

THE NEW WILL ALLEN FARMER TRAINING WEEKEND

Saturday September 29th - Sunday September 30th

At Amador Hill Farm and Orchard

15715 River Road, North Branch, MN 55056

A registration fee of \$275 per person covers the following:

Overview:

Students will attend the full weekend of education programming, including four hand-on workshop sessions, morning introduction, and an evening bonfire discussion with Will Allen. Meals are provided and a limited number of campsites are available on site.

Farming Workshops:

In this two-day training weekend, workshops will focus on extending Minnesota's food growing season in order to make local healthy food accessible to more Minnesotans year round -- all four seasons. Each student will choose an education tract consisting of four hands-on workshops providing participants with ready-to-use knowledge and skills in low-cost and affordable techniques. Focus areas include: constructing a low-cost hoop house, growing microgreens, growing mushrooms, successful large-scale composting, building a low-tech affordable aquaponic system, and basics in herbalism, bee-keeping and apple orcharding. *Please see a sample schedule below (subject to change). Students will choose their education tract upon check-in Saturday morning.*

Introductions and Community Circle Saturday Morning:

- On Saturday morning all students, educators and event volunteers will meet for morning introductions where we share our personal connections to farming and food justice and get to know one another. All are encouraged to attend this important component of building sustainable communities.

Bon-Fire Discussion with Will Allen Saturday Night:

- Bring your questions and input to an insightful and memorable dialogue rooted in food justice and our mutual passion for farming. This part of the weekend ought not be missed.
- This year's Saturday evening campfire chat with Will Allen is dedicated to the topic of connecting farming, sustainability, and climate change in an evolving racial justice framework—building “the good food revolution”.

Meals:

- Continental breakfast, full lunch, and full dinner Saturday September 29th
- Continental breakfast, and full lunch Sunday September 30th
- We will provide vegetarian and gluten free options - please tell us if you have any dietary restrictions or food allergies upon registration.

Campsite Friday and Saturday Night (based on availability):

- Camping space is limited, **you must reserve your space upon registration - ahead of time**
- You must bring your own camping gear.
- On site facilities include portable toilet, outdoor hand washing sink/ basin. We do not have showers.
- You are not required to stay overnight on the farm. You may drive to the farm each morning for your workshops or choose local accommodations at your own cost. See list of local accommodations below.

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	Tract A	Tract B	Tract C	Tract D
Workshop I Saturday 10am-12:30pm	Hoop House Building I with Laura Michele	Growing Microgreens with Will Allen	Aquaponics I with Chad Hebert	Growing Shiitake Mushrooms with Jeremy McAdams
Workshop II Saturday 1:30pm - 5:00pm	Hoop House Building II with Laura Michele	Year-round Beekeeping with Mike Mackiewicz	Aquaponics II with Chad Hebert	Growing Oyster Mushrooms with Ahley Monk
Workshop III Sunday 9am-12:30pm	Compost and Vermiculture with Will Allen	Compost and Vermiculture with Will Allen	Compost and Vermiculture with Will Allen	Healing Herbs and Plants - Medicine-Making with Nancy Graden
Workshop IV Sunday 1:30pm-3:00pm	Hoop House Building III -final construction with Laura Michele and Will Allen	Hoop House Building III -final construction with Laura Michele and Will Allen	Organic Apple Harvesting with Dave Gutknecht	Foraging for Medicinal Plants with Angela Campbell

LOCAL ACCOMMODATIONS & LINKS

[Map of Hotels Nearby](#)

[Map of Campgrounds Nearby](#)

Dallas House Motel, St Croix Falls	St Croix Falls	16 miles, 20 min drive
Holiday Inn Express St Croix Falls	St Croix Falls	17 miles, 20 min drive
Comfort Inn & Suites, Chisago City	Chisago City	17 miles, 20 min drive
Budget Hotel, North Branch	North Branch	12 miles, 18 minutes
American Inn, North Branch	north Branch	12 miles, 18 minutes
Wild River State Park	Center City	4 miles, 9 minutes

Local Grocers:

Almelund Mercantile, Almelund

County Market, North Branc

About Will Allen and WEI

Will Allen is a world renowned urban farmer, food justice entrepreneur and educator. He is the Founder of Growing Power, Inc. and Will Allen Roadside Farms and Markets, recipient of the MacArthur Genius Award, of Time Magazine's 100 Most Influential People, and formerly an endowed chair at the U of M College of Food, Agriculture, and Natural Resources. His life story is published in The Good Food Revolution: Growing Healthy Food, People and Communities.

Women's Environmental Institute is a Minnesota-based environmental non-profit dedicated to a mission of environmental, farming and food justice. In 2018, WEI celebrates its fifteenth anniversary and nine years of collaboration and mentorship with Will Allen. WEI's teaching faculty consists of varied experts in agriculture fields including organic farming, beekeeping, aquaponics, herbalism, food preservation, wellness and sustainability practices, social and economic justice, agricultural philosophy and policy studies.

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