

WINDHORSE FARM

PROGRAM SPACES FOR GROUP RENTALS & ACCOMMODATIONS

DESCRIPTIONS & RATES 2012

Located in 200 acres of ancient Acadian Forest on the shores of Wentzell Lake on the South Shore of Nova Scotia, Windhorse Farm includes bountiful organic gardens, a native plant nursery, 20 km of forest trails, a wood-fired sauna on a fresh-water pond, a farm store, fire circles, an Eco-Woodshop, a serene Japanese Kami Shrine and a 100 year old barn (home to our horses and chickens!).

Our four conference / group retreat facilities are available for overnight accommodations and programs year-round: Juniper Lodge, Sunshine House, the Power House and Tamarack. We also have four forest and garden cabins for single or double occupancy retreats year-round: Will's Cabin, Sweetwater,, Blue Dragon, and White Lion.

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JUNIPER LODGE

Description

Juniper Lodge is a beautiful new building showcasing many “green” building materials and methods. There are three self-contained suites each with a private kitchen and washroom. There is a group dining room as well as a common great room and large meeting hall. Juniper has 16 beds in total, 4 of them double. If you have 4 couples, the capacity is 20 people. The suites are named Aspen, Yellow Birch and Butternut. There are two “loft” spaces (East and South) above the Great Hall, and one double room adjoining the dining room called Northwest Room.

- **Aspen:** One bedroom with one double bed, double hide-a-bed in the living room.
- **Yellow Birch:** Two bedrooms, each with a double bed, and one single bed in the living room.
- **Butternut:** One bedroom with a single bed, two bedrooms with two singles in each.
- **Northwest:** One bedroom with two single beds.
- **East Loft:** Two single beds.
- **South Loft:** Two single beds.

Meeting Spaces

The Hall has wood floors, clean white walls and large windows facing a garden. It can seat 40 in a circle, and 50 for a presentation-style meeting. The *Great Room* is a very flexible informal meeting space for a few or many people. There are several additional *breakout spaces* for smaller group meetings, including the group dining room next to the kitchen and the living rooms in each of the suites. The adjoining Pavillion can also be used as a large break out space (see separate rates and description below).

Pavilion & Program Kitchen

The *Pavilion* is a beautiful stand-alone green-built meeting and/or dining space right next to the Program Kitchen on the North side of Juniper Lodge. It has large windows on all four walls and is furnished with a buffet table and 5 dining tables, each seating 8 people for meals (max. capacity of 40 people dining indoors). It is partially wrapped in a deck and stands next to a Japanese garden. Just beyond the Pavilion’s front deck there is a fire circle with bench seating for music and warm conversation.

The *Program Kitchen* is fully equipped for preparing and serving meals for up to 50 people. It is connected to the Pavilion by a short boardwalk.

The *Program Kitchen* and *Pavilion* can be reserved together by guests in any of our facilities or as a day-only rental for off-site guests.

Group Rental Rates

The following prices include the use of *all* of Juniper Lodge, the sauna and all the forest and garden trails. *If your program does not include catering, your use of the Program Kitchen and Pavilion will*

cost extra, but usually it is unnecessary if there are fewer than 22 people because each suite has its own independent kitchen. Taxes (15%) are not included.

Weekend, one night (<i>Fri. or Sat.</i>)	\$790 /night
Weekend, two-nights (<i>Fri., Sat., and Holidays</i>)	\$720 /night
Weekday, one night (<i>Sun. – Thurs.</i>)	\$700 /night
Weekday, two nights (<i>Sun. – Thurs.</i>)	\$640 /night
Weekday, 2–5 nights	\$590 /night
More than 5 nights	<i>Please contact us.</i>
Day rate for Juniper Lodge (<i>no overnight stay</i>)	\$400 /day

Private Rental Rates

Individual rooms or suites in Juniper Lodge can be booked by individuals, couples or families within 2 weeks of the desired occupancy date if the facility has not been previously booked in its entirety. The suites and rooms are described above. Suites include the use of a private kitchen, living room and bathroom. If you choose to book an individual room in a suite, the other rooms in that suite might be occupied by other guests. Taxes (15%) are not included.

	ONE NIGHT	ADDITIONAL
LOFT	\$85	\$70
ROOM (<i>in any suite, including Northwest</i>)	\$115 /night	\$100 /night
SUITES		
<i>Aspen</i>	\$125 /night	\$110 /night
<i>Yellow Birch</i>	\$165 /night	\$145 /night
<i>Butternut</i>	\$175 /night	\$155 /night

Linens & Laundry

One set of linens and towels will be provided for each guest. For longer stays, guests will be responsible for doing their own laundry using the washing machine and the solar dryer (clothesline).

SUNSHINE HOUSE

Description

Sunshine House is a large, fully renovated Century Farm house overlooking Wentzell Lake with its own small garden and spacious grounds. It has 7 bedrooms that can accommodate up to 17 people, 1 large farm kitchen, 1 dining room, 1 living room, and 2 washrooms. The attached Carriage House has one additional kitchen and 2 large meeting spaces.

Capacity is 17-19 people, as follows:

SUNSHINE HOUSE (up to 11 guests)

- **Bedroom 1:** Three single beds
- **Bedroom 2:** One double bed
- **Bedroom 3:** Two single beds
- **Bedroom 4:** Two single beds
- **Bedroom 5:** One double bed

CARRIAGE HOUSE (up to 6 guests)

- **Bedroom 1:** Two single beds
- **Bedroom 2:** Two single beds
- **Dormitory:** Four single beds

Meeting Spaces

The Carriage House adjoins Sunshine House. We recommend using this space for groups that require additional meeting space for large programs (e.g. overflowing from Juniper Lodge), or for groups who do not require a great deal of space. It is a two story, sunny building with large open spaces. The Carriage House can accommodate 12-20 people sitting in a circle in the upper room and 10-15 people in the lower room -- either for meetings or for meals.

Group Rental Rates

The prices below include the use of the sauna and all forest and garden trails. Taxes (15%) are not included.

Weekend, one night	\$520
Weekend, two nights <i>(3 nights if it is a holiday weekend)</i>	\$440 /night
Weekday, one night	\$480 /night
Weekday, 2-5 nights	\$390 /night
More than 5 nights	\$360/night

Private Rental Rates

Individual rooms in Sunshine House can be booked by individuals, couples and families within 2 weeks of the desired occupancy date if the facility has not been previously booked in its entirety. Taxes (15%) are not included.

	SINGLE	DOUBLE
One night only (per room)	\$55	\$85
Additional nights (per room)	\$45	\$70

Linens & Laundry

One set of linens and towels will be provided for each guest. For longer stays, guests will be responsible for doing their own laundry.

THE POWER HOUSE

Description

The Power House is right on the lake with incredible views of sky and water. It has 3 bedrooms, a 4-piece bath, a living/dining room and a 20th century kitchen, as well as a large wooden deck, perfect for relaxing next to the lake. There is a double and single bed in each of two bedrooms and 2 single beds in the other. With 7 beds in all, two of them double, the capacity is 7 to 9 people.

Group Rental Rates

These prices include the use of the PowerHouse, the sauna, and all forest and garden trails. Taxes (15%) are not included.

One night	\$290
Weekend, two nights <i>(3 nights if it is a holiday weekend)</i>	\$255/night
Weekday, 2 nights	\$215/night
3-10 nights	\$195/night
More than 10 nights	\$180/night

Private Rental Rates

The 3 individual rooms in the Power House can be booked by individuals, couples and families within 2 weeks of the desired occupancy date if the facility has not been previously booked in its entirety. Taxes (15%) are not included.

	SINGLE	DOUBLE
One night only (per room)	\$55	\$85
Additional nights (per room)	\$45	\$70

Linens & Laundry

One set of linens and towels will be provided for each guest. For longer stays, guests will be responsible for doing their own laundry using the washing machine and the solar dryer (clothesline).

TAMARACK FOREST CABIN

Description

Tamarack is a cabin in the forest not far from Juniper Lodge. It has 8 beds in 4 bedrooms, a living room, and a kitchen area with provisions for tea. It is heated by a wood stove (firewood is just outside in the wood shed). Pristinely pure water can be drawn from the nearby well. There is a 2-chamber composting outhouse out the back door.

Optional Linens, Towels & Clean-Up Services

This cabin can be rented either with or without bedding and towels. In other words, if you bring your own towels and sleeping bags or blanket rolls, you get a healthy discount. This is because of the significant savings, both in time and resources, resulting from the fact that our staff does not have to make beds and do laundry. If you are getting the discounted rate, we request that you clean up the cabin at the end of your stay. By “cleaning up” we mean sweeping, straightening up and bringing your sorted recycling, compost and trash to the office.

Rental Rates

The first column gives rates *with* linens, towels and clean-up services provided. The second column shows rates *without* linens, towels and clean-up services included. These prices include the use of Tamarack, the sauna, and all forest and garden trails. Showers can be taken in the shower room (aka “Chatroom”) at the back of the farmhouse. Taxes (15%) are not included.

	Linens, Towels & Clean-up Service Included	Linens, Towels & Clean-up Service <i>Not</i> Included
One night only	\$140	\$110
Two-night stay <i>(weekend or holiday)</i>	\$120/night	\$90/night
Two-night stay <i>(weekdays)</i>	\$100/night	\$75/night
3-10 nights	\$90 /night	\$80/night
More than 10 nights	\$70/night	\$60/night

PROGRAM KITCHEN & PAVILION

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Rental Rates

Taxes (15%) are not included.

Program Kitchen and Pavilion	\$300
Program Kitchen only	\$200
Pavilion only	\$150

WILL'S CABIN

This forest cabin is nestled into the trees at the top on Pine Hill. It is a one-room cabin with a sleeping loft (one single and one double bed). An additional single bed can be brought in for the main floor by special request and an additional charge of \$10/night. Heated by a wood stove and served by a special 2-chamber composting outhouse, Will's cabin offers a genuine Windhorse Forest experience.

Rental Rates

Taxes (15%) are not included.

One night only	\$55
Additional nights	\$35/night
More than 10 nights	\$30/night

SWEETWATER RETREAT CABIN

This perfectly small cabin is reserved for solitary retreats and is popular with meditators and writers. Next to Sweetwater Brook, it is just downstream from Drala Pool and the Kami Shrine. As one retreatant said, "Perfect is good enough." Please contact us to discuss your needs.

Rental Rates

Taxes (15%) are not included.

One night only	\$45
Additional nights	\$30/night
More than 10 nights	\$25 /night

BLUE DRAGON RETREAT CABIN

Between the garden and the lake, this spacious one-room cabin is reserved for solitary retreats. Bright and open, with vast views of sky and water, this retreat house has almost 20 years of experience in hosting meditation retreatants. With heat from a wood stove (firewood provided) and served by our specially designed 2-chamber composting outhouse out back, the retreatant in Blue Dragon also has access to the shower room in the “Chatroom”. This is an off-grid solar powered cabin. Please contact us to discuss your needs.

Rental Rates

Taxes (15%) are not included.

One night only	\$55
Additional nights	\$35 /night
More than 10 nights	\$25 /night

WHITE LION RETREAT CABIN

This facility is reserved for solitary retreats. All retreatants must consult with Jim and/or Margaret before this space can be reserved.

TENTING

The tenting ground is near the sauna at the beaver pond. Tenters have access to the sauna and the shower house in the "Chatroom" at the back of the farm house as well as all the forest and garden trails. We can accommodate up to 10 tenters at a time; the tenting grounds are spacious, but there is only one shower and so that is the limiting factor. Taxes (15%) are not included.

Per person	\$15 /night

CATERING

Meals (mostly from food grown here at Windhorse Farm) can be provided for 10-50 people. Coffee and tea are always provided. Alternatively, guests can rent the program kitchen, hire a cook or caterer, and provide for their own meals.

The price is negotiable and dependent on needs, but is usually approximately \$60 per person per day and includes 3 meals plus 1 snack, and tea and coffee. Special diets can be accommodated by our excellent caterers!