

— YOUNG AGRARIANS —

Kootenays Spring Farmer Mixer

Welcome! We are over-the-moon excited to have so many good people gathering to meet, share, learn, dream, and celebrate Kootenay food and farming! Thanks to all are who are helping to make the weekend happen by coming, offering food, knowledge, skills, ideas, energy... what an amazing weekend we have ahead of us. This kit should give you the info you need to feel set for the Mixer. If you have unanswered questions or if something here inspires an idea, get in touch: kootenays@youngagrarians.org or 604-800-2773. Big love, Laura, Nigel, & Sara

The Basics

- Who? You, silly!
- When? Saturday, March 15, doors 10am, brunch 10:30am, potluck 5:30pm – late Sunday, March 16, breakfast 8:30am – 6:30pm
- Where? Mixer: Crawford Bay Elementary & Secondary School 16150 Walkley Road
Lodging: Kokanee Chalets 15981 Highway 3A



Kootenay Lake Ferry Schedule

Departure from Balfour Terminal (Nelson side)	Departure from Kootenay Bay Terminal (Crawford Bay side)
6:30 am	7:10 am
8:10 am	9:00 am
9:50 am	10:40 am
11:30 am	12:10 pm
1:10 pm	2:00 pm
2:50 pm	3:40 pm
4:30 pm	5:20 pm
6:10 pm	7:00 pm
7:50 pm	8:40 pm
9:40 pm	10:20 pm

If you are taking a ferry to attend **the Mixer**, we recommend leaving Balfour on Saturday at 9:50 am and returning on Sunday at 7:00pm.

If you are taking a ferry to attend **the Potluck**, we recommend leaving Balfour on Saturday at 4:30 pm and returning at 8:40pm or 10:20pm.

Mixer Schedule

SATURDAY

- 10:00 Registration and settling in
- 10:30 Brunch
- 11:30 Welcome... to the traditional territory of the K'tunaxa First Nation, to the Crawford Bay community, to Young Agrarians, and to the Mixer!
- 12:00 Opening circle
- 12:45 Little break
- 1:00 Panels & Dialogue
 - 1) Working with retailers and restaurants with panelists Joe Karthein (Kootenay Co-op), Amanda Skidmore (All Seasons Café), Ella Markan (Sprouts Grocery), and Steve Kruse (Yasodhara Ashram)
 - 2) Selling surplus and value-adding on the homestead with panelists Shauna Teare (smallholder and marketing consultant), Wendy Morrison (Basin Business Advisers program), Sylvia Caldwell, (Naturally Grown Herb and Spice Producers Co-op, Foundtree Product Design,) Jen Comer (King Creek Honey)
 - 3) Pathways into farming with panelists Sara Dent (Linnea Farm Program graduate), Michael Silver (Earth Temple Gardens), Christian Kimber (3 Crows Farm), Paris-Marshall Smith (Yasodhara Ashram), and Jessie King (WWOOFER and Full Cycle Food educator)
- 2:30 Big break... Snacks and mingle time
- 3:30 Keynote farm story... Nadine Ben-Rabha of Kootenay Meadows the Kootenay's organic dairy!

- 4:00 Open conference space... facilitated dialogue on topics including:
Land Linking and alternative land access with invited agrarian elders and co-facilitators Sara Dent (Young Agrarians) and Zoe Creighton (Upper Columbia Co-op Council)
- 5:00 Laughing yoga... Brenda Wiseman
- 5:30 Potluck dinner... Doors open to one and all
- 7:00 Dance party & concert... with Argenta's Red Eyed Soul!

SUNDAY

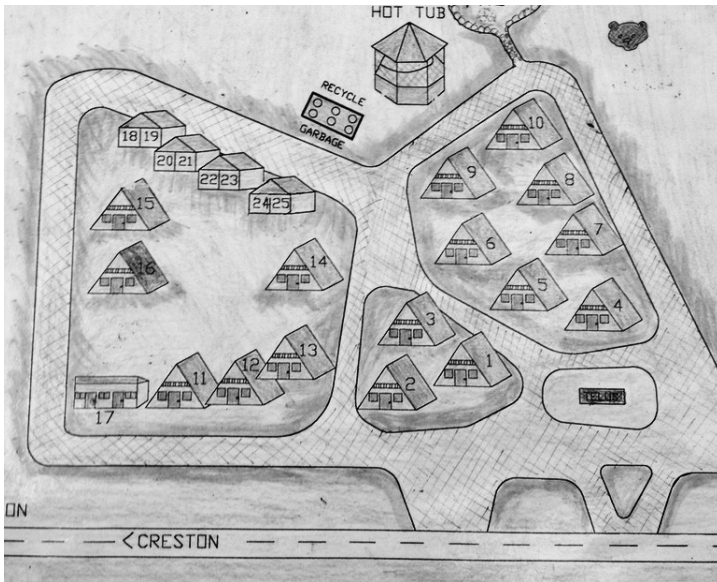
- 8:00 Waking up... Yoga anyone?
- 8:30 Breakfast
- 10:00 Workshops & farm stories
 - 1) Profitable, low-tech, no-fuel season extension with Marsha Semar of Cottage Gardens, an organic, off-grid, year-round market garden
 - 2) Permaculture profits with Andrew Bennett of Moon Gravity Farm, a permaculture-inspired, livestock-based spin farm
- 11:15 Little break
- 11:30 Small-farm tool library demo... Kootenay Local Agriculture Society
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Mini-presentations from Kootenay food/farm projects, movements, and groups... with presenters from BC Seeds Co-op, Kootenay Producers Co-op, Farm Food Fork, Grizzly Bear Electric Fencing Project, and more!
- 2:30 Big break... Snacks, networking with ↑ presenters, KLAS tool demos
- 3:30 Open conference space... YA-facilitated, participant-led sessions – we all bring the magic
- 4:30 Little break
- 4:45 Closing circle & new directions... Closing the space and planning for Kootenay Young Agrarians in 2014 and beyond
- 5:30 Simple supper
- 6:30 Help cleaning up would be awesome!

Childcare supports

Family friendliness matters to us... We chose a venue that was built for kids and will have access to a gym, a playground, and a library. We have also hired two certified babysitters for the weekend and asked volunteers to lead some special activities. BUT your kids are still your responsibility we are providing childcare supports NOT childcare!

Accommodation

If you booked accommodation with us, we will get you sorted out when you sign-in on Saturday. On Sunday, everyone has to be checked out by 12pm! Return your key at the Chalets' office.



What to Bring

- ✓ Show & Tell: bring along tools, inventions, and any other bits and bobs that you think others would be excited to get a look at
- ✓ Your products: we can make space for setting up products from your farm or homestead for you to sell or trade
- ✓ Seeds: we will have a seed offering/swap area
- ✓ Books: we will have a book offering/swap area (someone generous donated books!)
- ✓ Potluck food: Saturday's dinner is a potluck, please bring to share
- ✓ Ideas, skills, information, questions, etc.: we will need these all through the weekend, and especially during our open conference sessions, which will give you the opportunity to set topics and facilitate dialogue
- ✓ Camera: we would love you to take photos that we can share with the YA network
- ✓ Oh, and a bathing suit: if you are staying with us, there is an outdoor hot tub!