WOODLAND HARVEST FARM NEWSLETTER

For the past couple of weeks, we've been focusing on winding down most of our projects to get to a good stopping point before we all leave at the end of the semester. We refurbished and installed all but one window in the Octagon, and are hoping to get metal roof panels on soon. We'll do the same for the Crone's Cottage next. We've made a ton of progress on the Tiny House, which is going much faster than the other buildings since we know a bit about construction now. We put up all the walls, the rafters, and the roof boards and will put in light straw clay insulation in the next couple of days. Yesterday we hoisted a newly constructed wall up to the treehouse and installed it. We also built mounts for our solar panels so they'll be stable with the strong winds coming through.

We're down to 10 students as people trickle out for the holidays. With such a small group we spend less energy organizing and discussing plans all together and work a bit more independently. As our time together comes to a close, we hope to spend more quality time together baking, laughing, sitting by the fire, and playing music and games.

With just a few hours of sun energy a day, we've had to start charging with the generator more, so we configured our inverter to be able to charge with a generator while the power in the house is still on. Now we often top our batteries off at night to make sure they don't get too left.











WHAT'S NEXT?

We're excited about our Thanksgiving feast and celebration. We hope to keep making progress on roofing, along with window placement, for the Octagon, Crone's and Tiny House.







KOMBUCHA

Kombucha is trendy and expensive, but not when we make it! We feed a 'scoby' (kombucha culture) that has been on the farm for 20 years with a caffeinated tea and sugar mixture to make the delicious and healthy beverage for ourselves. We rely mostly on plants we grow on the farm to add flavor, a much cheaper alternative to store-bought juice. Our favorite flavors included the flowers and leaves of lemon balm, sweet mint, and bee balm.



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WIND TURBINE

We are planning on setting up a work station in a barn on the horse field. The work station would include a wind turbine and solar panels for energy. We are building a structure on the roof of the barn to hold up the turbine.

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