It is difficult for me to take public transportation. I need to be picked up on arrival.

Departure date and time _____

Registration Deadline: April 19, 2010 (mail, phone, fax, email). No one will be turned away for lack of funds, although a collection may be taken up during the weekend if costs have not been covered. Additional donations in advance will help us house most out of town guests at Borderlinks.

Enclosed:

- \$15 registration fee, and,
- \$20 per night housing at Borderlinks and meals, or,
- \$10 one day meals only, no housing

Total enclosed \$ _____

Please make checks payable to NWTRCC.

You may pay online through the Paypal donation button. Use the note space in Paypal to explain that your payment is for the Tucson weekend and email, fax or mail in your form separately.

Please return this form by April 19, 2010 to:

NWTRCC, PO Box 150553, Brooklyn, NY 11215

Fax: (718) 768-4388, or,

Email: nwtrcc@nwtrcc.org

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