# **Logistics & Support Groups**

# North Star First Aid and Wellness Center.

Open Sept. 1-5, 9:00 AM-9:00 PM (additional days may be staffed). Their services include: basic first aid, herbal, massage, psychological first aid, acupuncture, decontamination, and more. Facility is across from Regions Hospital Clinic. Trainings and more info available online -NORTHSTARHEALTH.WORDPRESS.COM, or RNC-MENTALHEALTH.WORDPRESS.COM. 639 Jackson Ave. (800) 719-6487 [one eight-hundred seven

RNC Sexual Violence Advocacy. A group of Twin Cities folks are offering sexual violence advocacy, resources, and support with the goal of transforming rape culture in part by creating more empowering options to those affected by sexual violence. Peer advocates will be available during the RNC at the North Star First Aid & Wellness Center Sept. 1–5 and a 24-hour support phone line will be operational starting August 25 at (651) 434-2265. We also have the capacity to offer safer space options and transit to and from if needed.

Local 24-hour sexual violence crisis lines also exist in the Twin Cities and can be contacted in Minneapolis – (612) 871-5111, and St. Paul – (651)

Coldsnap Legal Collective. Coldsnap Legal Collective will be working with the National Lawyers Guild and others to provide jail and legal support for those arrested at the RNC. We are operating a 24-hour jail support hotline: **(651) 356-8635** to provide direct support for and track arrestees, as well as coordinating with legal support for affinity groups. Please write that number on your body, tell your friends, and call if you get arrested, see someone else getting arrested, or have other relevant info! We will be working to foster solidarity with arrestees in jail and court, and doing our best to make sure that everyone is taken care of.

We will have a legal street team (look for our yellow armbands) at the site of the actions for communications, ad hoc trainings, and documenting police behavior. If you have documentation or other evidence that you want to use for legal stuff, find a street team member or contact us for more info about what to do with it. We are also giving lots of trainings on knowing your rights, jail solidarity and other legal topics throughout the week of the RNC and beyond, so spread the word!

For (lots!) more information, check out Need to Know Basis, our RNC legal primer. You can also email us at COLDSNAP@RISEUP.NET, visit us at COLDSNAPLEGAL.ORG, or subscribe to our Twitter account COLDSNAPLEGAL for live updates as things progress.

**Housing.** Need a place to stay? Check out our housing board at NORNC.ORG/STAY or go the convergence center at 627 Smith Ave S St Paul. Parks in the Twin Cities are currently heavily monitored by park police.

# **Communications Infrastructure.**

The Tin Can Comms Collective has gone to great lengths to create an infrastructure that will help provide affinity groups and individuals with timely and accurate information that they can then use to act more efficiently. We've spent a lot of time setting up a system whereby reports can come in from the street, get categorized and verified, and then be dispatched out to individuals interested in that type of information. This system will be primarily implemented through SMS TXT messaging. Users will need a cell phone - we *highly* recommend a prepaid phone without the users name attached to it; we are suggesting Virgin, Boost, or AT&T as carriers - capable of

receive information based on groups they subscribe to and post reports back to communications (comms) team operators. The specifics of this are all very neat and complex; luckily, the set up should be pretty straight forward, and will be provided through twitter. Visit www.tincan-COLLECTIVE.ORG for further details:

## UNDERSTANDING THE COMMS GROUPS

We have created a number of groups that individuals will be able to subscribe to. These groups all represent a different type of information, some are geographical (like Sector 111), others are used for working groups to make announcements - such as legal, or food. When plugging into the system, you should look over the group list: read their descriptions and select the groups that will provide the information that you are most interested in. It is important that you only select the absolute minimum amount of groups that you think will apply to you. This is for several reasons: first, you want to prevent yourself from becoming flooded by too much information that is not pertinent to you. The most important reason though, is that due to limitations in the software architecture we are using, there is no way for us to prevent a user from getting the same message multiple times if they are subscribed to multiple groups that all receive the same message. So, for example, if you're subscribed to a group that sends out information about people that are being arrested and a group that sends out information about Sector 1, if there is a report about people being arrested in Sector 1 you will receive the message twice. For this reason, it may make the most sense for most individuals to subscribe to the group relating to the sector(s) they're planning on being in, any announcement groups they want - legal, food, etc. - and not too much more.

A list of available comms groups will be made available the weekend before the RNC. Watch for this information, which will be publicized at the comms website and the convergence center.

# SUBSCRIBING TO TWITTER GROUPS

The easiest way to subscribe to one of the twitter groups is to send a TXT message to the number 40404 with the message "FOLLOW < GROUP\_ NAME>" - remember to include the space between follow and the group name. If this is the first time you have used twitter, the system will respond asking for you to send them a message with your username. Reply to this message with whatever username you want to use. This will now be your username if you ever log on to the

# SENDING REPORTS TO THE COMMS TEAM

There are two ways to send reports back from the streets to the comms team. The first method, which we highly recommend. Is to TXT message the report in through the twitter system. To do this you must be subscribed to at least one of the comms twitter groups. As a member of a comms group you can send a TXT message to the number 40404 in the form "@<GROUP\_NAME> <message>"; <group\_name> should be the group that you think the information applies to and <message > is the message you want to send. For example: If I sent this TXT message: "@ FIRE\_STATION MY HOUSE IS ON FIRE" the group "FIRE\_STATION" would receive the message "MY HOUSE IS ON FIRE." If you are unsure which group to send a message to, please send it: @RNCO8.

Alternatively, individuals will be able to call reports in to the comms team. We can be reached at the number (651) 314-RTFM [that's (651) 314-7836]. This is not the preferred method as it is likely that in high volume situations, phone operators will experience a reasonable level of

Tips about sending messages Please try to be concise with your messages. It is important to clearly report where the report is taking place be sure to tell us the sector if you know it. Also, try to clearly and calmly report only the pertinent details of what's going on: "police are advancing down kellogg and pepper spraying protesters" not "fascist pig-dog cops are fucking with my friends and just shot me in the face with pepper spray, and we didn't even do shit!"

Tin Can has also agreed to feed information to an FM radio group so that individuals can listen to the radio for updates. The frequency(s) will be available at the convergence space. This will be the fallback method of communication should our twitter system go down.

Bikes. The RNC Bike Space is a community bike shop that formed to get bikes to those who need them for transportation before and during the RNC, and intends to continue as a resource beyond the RNC. All bikes that are loaned out are considered a community resource to be returned after the RNC. Everything in the shop is free, but donations and work-trade are highly encouraged to keep the space running. The shop is located at the corner of 36th St. E & 5th Ave. in Minneapolis and is open from 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM. Beginning August 28, bikes and tools will also be available at the RNC Convergence Center at 627 Smith Ave S in St. Paul. www. NORNC.ORG/BIKE

Childcare. Twin Cities activist parents are organizing childcare for radical parents coming to the RNC demonstrations. We have a great childfriendly space with lots of room outdoors to play; it is accessible from down town St. Paul but distant enough for safety and comfort. Volunteers with significant childcare experience will provide safe and respectful supervision between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM during the four days of the convention. Vegetarian or vegan food, organic milk and snacks will be available. Parents should provide diapers if needed, and any special food or medicine. We're asking parents to pre-register by sending us an email with the number of children you plan to bring and their ages. Contact us at: CHILDCARERNCPROTEST@RISEUP.NET

Arise! Books. 2441 lyndale ave. s., Minneapolis. Arise! will have extended hours 8am-12mid, August 29-Sept. 5; regular hours starting Sept. 6 Ham-9pm. They will also operate an infoline: 612-871-2283 - call for answers about schedules, directions, resources, transit, weather, and youname-it (but NOT legal, medical or to report news from the street). August 29-Sept. 5, 8am-12mid (same as open hours) - leave a message after hours to get a call back in the morning. Free computer lab and wireless internet. Copy machine too! A safe(r) place to hang out in south minneapolis while staying plugged in!

Twin Cities Indymedia. http://twincites. INDYMEDIA.ORG Dispatch line: 651-503-5661 Our ranks are stretched thin, we depend on activists to plug in and help us! Services will depend on volunteer strength. Credential badges will be available at the convergence center. TC-IMC SPACES & ACCESS:

- Macalester College Snelling and Grand Aves. Public computer labs and wifi.
- **Public libraries** Rondo Community Library (Dale Ave. and University Ave.), Minneapolis Central Library (Nicollet
- Arise! 24th and Lyndale, Minneapolis Black Dog Coffee Wine Bar This is a friendly café. 4th St. and Broadway St.,

Mall and 3rd)

Infopoints at Macalester, Arise!, and Convergence Center.

Upload video to INDYBADY.ORG, VIDEO, INDY-MEDIA.ORG or your usual places. Support the activist community and expose police brutality. Deploy media carefully: don't release video police can use; delay video until after police write reports; offer short clips, not long segments that police use to sequence events; mutual support: record police attacking others collecting video. Po-pos hate evidence! HTTP://TWINCITIES.INDY-MEDIA.ORG, IMCATRNC@GMAIL.COM, TWINCI-TIES@INDYMEDIA.ORG.

# **MEAL SCHEDULE**

We need your help! Come chop vegetables, help cook and wash dishes, or deliver and serve food Check for shift times at the Convergence Center! Thank you! We will be cooking on the corner of Smith Ave. and Wyoming St., a few blocks south of the convergence center.

**Daily Meals** (August 28 through September 4)

- **1 pm** Lunch, Convergence Center. [Seeds of
- **7 pm** Dinner, Convergence Center. Dinner will be at 6 PM on Saturday, 8/30. [Food Not Bombs (FNB)]

**8 am** Coffee and bagel breakfast until noon at Arise! Bookstore

- **6-9 am** Corporate sponsored breakfast at Peavey Plaza. 1111 Nicollet Mall,
- downtown Minneapolis. 11 am Veterans For Peace March, Capitol
- TBA National War Resisters League Convention Como Park [SOP]
- 7 pm Powderhorn Park, 10th Ave and 33rd

# September 1

- **Bag lunches** for affinity groups affinity groups can sign up ahead of time to have a boxed lunch packed for them on September 1. Sign up and gather at the Convergence Center with an identifying name and number of people. [SOP]
- 11 am Coalition to March on the RNC and Stop the War, Capitol Lawn [SOP]

- 11 am Youth Against War and Racism Rally/March, place TBA [SOP]
- 12-7 pm Ripple Effect Concert, Capitol
- 7 pm The Midtown Greenway (Chicago Ave and the Greenway) [FNB]

# September 3

**6 pm** Peavey Park (Chicago Ave. and Franklin Ave.) [FNB]

- Rights Campaign March, Mears Park
- 4 pm Anti-War Committee March, Capitol Lawn [SOP]

Check the Convergence Center for updates to this list. Seeds of Peace will also be providing healthy meals as needed to folks doing jail support and to people as they are released from jail.



# **CONVERGENCE CENTER**

We have a convergence center! It's a beautiful building close to downtown St. Paul. This will be a space for people to gather during, before, and after the RNC. The convergence center is also a space for workshops, spokescoucils, sector meetings and other events.

An incredible amount of information and resrouces are available at the center - health and safety information; tactical guides and other literature, workshops (legal, less lethal weapons, tactics...); computer resources; the latest on strategy and spokecouncils; maps; housing. Also, check in here for information about how to become a video runner.

Sober Space. No consumption/possession of alcohol or drugs in space. Be sober while in the

**Anti-Oppression Space.** Counter systems of oppression such as, but not limited to, racism, classism, homophobia, transphobia, sexism, and ageism. We realize we're all at different points on the path to fully embodying anti-oppression politics and as such we encourage dialog about these issues. In a truly radical community we must know that people will make minor mistakes and be able to correct each other so that we can collectively grow as a community.

Consent based space. Ask for positive reinforcement before taking actions that affect others, like sexual interactions, taking pictures. Consent is the presence of yes not the absence of no.

Respect the neighbors. Please do not steal from or tag local businesses, residencies, and gardens near the convergence space.

Keep front clear. Do not gather in large noisy crowds near the building. There are parks nearby for gathering, smoking, etc.

# **MORE GUIDELINES**

- Clean up after yourself
- No companion animals
- We reserve the right to ask you to
- No sleeping overnight
- outside of building
- No media, police, federal agents, etc., in the building
- Respect each other

# **627 SMITH AVE S** (651) 293-3968

Clegalinfo You never have to talk to cops, no matter what they tell you. In fact, it's best not to.

Say, "I am going to remain silent. I want to speak to a lawyer." If a cop stops and tries to ask you questions, ask: "Am I being detained?" If not, you are free to go. We recommend you do so! If they try to search you, say "I do not consent to a search." Repeat as needed. Stay safe! Practice security culture, and only work with people you trust! www.coldsnaplegal.org

# ST PAUL PRINCIPLES

These principles were drafted and agreed to by all the major anti-RNC organizing bodies in the Twin Cities, including the RNC Welcoming Committee and the Coalition to March on the RNC and Stop the War.

- Our solidarity will be based on respect for a diversity of tactics and the
- The actions and tactics used will be organized to maintain a separation
- Any debates or criticisms will stay internal to the movement, avoiding any public or media denunciations of fellow activists and events.
- We oppose any state repression of dissent, including surveillance, infiltration, disruption, and violence. We agree not to assist law enforcement actions against activists and others.

# **SPOKESCOUNCILS**

tives – *spokes* – from different affinity groups observe if there is space. and clusters (collections of affinity groups), who come together to make decisions for a common purpose. Spoke is short for spokesperson, one who is selected by each affinity group or cluster to represent them in the spokescouncil. The council will make decisions via a consensus decision making process. The sector spokescouncils are open to representatives from all affinity groups and clusters who are organizing around the blockading strategy in the seven sectors. The general spokescouncils are open to spokes from these as well as those working on support infrastructure such as food, medical, etc. Spokescouncils are not open to the media or police. Anyone not

A spokescouncil is a meeting of representa- acting as a representative of a larger body may

August 27, Wednesday 7:00 рм GENERAL SPOKESCOUNCIL August 30, Saturday 7:30 РМ SECTOR BREAKOUTS August 31, Sunday 4:00 PM GENERAL SPOKESCOUNCIL

General Spokescouncils will be held every evening from September 1-4.

Check NORNC.ORG or the Convergence Center for times. All spokescouncils will be held at the

**24-HOUR JAIL SUPPORT HOTLINE: (651) 356-8635** 

# PROTEST CONVENTION

**SUNDAY • 8/31** 

Solemn Funeral Procession Organized by Vets for Peace. Rally the State Capitol with

**People's Fest begins** (IOAM-9PM) – An arts and culture celebration brought to you by the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign and The Hip Hop Congress: Powderhorn Park 3400 15th Āve. S Minneapolis, MN 55407

# (MONDAY • 9/1

TUESDAY • 9/2

March on the RNC to Stop the War Begins at the State Capitol

The Immigrant Rights Contingent of the march meets on the west steps of the capitol building (Constitution & University). Anti-Capitalist Bloc Gathers under Red &

Black flags before the march (called for by the Industrial Workers of the World [IWW]) Student Feeder March Called for by Students for a Democratic Society (SDS) Watch for more details.

Funk the War Militant anti-war, disco-fever, mobile street party meets at the corner of Cedar and Colombia (southeastern corner of the capitol grounds)

Karz SuX Brigade Critical Mass Begins in Sector IV. Bring your bicycle to Sector IV and follow any other cyclists you see - this chaotic mass of epic proportions will visit every sector after mobilizing.

Ripple Effect Music festival begins at State Capitol. Featuring: Michael Franti, Anti-Flag, Dead Prez, Matisyahu. Over at 7:00pm.

March For Our Lives! Begins at Mears Park (5th St. E and Sibley St., St. Paul). The Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign calls for you to join us as we fill the streets of St. Paul, Minnesota in a powerful, peaceful demonstration for the right to health care, housing, and all economic human rights.

Anti-Capitalist Bloc In March For Our Lives!, called for by the 1ww, gathers beneath the Red & Black flags. Peace Island:

A Solutions Driven Conference A parallel conference during the RNC September 2-3, 2008 at Concordia University, St.

Support Our Oil Companies! Join our fellow Republican delegates for a "Support Our Oil Companies Rally" at a party hosted by Mississippi Governor Haley "Offshore Drilling" Barbourour and the American Petroleum Institute at 510 1st Ave N, Minneapolis, MN 55403. Organized by CodePink, Global Exchange, and others.

12:30 Shuttle: GOP EXPRESS shuttle service begins from the delegate hotels to the Xcel Energy Center. Shuttles make their last departures from hotels for Session 1 by 2:30 PM. Shuttle schedule subject to change, throughout.

**Session 1** Begins (2:30 PM - 10:00 PM). Boring things unfold. A short break in the session from 6:30 PM until 7 o'clock. Bush and Cheney speak after 7:00 PM.

4:30 Shuttle: GOP EXPRESS shuttle service begins from hotels to the Xcel Energy Center. Shuttles make their last departures from hotels for Session 1 by 6:30 PM.

**10:00 Shuttle:** GOP EXPRESS shuttle service begins from Xcel Energy Center to delegate hotels. Shuttles make their last departures from hotels for Session 1 by 11:15 PM.

3:30 Shuttle: GOP EXPRESS shuttle service

begins from the delegate hotels to the Xcel

Energy Center. Shuttles make their last

departures from hotels for Session 2 by

Session 2 Begins 6:20 PM-IO:05 PM

9:30 Shuttle: GOP EXPRESS shuttle ser-

vice begins from hotels to the Xcel Energy

Center. Shuttles make their last departures

from hotels for Session 2 by II:15 PM.

Respect, defend, and be prepared for autonomous self-sustaining alternatives: Lasting projects and spaces will be born out of our actions and will need to be protected. We also won't knowingly bring the hammer down on existing long-term

respect alliances: Those of us on the same side of the barricades are trying to build lasting bonds for future mutual aid. We may not agree with each other on all of our tactics, but that doesn't mean there aren't venues for us to work together and build on the trust and community that

9:45 Shuttle: GOP EXPRESS shut-

tle service begins from hotels to

the Xcel Energy Center. Shuttles

make their last departures from

hotels for Session 3 by 12:30 AM.

# Strategy & Action

# **CRASH THE CONVENTION**

OK, here's the plan, it's really quite simple: on September 1st don't let them get to the convention. How do we do that? Well my friend, that part is up to you. The most important part of the strategy is to do something. The politicians coming to the RNC would have you believe that the decisions about our lives and world are a spectator sport, something to be watched from afar and occasionally to be influenced by marking a piece of paper to choose the next decision maker. We say that our lives are our own, and by stopping their spectacle we will show that we have the power to take matters into our own hands.

Here are some more detailed strategy points that were consensed upon by anarchists from around the country:

- Start Strong: Throw all of our energy into the first day. We'll kick this off right and stretch the militarized police state out so far that it can no longer contain and suppress our voices and desires.
- Transportation Troubles: This includes blockades at key intersections in downtown St. Paul and other actions at strategic targets such as busses, hotels, bridges and airport shuttles etc.
- community projects.
- Be inclusive of local communities and already exists.

# **SECTOR ADOPTIONS**

Contact the sector adopters to plug into a sector.

Sector I. Pittsburgh Organizing Group (POG). Endorsed by the North East Anarchist Network (NEAN). Open call for a blockade at 7th St. E

RNC@ORGANIZEPITTSBURGHORG

Sector II. Temporary Anti-Capitalist Team

M INDY\_TACTO8@YAHOO.COM

Sector III. Mid Atlantic Cluster. ✓ UA.MIDATLANTIC@GMAIL.COM

**Sector IV.** Bay Area, Santa Cruz, and other Northern California radicals have banded together as "Unconventional Action (UA) in the Bay" and Adopted sector four. They are calling for a Sector IV bay-area-cade barricade building contest. Also the location of the Karz SuX Brigade Critical Mass.

✓ UAINTHEBAY@LISTS.RISEUP.NET

Sector V. Adopted by A Midwestern Cluster and also the location of the Bash Back! Pink and Blue Street Party Blockade as well as the Midwest snowstorm.

MWCLUSTERUP@RISEUP₊NET, BASHBACKCHI@RISEUP.NET, SNOWSWARM@RISEUP.NET

Sector VI. A Grey Coast Cluster from the Pacific Northwest as well as the Campus Antiwar Network (CAN). Mo∙rnc∙nw@gmail.com

MONKEYWITHSODA@HOTMAIL.COM

Sector VII. Not yet adopted

# 9:30 Shuttle:

GOP EXPRESS

shuttle service

begins from

Session 4 by

II:30 PM.

**3:30 Shuttle:** GOP EXPRESS shuttle service Xcel Energy begins from the delegate hotels to the Xcel Center. Shuttles Energy Center. Shuttles make their last departures from hotels for Session 4 by 6:00 PM. last departures from hotels for

Session 4 Begins 6:20 PM-II:20 PM

# THURSDAY • 9/4

Big Oil CEO's Thank Texas Republican Delegates Join the CEOs of Big Oil in thanking the Texas Republican Delegates at their Hotel, the Crowne Plaza (II East Kellogg Blvd., St. Paul) Organized by CodePink, Global Exchange, and others

WEDNESDAY 9/3

March to Arrest the War Criminals Student strike against the RNC walks out of metro-area classrooms - via buses, carpool, bicycles, feet - arrive at the capitol. Antiwar Festival, Rally, and Theater from noon-4:00PM.

**3:30 Shuttle:** GOP EXPRESS shuttle service

tures from hotels for Session 3 by 6:00 PM.

Session 3 Begins 6:20 PM-II:20 PM

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# No Peace for the War-makers

Meets at the State Capitol for a permitted rally and legal march to the capitol.

# **HOW DO I PLUG IN?**

The strategy calls for actions throughout the Twin Cities that will hinder delegate transportation. Specifically blockades, meaning anything that will slow or stop traffic, are being organized around the Xcel Center. To this end downtown St. Paul has been divided into seven sectors, which have each (except for Sector VII) been adopted by specific groups. If you or your affinity group would like to plug into a sector, these groups are who you want to contact. Otherwise feel free to take autonomous action, with the understanding that there may be actions already planned for the area you're interested in.

# **SWARM, SEIZE, STAY**

A vision of how blockading could happen in downtown St. Paul, this is our mantra for September 1. Generally, Swarm, Seize, Stay (3s)

- Move into Downtown St. Paul via swarms of varying sizes, from multiple directions, and with diverse tactical intentions
- Seize space through both hard (lockboxes, etc.) and soft (congestion, etc.), fixed and mobile, blockading methods.
- Stay engaged with the situation in downtown St. Paul as long as necessary. Regroup. Reinforce.

# **DIRECTORY**

## 1 Convergence Center 627 Smith Ave S, St. Paul (651) 293-3968

# 2 Bedlam Theater

1501 S. 6th St, Minneapolis Hosting entertainment, workshops, and

# 3 Arise! Bookstore

2441 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis infoline: 612-871-2283

**Bike Space** 516 E. 36th St.,

# **Center** 639 Jackson Ave, across from Regions Hospital, St. Paul 1-800-719-

6 Seeds of Peace Cooking Space Corner of Smith Ave. and Wyoming St.,

# 7 Macalester College 1600 Grand Ave, St Paul

SDS will be hosting the student convergence with speakers, workshops, and more

## 8 Legal Observer Muster Space 500 Laurel Ave, St. Paul

# Photo/Video/Documentation Drop **Off** If you have pictures or video to

upload, documentation to drop off, or any other material that you've gathered and think would be useful for legal purposes, you can drop it off at the Legal Observer Muster Space: 500 Laurel Ave, St. Paul.

# **Donations Drop-Off**

Donations to RNC protest efforts may be dropped off at the Convergence Space, 627 Smith Ave. in St. Paul- we have arranged with folks from other projects, including legal and jail support, to get donations into the right hands as quickly as possible. If you want to earmark your donation for a specific project (e.g., mass defense, utilities, comms, etc.), you can find information about how to do that at the Convergence Space.



