

Bay Anarchist Free School

JANUARY - MARCH 2025

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

BAY ANARCHIST FREE SCHOOL (BAFS) is a collective effort to build relationships that challenge institutional power. These decentralized classes are opportunities to learn from and with each other, while increasing autonomy and mutual support.

The theme for the shortform classes this session is Community Preparedness. We want to help each other prepare for whenever we cannot access expected or normal functioning of services, which can happen in a variety of situations - including revolts.

The longform classes emphasize explicitly anarchist thinking and practices, in a format that allows for building deeper connections between participants, and deeper conversations and practices about how we live and relate to ourselves and each other.

We're excited to have you participate: attend or offer a class, or contribute to background support; we all have so much to learn from each other. If you have a shortform or longform class idea for next session, submit a proposal to bafs@riseup.net by March 10th 2025.



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CLASS INFORMATION SUBJECT TO CHANGE. CHECK THE WEBSITE BAFS.NOBLOGS.ORG FOR UPDATED SCHEDULE AND EXPANDED COURSE DESCRIPTIONS!

ANARCHIST FAMILY WITH ALANA AND SHANNON

Sundays Feb 23rd, Mar 23rd :: 11am-1pm

@ *Dimond Park (3860 Hanly Road, Oakland)*

This will be a discussion-style workshop to explore what it means to build anarchist family, both bio and chosen. We hope to work against capitalism's drive to disconnect and isolate families and inter-generational relationships. We aim to build community/network among anarchist families in the bay, as well as incorporate non-parents who are interested in sharing experiences with future anarchists. There will be childcare! And snacks!

ANARCHIST PARKOUR

Thurs Jan 23rd :: 1pm-3pm // Tues Feb 11th :: 4pm-6pm

// Thurs Mar 13th :: 6pm-8pm

@ *Meet outside Mulford Hall (130 Hilgard Way, UC Berkeley)*
Dodge the System! A beginner-level class on Parkour - the art of dodging and dashing around urban environments in the safest, quickest and stealthiest manner. We will work on basic moves, but all skill levels are encouraged to join. Bring close-toed running shoes, long, but flexible clothing (to protect from concrete and grass) and a water bottle. All bodies + skill levels welcome, bros move along! See y'all there!

CONSENSUS-BASED EVENT ORGANIZING WITH THE ANARCHIST COFFEEHOUSE COLLECTIVE

Sat Feb 15th :: 7pm-9pm

@ *Bound Together Book Store (369 Haight Street, San Francisco)*

This session will help folks understand how to plan and host community events that are rooted in consensus. Based on our experience with the anarchist coffeehouse & other organizing projects, we'll share some lessons on navigating conflict and getting things done, even when folks have lowered capacity. and, we'll workshop attendees' ideas for events into actionable plans!

COOKING: LARGE GROUPS, PRESERVED FOODS, & MORE

Sundays Jan 12th, Feb 9th, Mar 9th :: 3pm-8pm

@ *Tamarack (1501 Harrison Street, Oakland)*

Large group cooking, but make it tasty. Best practices in the kitchen. Fermentation and food preservation. Via BAARN and Tamarack Community Dinner crew. We'll cook and share a meal together for each session.

DIGITAL SECURITY: PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES UNDER SURVEILLANCE CAPITALISM WITH PINYON

Tuesdays Feb 4th, Feb 25th :: 7pm-9pm

@ *Tamarack (1501 Harrison Street, Oakland)*

Mass data collection poses significant challenges to privacy, and affords enormous power to the corporations and states who possess it. What basic practices can we adopt in our day-to-day to counter such surveillance and keep our communities safer? We will discuss general

principles as well as specific tools and phone apps for these purposes. A second session will be for Set Up My GrapheneOS Phone: GrapheneOS is a secure operating system with significant security and privacy benefits. Bring a compatible Pixel phone (<https://grapheneos.org/faq#recommended-devices>) with GrapheneOS installed (YT guide: <https://tinyurl.com/installgraphene>) and we'll work on setting up profiles and apps.

DOING ANTICAPITALIST, ANTICOLONIAL THEORY TOGETHER WITH TAYLOR ROSE

Longform Series: 5 Sessions. Saturdays Jan 25th, Feb

8th, Feb 22nd, Mar 8th, Mar 22nd :: 3:30pm-5pm

@ *Tamarack (1501 Harrison Street, Oakland)*

A class about the content and also about our reading practices and ways of relating with theory, each other, ideas, and our material conditions. Importantly, the emphasis is to engage in cultivating our capacity to think and learn together. Topics generally connect to the liberal nation-state and its violences. Open to all levels of experience reading and discussing theory. Please read what you can before coming . Bring paper and something to write with. Readings are available at BAFS website.

EMERGENCY ELECTRICITY SOURCES

Sun February 23rd :: 10am- 4pm

@ *Bikini Bottom (545 32nd St, Oakland)*

A basic guide to emergency electricity sources in the event of power outages and emergencies. The education series will cover common types of emergency electricity sources and its practical application. Workshops will include safety procedures, scenarios for use and skills training to safely operate electrical equipment.

EMERGENT CONNECTIONS: MOVEMENT AS A PRACTICE OF POSSIBILITY WITH CHI CHI

Sundays Mar 2nd, Mar 9th, Mar 16th :: 10:30am-12pm

@ *2727 California Street, Berkeley*

How can dance/movement be a place where we rehearse the skills/relationships needed for collective survival? How do we move together through unknown? How do we practice deep listening and response-ability both for ourselves and those around us? How do we meet this moment with creativity, tenderness, and power? We will explore these questions through somatic grounding, play, and guided improvisation. This workshop is designed for people of any and all movement experience. Masks required.

FERMENTATION: KOMBUCHA, SOURDOUGH AND LACTOFERMENTS WITH DIO

Tuesdays Feb 18th, Mar 4th, Mar 11th :: 1pm-4pm

@ *Tamarack (1501 Harrison Street, Oakland)*

Three part workshop on traditional methods of home fermentation for preservation, cookery and gut health. We will cover how to capture a kombucha SCOBY from the wild or commercial products, caring for and feeding the SCOBY to produce a continuous batch of fermented tea; creating/ capturing a sourdough starter and the basics of baking bread and maintaining a starter; and introduce the principles of lactofermentation which can be used for making kimchi, hot sauces and other preserved vegetable products.

FIT THE STRUCTURE TO THE ACTION

Thurs Jan 23rd:: 6:30pm-8:30pm

@ *ABO Comix (2520 Telegraph Ave, Oakland)*

A presentation and discussion looking at different anti-authoritarian organizing structures and how they fit different kinds of actions. There will also be a focus on how to balance the need for security with the need for consent and accountability in creative ways. The presentation will draw from recent historical examples.

GRAFFITI AS ANARCHIC RITUAL

Longform Series: 6 Sessions. Mon Jan 20th, Tues Jan

21st, Thurs Jan 23rd, Mon Jan 27th, Tues Jan 28th, Thurs

Jan 30th :: 8pm-9pm

@ *First class Hasta Muerte (2701 Fruitvale Ave) - location of other classes TBD*

****Email writersbloc@riseup.net for location or questions***

Hear some of the lessons learned while doing graffiti in the Bay Area over the past twenty years. The intention will be to focus on obtaining skills to evade capture and engaging with the connections between anarchy and graffiti. Phones and technology discouraged.

HAM RADIOS, PART 1: HOW AND WHY TO USE THEM

Sat Jan 18th :: 2pm-3pm

@ *Remote, link will be provided at bafs.noblogs.org*

An introduction to ham radio. We will cover what ham

radios are, their uses, and limitations.

HAM RADIOS, PART 2: HAM CRAM

Sat Feb 8th :: 9am-1pm

@ *Remote, link will be provided at bafs.noblogs.org*

This is a study session to study the questions and answers to the licensing test. It's easier to learn about ham radios once you have a license and can use the equipment.

HAM RADIOS, PART 3: FIELD TRAINING

Sat Feb 22nd :: 1pm-4pm

@ *Arrowhead Marsh Pier at MLK Shoreline Park (7799*

Pardee Ln, Oakland)

We will practice radio skills once folks are licensed, focusing on how to use ham radios to connect to each other directly and connect via a repeater. We will discuss how you can use ham radios in emergency situations.

HERBAL WOUND CARE IN A CURBSIDE SETTING WITH CURBSIDE CARE CLINIC

Mon Feb 17th, Fri Feb 21st :: 6pm-7:30pm

@ *Long Haul (3124 Shattuck Ave, Berkeley)*

Learn concise and effective herbal strategies for dealing with serious infections based on our 6 years of experience working on the streets of West Oakland. We will make herbal preparations together based on our time tested protocols. This will be a 2 part class.

HOW TO PLANT MILPA?: REGENERATION OF COMUNALIDAD THROUGH TRANSTERRITORIAL MILPA AND ASSEMBLY WITH TIERRAS MILPERAS MEMBERS

Thurs Feb 27th :: 6pm-8pm

@ *Hasta Muerte (2701 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland)*

We will share how Tierras Milperas members plant milpa and its cyclic succession of growth (diversity of seeds and their timing of planting), soil care, and water use. We will also share how milpa forms part of our broader social organization interconnected to assembly (our community institution of shared decision making and collective analysis). We share how recuperating both milpa and

assembly can be a transterritorial strategy to regenerate communalidad, collective form of understanding ourselves collectively that organizes collective life and its respective insitutions: collective work, festivities, and assembly.

JOY UNTO DEATH WITH CLAIR VOYANCE

Tue Jan 14th :: 7:30pm-9:30pm

@ *Hasta Muerte (2701 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland)*

Death theory, Disposing of yourself, Advanced directives and making your will. It can be intimidating to think about ones death, let's dive in [to the ground?] together.

LIBRARY OPEN HOUSE BOOK EXCHANGE WITH THE TAMARACK FREE LIBRARY

Sun Feb 16th :: 1pm-4pm

@ *Tamarack (1501 Harrison Street, Oakland)*

Come to the Tamarack Free Library open hours for a Valentine's Day book exchange! Bring some books, take some books, grab one for your sweetheart (please only bring books in good condition).

LONG COVID: A LOVE LETTER TO MY BELOVED COMMUNITY IN STRUGGLE WITH INANNA

Sun Feb 9th :: 3pm-6pm

@ *Location TBD*

Have you been wondering if you maybe have long COVID? Feeling like you need to get reacquainted with what the heck covid is doing lately, because it seems like more people are masking in public spaces? In this two-hour session, we'll cover the basics of covid and long covid; what covid teaches us about the state, ourselves, and our communities; and how we can keep each other safe in this ongoing pandemic. This is a triggering topic, and the class will include breathwork, grounding exercises, and journaling questions. High-quality masks (KF94, KN95 or higher) required.

MESH NETWORK FOR AUTONOMOUS COMMUNICATION WITH ARES + JASON

Sun Feb 9th :: 2pm-5pm // Thurs Feb 13th :: 4pm-6pm

@ *Bay Area Radio Museum (2152 Central Avenue, Alameda)*

In this class we'll give an overview of Meshtastic, a cheap and easy way to have autonomous and encrypted radio communications via a burner device. We'll provide the basic radio set up, talk about how our communities might utilize them effectively and in different scenarios,. We will go into the field to test use and range.

METAMORPHIA: PHILOSOPHY OF PRIVACY DISCUSSION GROUP AND OPEN LAB

Longform Series: 4 Sessions. Thursdays Feb 13th, Feb

20th, Feb 27th, Mar 6th :: 4pm-6pm

@ *Tamarack (1501 Harrison Street, Oakland)*

This a two headed experiment. The first hour is the Open Lab—an informal workshop, skill-share, co-working space. Here anyone can drop in and out to do, with others, the sometimes hard work of actually setting up privacy, security, and anonymity tools and techniques in our lives. We provide resources, encouragement, guidance, exposure, and uncharted road maps—you bring your interests! The second hour is the Discussion Group—a facilitated reflective conversation. A committed group will read philosophical texts that act as rich reference materials for exploring agonizing and joyful questions about privacy.

MEZCALA: RESISTENCIA, HISTORIA, AUTONOMÍA Y COMUNIDAD WITH ROCIO

Saturdays Feb 1st // Mar 1st :: 4pm-6pm

@ *Hasta Muerte (2701 Fruitvale Ave, Oakland)*

El taller consiste en acercarnos a la lucha del pueblo coca en el pasado y el presente. En la actualidad el pueblo de Mezcala acaba de recuperar tierras invadidas qué busca destinadas para la consolidación de un espacio educativo comunal llamado Universidad comunitaria Mexcala. Así, este taller mostrará los esfuerzos que una colectividad realiza para conservar su cultura y autonomia.

En la segunda parte, podría compartir la lucha qué hemos dado desde el taller de historia comunitaria de Mexcala. En ese taller hemos creado los materiales como el memorama, lotería y libro cuentos de la tierra, para con ellos fortalecer la identidad de nuestro pueblo. Ustedes digan como lo ven, yo puedo preparar material para presentar los tres proyectos [libro, lotería y memorama] o concentramos en solo uno de ellos
[Workshops will be primarily in Spanish.]

NOURISHING THE TRANS BODY WITH NADIA

Sat Feb 22nd :: 1pm-3pm

@ *Tamarack (1501 Harrison Street, Oakland)*

Herbal Support 101 for Trans People on HRT & Herbs for Gender Euphoria. This introductory workshop will cover potential side effects experienced both on E & T, with a small section on herbs for gender euphoria.

PLANT WALK/ ORGANOLEPTICS WITH STASCHA

Sun Mar 30th :: 12pm-2pm

@ *Sibley Regional Park (Sibley Staging Area -6800 Skyline Blvd, Oakland)*

We will walk and identify plants we see along the way. Focusing on medicinal uses, we'll learn the beginning of organoleptics (a fancy way of saying using our senses to learn what medicinal properties are present). The hope of the class is to transform the way we move through the world and learn to feel support from the ecosystem!

THE POWER GRID & ENERGY SUPPLY CHAINS WITH OSSA

Thurs Mar 6th :: 6:30pm-8:30pm

@ *Tamarack (1501 Harrison Street, Oakland)*

Demand for energy turns the gears of the capitalist global economy. What are the critical junctures of these supply chains and how do we build autonomous infrastructure at scale?

SELF-DEFENSE: FROM THE STREETS TO THE BARRICADES WITH B

Mon March 3th :: 1pm-3pm

@ *Suigetsukan (103 International Blvd, Oakland)*

From white supremacists to zionists to transphobes, the rhetoric of domination is birthed into reality via violence. Thus, self-defense isn't only a matter of protecting the well-being of you and your loved ones, in this world, it's inherently political. Enjoy learning the fundamentals of self-defense in a two-part course that will cover situational awareness, de-escalation, balance, movement & group movement, basic escapes, blocks & strikes all taught through a variety of games.

STEALTH GAMES 2: THE STEALTHENING WITH M

Sun Mar 23rd :: 2pm-5pm

@ *Albany Bulb (meet at coordinates 37.889495, -122.316703)*

We're back with more stealth game time! We'll be playing games (hiding in plain sight, sneaking up without being heard) and adapting them to make them more fun and challenging as the will of the group dictates. No athletics required, involves traversing uneven ground, kid friendly but not kid-centered. Bring your best camouflaging outfits.

STOP THE BLEED WITH TIGER BALM MEDIC COLLECTIVE

Sat Jan 11th :: 11am-2pm

@ *RSVP for address - @Chuckles.13 on signal*

Info about circulatory system in the body and signs of hemorrhage. Hands-on techniques like pressure, tourniquets, and junctional packing.

STREET MEDIC BASICS WITH TIGER BALM COLLECTIVE

Mon Feb 17th :: 11:30am-1:30pm

@ *RSVP for address - @Chuckles.13 on signal*

Street medic response and treatment to chemical weapons like pepper spray; supplies needed, treatment protocol, and safety practices. We will also talk about what to pack in a street medic kit.

WELDING, METALWORK AND ASSOCIATED CRAFTS: MAKING USE OF THE MATERIAL WORLD FOR JOY, LIBERATION AND DAILY LIFE WITH ANDREW AND PATRICK

Saturdays Mar 1st, Mar 8th, Mar 15th :: 11am-2pm

@ *RSVP for location via email: metalworks@riseup.net*

This 3 part workshop is intended for people with little to no experience welding or in trades/crafts generally. We will go over basic welding and metalworking methods and participants will get hands on exposure to a variety of metalworking techniques. We will also broaden the scope a little bit to general fabrication and construction and will familiarize people with common tools and materials and access to those tools and materials. There will be an emphasis on safety both in the workshop but also in the general hazards of construction, demolition and navigating the world.

YASLIGHTING: A TRAUMA-INFORMED PRACTICE FOR ELICITING SOCIAL RESONANCE AS AN INTERPERSONAL RESOURCE FOR COMMUNITY CONFLICT WITH FELONY

BRAVETART

Feb 19th :: 6pm-8pm

@ *Location TBD*

This is practice for friends and comrades that already share affinity, and it is NOT a tool to try with people you are already in conflict with. Rather, its very usefulness relies on solid container setting, gatekeeping and a facilitator with resting bitchface. Think of it as something to do with your besties as a coregulation practice and shared reality check before you log on and strap up for a challenging interpersonal conflict. Try to come with a crew, so you can try it with each other after it's explained and demo-ed in front of the class.

THE ZEN ART OF HOME BICYCLE MAINTENANCE WITH DEE

Sun March 30th, exact time TBD

@ *Location TBD*

Explore the balance and simplicity of maintaining your bike in The Zen Art of Home Bicycle Repair. This beginner-friendly class focuses on essential repairs and adjustments, empowering you to care for your bike with confidence and ease.