

# TRACKING PRINCIPLES AND PATTERNS OF LIVING SYSTEMS

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**5 PM APRIL 20 - NOON APRIL 23, 2017**

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BLUE RIDGE MOUNTAINS, JEFFERSON COUNTY, WEST VIRGINIA

Celebrate Earth Day with 7group at our annual three-day Spring “Tracking Class” led by Joel Glanzberg. It’s about developing our capacity and capability to observe well, to recognize patterns well, and to track well . . . these are the critical skills we use while working with living systems to arrive at the realization that “everything in life is a track”.

Our world is made up of living systems, all of which follow the same patterns. To reverse the degenerative trajectory of critical systems from climate to communities, we need to see and work as nature does and find the small moves that can seed systemic change. This class is about learning to work effectively with living systems from organisms to organizations, ecosystems to economic systems. Using traditional tracking skills, living systems principles and thinking, we will learn to read the patterns of living systems to find the small changes that can transform them.

Think of yeast leavening bread dough, the book that changed your life, the fire transforming the forest, or Copernicus bringing about the Renaissance and an end to the iron grip of Church and King simply by showing that the Earth is not the center of the universe but revolves around the Sun. This pattern of small changes with systemic impacts holds true in all living systems, is at the heart of permaculture, and is the key to the regeneration of this living planet. We will use movement, breathing, tracking, experience, sharing and story to learn to see and work in different ways. We will work on looking beneath the surface to see processes at work and to design interventions rather than structures.



## OUR GUIDE



Joel Glanzberg, seasoned permaculturalist, tracker and systems thinker, will guide our use of techniques from many traditions to explore the patterns in our bodies, the landscape, society and our minds. Re-entering Nature's Mind, we will learn to see the least change for the greatest effect and how to solve problems from the personal to the professional and the planetary . . . more at [www.patternmind.org](http://www.patternmind.org).

Joel is a tracker and teacher of patterns in landscapes; internal as well as external ones. Drawing from two or three decades of experience in permaculture, traditional tracking, martial arts practice, as well as living systems thinking, he helps people to see and think as nature does and to solve problems by finding the “difference that makes a difference”. Classes and projects have spanned four continents including writing the living systems portion of green building standards for Abu Dhabi, co-writing regional sustainability and economic plans, designing several thousands of acres of farm and forest lands, watershed wide restoration projects, as well as the well-known Flowering Tree homestead, the development of Regenesys Collaborative, and ecological arts projects with internationally known artists Helen and Newton Harrison. His work has been chronicled in the books: *Designing for Hope*, *Gaia's Garden* and *A People's Ecology*.

## DETAILS

Cost \$350 (includes all meals)

Please bring your own camping gear, tent, comfortable clothing and a good sharp, fixed blade or lock blade knife. A limited quantity of cabin beds and tent rentals are available.

This is a rustic outdoor education center located in the Blue Ridge Mountains near the Shenandoah River. The facility has a shower house and composting toilets. Meals will be held in the dining hall. For more information about the center, please visit: [www.flocoutdoors.org](http://www.flocoutdoors.org).

7group Partners John Boecker, Marcus Sheffer, Tom Keiter, Brian Toevs and Alvin Changco will be participating.

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