



2013 WORKSHOP Program

Climate Change & Being Human

Thursday, July 18, 9am-4pm, \$93 Lunch included

Class is held at The Clearing's Jens Jensen Visitor Center
12171 Garrett Bay Road, Ellison Bay, WI 54210

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Most of the work around climate change and political action is aimed at getting individuals to change human behavior, such as recycling and reusing. Political work is aimed at promoting different forms of technology, such as alternative energy. These actions, while important, do not get at the root of the problem because they do not address who we are as biological and cultural creatures. In this workshop, we will explore both our cultural and biological inheritance and how these have led to the industrialized world in which we live and which is most significantly responsible for the environmental destruction we have caused.

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