



Earth First! News

ON THE FRONTLINES OF ECOLOGICAL RESISTANCE



MAY 28

**PROTEST
TO DEFEND
TREES SPARKS
NATIONWIDE
UPRISING
IN TURKEY**

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Industry continues to escalate its attack of life on earth. We must respond with equal escalation. In the face of unfathomable ecological destruction and runaway climate change, bold action is necessary to save the planet. The term *#FearlessSummer* grew out of the need to unite all grassroots anti-extraction efforts this summer; to create a wave of resistance to extreme energy and fossil fuel extraction. But it can't end there. It's time to stop all industrial devastation—to draw inspiration from the massive factory protests in China; from Indigenous groups blockading dams in the Amazon, and sabotaging wind farms in Mexico; from all the people rising up in Turkey. For too long we have struggled separately, and we are running out of time. If we are going to reclaim our future we must speak with one voice. There is a lot to be afraid of—they want us to be afraid. But it's time for a fearless summer.

NEWS FROM THE ECO-WARS

MAR 26 - BLOCKADE OF WIND FARM FENDS OFF COPS IN MEXICO

Roughly 1,200 police tried to remove local residents who were blocking a road leading to the Bii Yoxho wind farm, which is under construction. They also intended to recover construction equipment protesters had seized on February 25 in an ongoing effort to stop the wind project, which is owned by a Mexican subsidiary of the Spanish company Gas Natural Fenosa. Twenty-two people were injured in the operation, including 11 police, and one police agent was taken hostage. Residents in the Juchitán area, mostly from the Zapotec and Ikoos (Huave) indigenous groups, say the wind project threatens mangrove forests, ceremonial sites and an area they use for fishing and farming.

APR 2 - WILLITS TREESITTERS PULLED FROM TREES

Four protesters were arrested while blocking construction of the Willits bypass to protect the endangered wetlands the project threatens. A local farmer named Warbler had been up in the pines since January 28, and had started a hunger-strike a few days before Highway Patrol took her into custody. Despite police interference, actions against the bypass are escalating, with protesters locking

down to equipment and large groups blockading construction. In May an activist named Condor set up a new tressit where he's still perched at the time of this writing.

APR 9 - TWAC CONFRONTS PRISON-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX

Following the first east coast Trans and Womyn's Action Camp activists took over the lobby of GEO Group, a prison-for-profit corporation in Boca Raton, Florida. Two folks U-locked themselves to lobby doors, keeping them open long enough for a crowd to enter and disrupt business as usual. When police tried to clear the lobby, five activists remained inside blocking office doors, declaring solidarity with victims of racial profiling, undocumented detainees, trans prisoners in solitary confinement, imprisoned youth, mistreated mental health patients and all those imprisoned. Police had to remove the doors to get them out.

APR 10 - MINING PROTESTS IN PERU ESCALATE

Four hundred protesters stormed the planned site of the Minas Conga mine in Yanacocha, Peru, and set fire to construction equipment. Minas Conga would be the biggest gold mine in the

country and has been the target of sustained protests from local indigenous residents who say the mine would destroy their water supply. Police killed five protesters in anti-mine clashes the previous July, and the deaths led to a pending complaint to the Inter-American Human Rights Court.

APR 18 - ALF DESTROYS 200 FUR TRAPS IN ONTARIO

The actions were announced in an anonymous communique, which was accompanied by pictures and video of traps being dismantled. The saboteurs encouraged others to follow their lead and gave tips for finding traps intended for beaver, rabbits and other animals: "Look for tell tale signs of traps and trap lines; flagging tape tied to branches, repeated tracks entering the bush, and poles or sticks protruding from bodies of water especially near beaver lodges... Join the burgeoning ranks of trap saboteurs! - ALF"

APR 20 - ACTIVISTS IN ITALY FREE ANIMALS AND SABOTAGE LABORATORY

Five activists switched cages and labels and freed animals in a laboratory conducting animal experiments at the University of Milan, Italy. The activists took "less than 100 animals with them." Scientists said the action cost the University years of research and hundreds of thousands of euros. The activists also used video cameras to document conditions in the lab. Two then chained their necks to the laboratory doors to hinder re-entry.

MAY 2 - RAIL LINES SABOTAGED IN SOLIDARITY WITH GRAND JURY RESISTERS

From the anonymous communique: "This action was quick and easy. Using copper wire with the ends stripped, we wrapped both ends of wire around the rail and buried the middle section. This sends a false signal that there is a train on the tracks, delaying any other movement until the blockage is cleared. In solidarity with those resisting the grand jury, those facing investigation, and those who, in the face of the media and massive police preparations, still managed to bring some destruction to the streets of Seattle."

MAY 4 - ANOTHER MASS PROTEST AGAINST INDUSTRIALISM IN CHINA

More than 200 demonstrators gathered in Kunming, China to protest plans for a factory that would produce paraxylene, a toxic petrochemical. Despite intense government repression these mass environmental and land

Roughly 200 people stormed Belo Monte dam site in Brazil, demanding immediate suspension of construction and technical studies on dams along the Xingu, Tapajos and Teles Pires rivers. The protest was in response to the government's refusal to consult indigenous peoples on projects that affect their lands and livelihoods. In a statement to the government, the indigenous peoples of the Xingu and Tapajós said: [English translation] "You are pointing guns at our heads. You raid our territories with war trucks and soldiers. You have made the fish disappear and you are robbing the bones of our ancestors who are buried on our lands...You need to stop everything and simply listen to us."

MAY 2 INDIGENOUS OCCUPATION HALTS DAM CONSTRUCTION IN AMAZON



rights demonstrations are growing in China and showing results. Last year the government cancelled a paper factory's waste pipeline after more than a thousand protesters marched through the streets of Qidong, some of whom split off to occupy the main government building, smash computers and throw documents out of the windows. Another protest caused the government to cancel a copper plant in Shifang when protesters occupied a government complex and overturned cars.

MAY 15 – LOBSTER BOAT BLOCKADES COAL BARGE

Ken Ward and Jay O'Hara anchored their boat between a coal freighter and Brayton Point Power Station in Massachusetts—New England's largest coal-fired power plant. The freighter was believed to be carrying coal from a mountain top removal operation in Appalachia. Despite threats from the Coast Guard the climate activists stayed anchored from 9:00am to 6:30pm, stopping the coal shipment for the day.

MAY 25 – WORLDWIDE MARCH AGAINST MONSANTO

An estimated two million people took the streets in 436 cities in 52 countries to protest genetically modified foods and their primary developer, Monsanto Company, Inc. The action was originally started by Tami Canal, who created a Facebook page called "The March Against Monsanto" in response to the failure of the Proposition 37 in California.

MAY 24 – COAL HEADQUARTERS SHUT DOWN BY DEMONSTRATORS

Three activists chained themselves to an industrial tank of black water in front of the Alpha Natural Resources' Bristol, Va., headquarters to protests their mountaintop removal strip mining and coal slurry operations. One protester, Junior Walk, said, "I

live downstream from Alpha's Brushy Fork coal slurry impoundment on Coal River. If that impoundment breaks, my whole family would be killed. Even if it doesn't, we're still being poisoned by Alpha's mining wastes everyday."

MAY 28 – ANTI-GOVERNMENT PROTESTS SWEEP TURKEY

The event started as a protest to protect Istanbul's Gezi Park as developers attempted to cut down trees to make way for a shopping mall. But when riot cops began hurling teargas and pepper spray at the peaceful protesters, the sit-in turned into a nation-wide uprising. Soon mass demonstrations filled the streets of every major city in Turkey, with crowds too large for government forces to control.

Demonstrators defended themselves by building barricades in the streets, destroying government vehicles, and even hijacking a bulldozer to chase away police. They also created medical centers and press hubs in abandoned buildings, and Gezi Park and neighboring Taksim Square became a cop-free tent city, with regular clashes holding the line between the people and the law. With complaints ranging from environmental destruction, to the war in Syria, to recent restrictions on alcohol, liberals, radicals and conservatives stood together against the authoritarian government and called for Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan to step down.

Over the following weeks over 3,000 people were arrested, including reporters, lawyers, and doctors aiding the injured. Some protesters died during clashes with police, mostly from tear gas canisters and government vehicles. At the time of this writing the police have gained ground but the resistance has not backed down. Stay up-to-date with this story online by searching #OccupyGezi.

JUN 4 – SHALE GAS TRUCK SEIZED BY ELSIPOGTOG FIRST NATION WARRIORS

The truck was apprehended at a gas station along Canada's Route 116 by John Levi and other self-described native warriors. Levi said he was appointed a few days prior as a warrior chief for his traditional native territory, and represents about 5,000 people in Elsipogtog and the surrounding area, including non-native groups who oppose the development of a shale gas industry. "They broke the law a long time ago when they started this fracking in our traditional hunting grounds, medicine grounds, contaminating our waters," Levi said.

JUN 11 – VANDALS DISRUPT TEST DRILLING AT PROPOSED MINING SITE

About 15 activists in the Penokee Hills in Wisconsin added locks to gates and barricaded the road as drill workers started work. Upon entering the site the activists jumped on trucks, knocked over fences, and threw equipment down the hillside. They also snatched and destroyed a camera and smart phone that workers had used to record the event. A communique released after the action noted that forty percent of Lake Superior's wetlands lie downstream from the Penokee Hills, as does the the Bad River Ojibwe Reservation, whose members depend on healthy waterways. Sulfides and heavy metals from the mine would pollute these waterways and change the land forever.

JUN 11 – GLOBAL SOLIDARITY WITH ECO- AND ANARCHIST PRISONERS

Over 50 events occurred in cities around the world expressing love for Marie Mason, Eric McDavid and other political prisoners. Support was sent from across the US, as well as New Zealand, Greece, Chile, Czech Republic, Argentina, Spain and England.



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ROUNDUP OF SOLIDARITY AGAINST KXL, TAR SANDS & EXTRACTION

March 16 - 23 was called for as “a week of action against tar sands profiteers.” While some groups took the call literally and targeted KXL-related financiers and contractors, others took a broader approach in general subversive outreach about the tar sands, and more still chose to highlight local resistance to industrial extraction as their expression of solidarity. The following roundup is a glimpse into the growing momentum of a strategic anti-infrastructure campaign that is pulling more people—from more places—into the ecological movement than perhaps ever before. For this reason, we feel it is something that should not be ignored or dismissed.

SATURDAY MAR 16

Activists in Utah kick off the week by dropping a large banner along a popular annual half-marathon route reading: “RUN! Tar Sands Are Coming... *Unless We Stop It Before It Starts.*”

Meanwhile, members from the Overpass Light Brigade in West Allis, Wisconsin, met above a busy overpass to spell out “Block KXL” in light-up letters, and a group of three dozen activists formed a picket line outside a TD Bank in Kingston, NY.

SUNDAY MAR 17

Veterans for Peace and other activists flew a “Stop the Pipeline” banner and shouted anti-tar sands chants during the traditional Boston St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Further south, folks with River Delta Resist! in New Orleans disguised as St. Patrick’s day revelers successfully blocked two buses full of oil executives heading to the Howard Weil Energy Conference and disrupted corporate dinners throughout the French Quarter.

MONDAY MAR 18

In Kirkland, Washington, 40 citizens gathered in front of a Michels office to deliver an official letter demanding they stop laying pipe for the KXL pipeline.

Also in the Pacific Northwest, some 60 cyclists took a tour of Portland’s worst polluters, delivering letters, blockading and occupying businesses along their route.

Over in Watkins Glen, New York, 12 protestors were arrested blockading the entrance of Inergy fracking facility in response to the State’s negligence regarding local health impacts.

TUESDAY MAR 19

Three protesters in Washington DC locked themselves to a TD Bank, causing police to shut down rush hour traffic. Protestors were released without charges, demonstrating that TD Bank is likely afraid of bad media coverage on the issue.

A banner was dropped on an Oklahoma City overpass reading: “*Stop Tar Sands Profiteers Week of Action.*”

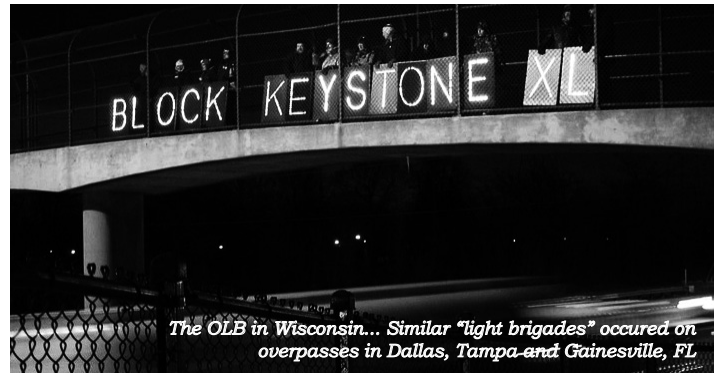
In Minneapolis, MN 350 and Idle No More organized a group of 150 people to “serenade” Minnesota Senator Amy Klobuchar against the KXL pipeline.

A local Sierra Club chapter in Delaware demonstrated in front of rail cars carrying tar sands as they waited to be unloaded and processed at the Delaware City refinery.

WEDNESDAY MAR 20

Hudson Valley Earth First! protested outside a TD in White Plains, New York, reportedly convincing customers to pull their money out of the bank.

Activists with Rainforest Action Network held a rally outside of Bank of America in Boston, flying a banner that said “Stop Banking on Dirty Energy.”



The OLB in Wisconsin... Similar “light brigades” occurred on overpasses in Dallas, Tampa and Gainesville, FL



Above and right, revelry in New Orleans; Below left, Seattle contingent of INM march; Below right, Valero office blocked in Washington DC



THURSDAY MAR 21

A protest at TransCanada’s office in Omaha, Nebraska reportedly caused the company to instruct its employees to stay home that day.

WOLVES LOSE FEDERAL PROTECTION UNITED STATES



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FROM THE EARTH FIRST! NEWSWIRE

On June 11 the Obama administration announced plans to prematurely strip Endangered Species Act protections from gray wolves across most of the country's lower 48 states. They concluded that these protections, which have been in place since 1978, are no longer needed, despite the fact that the survival of wolf populations hinges on continued federal protection.

The proposal will hand wolf management over to state wildlife agencies across most of the country—a step that has meant widespread killing in recent years. Following removal of protections for wolves in the northern Rocky Mountains and western Great Lakes in 2011, states in those regions quickly enacted aggressive hunting and trapping seasons designed to drastically reduce wolf populations. In the northern Rocky Mountains more than 1,100 wolves have been killed since protections were removed, contributing to a population decline of seven percent.

The removal of federal protections will prevent wolves from reoccupying prime wolf habitat in the southern Rocky Mountains, California and the Northeast, and will hinder ongoing recovery in the Pacific Northwest. The Obama administration has declared “victory” for wolf protections at a time when wolves occupy just five percent of their historic habitat in the continental United States.

This March more than 550 wolves had already been reported killed by hunters and trappers in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming this season. If you add in the number of wolves killed by federal Wildlife Service agents, poachers, disease, and vehicle collisions, it starts to look like the return of the time-honored American tradition of predator genocide.

But this doesn't have to be the end of wolf protection. In a communique sent to the *Earth First! Journal* Collective, the “Howling Monkeywrench Gang of the Anthropocene” encouraged biocentrists to take action for the wolves:

“The howls of the hunted carry in the wind and call for help. It is time for hunt saboteurs to rise up to defend the wolf family.

“You can dismantle traps, dismantle hunting ORVs and trucks, dismantle the structures of hunting cabins, dismantle the helicopters used for aerial hunting. There are lots of great resources for ideas. Join the resistance. Defend the wolves.

“Go with caution, go with love, go wild as hell!”

Back in DC, 75 people representing the group Interfaith Moral Action on Climate Change rallied in front of the White House, urging President Obama to stop construction on KXL and move away from fossil fuel, resulting in 15 arrests.

Dozens more in DC marched from one tar sands profiteer location to the next, with five more arrests following a sit-in which disrupted business at a Valero office.

In a Seattle Idle No More rally, several hundred indigenous activists and allies marched to Harbor Island playing drums and carrying banners, protesting the proposed local export of coal as well as tar sands mining in Canada.

FRIDAY MAR 22

Inspiration and courage spreads nationwide.

In a rally by Katuah EFi!, 60 protesters occupied the lobby of an Asheville TD bank, effectively shutting down the branch for the rest of the day. Four protesters refused to leave and were arrested.

Back in Portland, Oregon, another mass of cyclists rode through the city, causing disruptions, speaking out against tar sands, calling into question Portland's “green legacy” and joining up with Idle No More's action in defense of clean water.

In Michigan, Occupy Detroit, Detroit Climate Justice Task Force, and PlanIt4Planet used light projector to scrawl “Clean Air is a Human Right” in giant letters on the walls of Marathon Petroleum Company.

Nearly 50 activists rallied in front of Valero Corporate Headquarters, in San Antonio Texas, forcing police to block exits and divert employees away.

In Westborough, Mass, police arrested two protesters in a TransCanada office during a Veterans for Peace action. This was the third series of arrests from protests at this office.

Protestors in El Segundo, Cali picketed at John Hancock Life Insurance office, a subset of a TransCanada shareholder.

Members of Dallas MoveOn, Occupy Dallas, the Horizon Unitarian Universalists, Environmental Justice Task Force, Tar Sands Blockade, Sierra Club Dallas, and Downwinders at Risk also rallied outside John Hancock Life Insurance office building, causing the front doors to be locked.

In Denver, dozens rallied outside Colorado Governor John Kickenlooper's mansion against him being a spokesperson of the oil and gas industry. As part of the rally people also participated in a direct action training in front of the mansion.

Members of the Delaware Sierra Club and Occupy Delaware came together for a “Move Your Money” action at TD Bank in Newark, New Jersey.

SATURDAY MAR 23

A group of activists in Memphis gathered in front of a Valero refinery to bear witness to the site of a deadly explosion from earlier this year.

In Salt Lake City, over 60 people carrying fake coffins blockaded the entrance of a Chevron tar sands refinery in an action organized by Utah Tar Sands Resistance. Six trucks were turned away from the refinery as a result of the blockade.

Dozens of protesters in NYC marched to TD Bank offices. Some TD customers publicly announced the cancellation of their accounts.

Once again in DC, protesters with the group Climate First! rallied outside multiple branches of TD Bank, closing off one with caution tape.

A rally organized by Idle No More, Bay Area 350.org, and Rising Tide SF, drew a huge crowd outside the Federal Building in San Francisco for a rally to stop KXL and a direct action training including a mock takeover of the SF Federal Building.



This info is compiled by a joint effort of the EF! Prisoner Support Project and the EF! Journal Collective. A broader list of prisoners from allied struggles, along with our handy updated Informant Tracker service can be found at EARTHFIRSTJOURNAL.ORG/PRISONERS. To get in touch, email: EFPRIS@RISEUP.NET or write: EF!PSP, POB 163126, Sacramento, CA 95816.

EARTH AND ANIMAL LIBERATION PRISONERS

Walter Bond #37096-013, USP Marion CMU, POB 1000, Marion, IL 62959, USA. Serving 12 years (until 3-21-2021) for the "ALF Lonewolf."

Marie Mason #04672-061, FMC Carswell, Federal Medical Center, POB 27137, Fort Worth, TX 76127, USA. Serving 21 years and 10 months (until 9-18-2027) for an ELF arson at a University building carrying out genetically modified crop tests and involvement in 12 other ELF actions.

Eric McDavid #16209-097, FCI Terminal Island, Federal Correctional Institution, POB 3007, San Pedro, CA 90731, USA. Serving 19 years and 7 months (until 2-10-2023) for being entrapped and coerced to plan destruction of US Forest Service property, mobile phone masts and power plants. At the point of his arrest no criminal damage had occurred.

Rebecca Rubin #2013001108, Columbia County Jail, 901 Port Ave., St. Helens, OR 97051, USA. Rebecca is accused of being a member of the ELF. She is facing charges of arson and conspiracy for actions that occurred between 1996 and 2001. *(Remember not to write to her about her case at all because she is pre-trial.)*

Justin Solondz #98291-011, FCI Loretto, POB 1000, Loretto, PA 15940, USA. Serving 7 years (until 8-31-2017) for a 2001 anti-biotech arson at University of Washington.

Marco Camenisch, Postfach 3143, CH-8105 Regensdorf, Switzerland. Serving 18 years: ten years for using explosives to destroy electricity pylons leading from nuclear power stations and eight years for the murder of a Swiss Border Guard whilst on the run.

Viktor Padellaro, Anstalten Kirseberg, Box 3097, 200 22 Malmö, Sweden. Sentenced to three years and six months in August 2011 for arson at a McDonald's, sending allegedly threatening letters to AstraZeneca employees and other actions against animal abuse. You can also write emails to be printed out and sent to him: S.GBG.VEGAN@GMAIL.COM

HACKTIVIST ACCEPTS NON-COOPERATING PLEA

Jeremy Hammond was arrested in March 2012 on federal charges under the Computer Fraud and Abuse Act (CFAA) for leaking information to the whistleblower news site Wikileaks. On May 28, 2013 Jeremy entered a plea agreement to the charge of conspiracy to hack the Strategic Forecasting (Stratfor) website.

Stratfor is a corporation that gathers intelligence at the behest of governments and large multinational corporations, targeting activists. *Barron's* magazine once referred to Stratfor as "The Shadow CIA."

The sentencing guideline for this offense is 10 - 15 years in prison. Since his jailing he has been denied bail, as well as visitation, resulting from minor jailhouse infractions. He has also been placed in solitary confinement on two separate occasions while awaiting a trial date. Sentencing will take place in NYC on September 6. In the meantime, send letters of love and support.

Jeremy Hammond #18729-424, Metropolitan Correctional Center, 150 Park Row, New York, NY 10007

POLITICAL PRISONER BIRTHDAYS

August 4: Debbie Sims Africa #006307, SCI Cambridge Springs, 451 Fullerton Ave, Cambridge Springs, PA, 16403 1238, USA. Debbie is part of the MOVE 9. MOVE is an eco-revolutionary group for black liberation and in defense of all life. She was arrested along with the father of her children, Mike Africa, when she was and 8.5 weeks pregnant. She gave birth to her son in prison.

August 23: Brian "Jacob" Church #2012-0519002, POB 089002, Chicago, IL, 60608, USA. Brian is one of the three NATO 5 who were targeted by undercover cops prior to the 2012 North Atlantic Treaty Organization summit. He is facing up to 40 years in prison for alleged plans to destroy police cars and attack police stations in Chicago. An international week of solidarity for the NATO 5 occurred in May, marking the one-year anniversary of their preemptive arrests. Trial is set for September of this year and they are currently raising funds toward legal defense costs.

September 3: Steve Murphy #39013-177, FCI Three Rivers, POB 4200, Three Rivers, TX, 78071, USA. Serving 5 years (until 02-25-2014) for an attempted ELF arson on a town house construction site in Pasadena in 2006. He will likely be released into a halfway house in late August.

September 12: Leonard Peltier #89637-132, USP Coleman I, US Penitentiary, POB 1033, Coleman, FL, 33521, USA. An American Indian Movement activist serving life after being framed for murdering two FBI agents during the 1975 Pine Ridge siege. There is currently a clemency campaign underway to free Leonard.

September 12: Sean Swain #243205, Mansfield Corrections Institution, POB 788, Mansfield, OH 44901, USA. An anarchist prisoner and former union organizer serving a life sentence for the self-defense killing of a court official's relative who broke into Sean's home and threatened his life. He ran for governor of Ohio from prison as a Zapatista candidate, and is fighting his conviction by citing the US government's illegal occupation of native land. His next parole hearing is in 2016.



2013 ROUND RIVER RENDEZVOUS INVITE

The Round River Rendezvous is the annual gathering of the Earth First! movement. Each Summer this week-long camp-out attracts several hundred Earth First!ers from across North America and another few from around the world. The gathering is coordinated by a volunteer committee and includes workshops, campaign discussions, campfire music and a rally with performers and speakers. Perhaps the most important part of the Round River Rendezvous is the informal networking that goes on; these gatherings are particularly important for developing a cohesive activist network and planning actions on a local level.

We are thrilled to announce that Croatan Earth First! will be hosting this Summer's Rendezvous near Boone, NC. The exact location will be announced close to the week of the event. The spot we are choosing should have swimming

holes and beautiful woods to hike in. This year's gathering will also include a trans and women's section that will include camping, climb area and workshop space. If you'd like to schedule a training or workshop in advance for the trans and women's camp, you can contact us on the web at CEF@RISEUP.NET or talk to organizers when you arrive. We are also working on having child care available so that parents can attend workshops knowing their kids are cared for and entertained.

As for content at the gathering as a whole, we'll be offering more earth skills, plant/mushroom identification, and ecospirituality workshops to the this year's gathering as well as a four-day medic training.

If you have access to money please consider donating to our paypal account. If you need to contact us regarding the rendezvous, email CEF@RISEUP.NET.

ECO-ACTION, BIOCENTRISM & RADICAL CULTURAL EVENTS

For updates and details, check out the calendar on NEWSWIRE.EARTHFIRSTJOURNAL.ORG

July 14 – 20: Wood Smoke Gathering (Earth Skills), Near Tetonia Idaho

July 18 – 20: Rising Tide North America Continental Gathering, Northern Utah

July 20 – 24: Downstream Community Leadership Training, Moab, Utah

July 23 – 29: Trans and Womyn's Action Camp (TWAC), Near Eugene, Oregon

July 24 – 29: Utah Tar Sands Action Camp

July 27 – Aug 1: Elements Gathering (Earth Skills), Santa Barbara, California

Aug 8 – 12: Alaska Rising Tide Direct Action Jamboree, Alaska

Aug 7 – 9: Protest the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), Chicago

Aug 7 – 11: UK Earth First! Summer Gathering, near Hastings, East Sussex, England

Aug 10 – 11: Portland Zine Fest, Oregon

Aug 11 – 17: Free Cascadia Witch Camp, near Portland, Oregon

Aug 17 – 20: Reclaim the Power Camp, West Burton power station, UK

Aug 17: Beehive Collective's Blackfly Ball, Machias, Maine

Followed by...

Aug 19 – 24: Gabfesty (for politically minded artists of all media), also in Machias

Aug 18 – 24: Traditional Ways Gathering (Earth Skills), Lake Superior, Wisconsin

Aug 24: Grand Rapids Zine Fest, Michigan

Aug 26 – Sept 7: Trident Ploughshares Int'l Disarmament Camp, Burghfield, UK

August 24 – 25: Seattle Anarchist Book Fair – 5th Annual

Aug 30 – Sept 2: Intentional Communities Conference at Twin Oaks, Louisa, Virginia

Aug 30 – Sept 1: Which Side Rendezvous (Anti-Tar Sands) at PR Springs, Utah

Sept 15 – 21: Rabbitstick Primitive Skills Gathering, Rexburg, Idaho – *Oldest and largest primitive skills gathering in the country.*

Sep 27 – 29: Bois D'arc (Primitive Skills), Green field, Missouri

Oct 18 – 21: Powershift, Pittsburgh, PA – *Help the expected 10,000 students find Earth First! before liberal NGOs bore them out of the movement!*

TOOLBOX

So you've come to terms with the fact that the NSA, FBI, CIA, your boss, your codependent spouse, Coca-Cola, Victoria's Secret, Wal-Mart and your local school district are spying on everything you do on the internet, adding each bit of gleaned information to their large dossier of your habits, patterns and preferences.

We'd like to recommend that you sell your computer and smartphone on craigslist and buy a canoe. But your Facebook activism is changing the world too much for that. Instead, start sending encrypted emails, browsing anonymously and taking control of this weird but apparently necessary part of your life.

It's time to integrate some digital security into our security culture. With

a little effort, you too can be a stealthy internet night creature, darting furtively to and fro in the shadowy understory and sending secret messages in your cyber-jungle language that only other little beasts can speak!

The wicked ways of the cypherpunk are a bit too complex to squeeze in here, but check out these websites to get the info you need to sneak around right under the digital noses of those capitalist electro-fascists:

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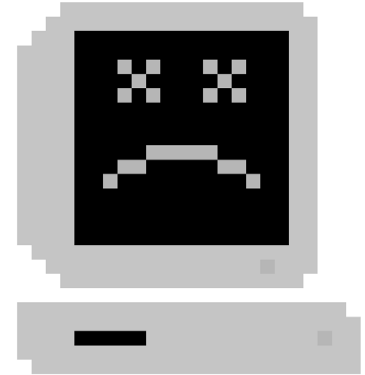
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