



BC Food Systems Network

Registration and Call for Workshops

17TH ANNUAL BC FOOD SYSTEMS GATHERING

“GATHERING AND GROWING TOGETHER”

June 25th to 28th, 2015
Prince George, BC

The BC Food Systems Network is thrilled to announce that our 2015 Gathering will take place at Camp Friendship in Prince George, BC, in the traditional territory of the Lheidli T'enneh First Nation, on the weekend of **June 25-28, 2015**. This will be our 17th annual gathering.

Registration for the 2015 Gathering is now open. To register please go to the following link (you may have to cut and paste): <https://eventbrite.ca/event/16803803629/>

This year's rates are:

- Early Bird Rate (till June 1st): \$325
- Standard Rate (after June 1st): \$350
- Semi-private Room Rate (two or three per room): \$400
- Youth 12-18: \$125
- Children 6-11: \$65
- Children 5 and under are free!!

There are a limited number of partial subsidies available. Please contact the Gathering Coordinator (gathering@bcfsn.org) to discuss how we might be able to support helping you to attend.

The Working Group for Indigenous Food Sovereignty will host their annual general meeting as a pre-Gathering event on Thursday, June 25th. Please ensure that you register for this day if you plan to attend. There is a separate registration fee for this day to cover the costs of accommodation and meals. For those who cannot afford the fee there is an option on the website to register free as we want to ensure that the fee is not a barrier to participation of WGIFS members.

Rates include all workshops, accommodation and meals. Standard accommodations are 12 bed cabins, although there are also some rooms in the lodge with 2 or 3 beds per room. In order to reserve one of these rooms, please choose the "semi-private" accommodation type when you register. Extra charges will apply. We also have a limited number of rooms set aside for families, for elders and others with limited mobility at the regular rate. Please contact the Gathering Coordinator to discuss any specific needs.

* There is space available for those who would rather camp in a tent or bring a trailer. Please indicate this when you register so that we reserve a spot for you.

* Please also indicate if you have any special dietary needs.

* If you have extra room in your vehicle or if you are looking for a ride please go to the **"2015 BC Food Systems Gathering - Ride Share Page"** on Facebook and connect with others from your community.

The 2015 Call for workshop proposals is currently open. We are looking forward to hearing your ideas for workshops, panels, roundtables, and discussion topics related to the theme "Gathering and Growing Together". We are also looking for people who are willing to lead food demonstrations/ activities and artists who might be willing to graphically record the Gathering. The Gathering Committee encourages all of you to share your knowledge and ideas for making the Gathering a meaningful and enriching experience. We also ask people to bring seeds, foods and resources to share and trade. Please submit a one or two paragraph description of your proposed workshop, presentation, or activity (as well as a short bio) to Norine Messer, Gathering Coordinator (gathering@bcfsn.org) by **May 30, 2015**.

For those who would like to sponsor someone facing financial barriers to attend the event please go to our donation page at:

<https://www.gifttool.com/donations/Donate?ID=1453&AID=503&PID=4573>

We are also asking people to bring donations for our Silent Auction.

We hope that you will be able to join us for a wonderful time of meeting old friends, making new ones, and above all else forging new connections to one another and to our food systems.

For more information please go to our website www.bcfsn.org or contact Gathering Coordinator, Norine Messer at gathering@bcfsn.org