

# Resistance for a Nuclear Free Future

**Celebrating 30 years of  
The Nuclear Resister  
and Nukewatch**

*July 4th weekend 2010*

**At Maryville College and the Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Complex, Tennessee**

The Nuclear Resister, Nukewatch and the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance (OREPA) invite you to join us for a national gathering, culminating with nonviolent anti-nuclear direct action, July 3-5, 2010, to declare our independence from nuclear weapons and nuclear power. We'll also be marking the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Plowshares movement.

At a critical time in the movement for a nuclear-free future, we are coming together to increase awareness and action around nuclear issues, and advance the role of nonviolent direct action and civil resistance in this movement.

*This conference is for people who advocate, practice and/or support nonviolent direct action, civil resistance and civil disobedience in the struggle to stop nuclear power and abolish nuclear weapons.*

Come and meet with hundreds of activists from around the U.S., as we educate and energize ourselves throughout a weekend of networking, music, speakers, celebration, workshops, community, nonviolence training and nonviolent action.

Because long-lived radioactive waste makes this a multi-generational campaign, we envision a gathering where new and seasoned activists can meet and strategize for a nuclear-free future!

We will gather two months after the 2010 Nonproliferation Treaty Review Conference and before the mid-term elections – a time when public attention needs to be focused on nuclear disarmament and a nuclear- and carbon-free energy future.

## **NONVIOLENT RESISTANCE IN THE NUCLEAR AGE**

From the dawn of the nuclear age, the existential violence of The Bomb has stirred human conscience to profound acts of nonviolent resistance.

These "experiments in truth" about The Bomb and related dimensions of the nuclear threat have led to tens of thousands of arrests in more than half a century of protests worldwide, charting new organizing forms, tactical innovations and legal perspectives along the way. Hundreds of activists have served time in prison as a result of these acts of conscience.

From the lone World War II conscientious objector who walked out of his prison camp in protest after learning of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, to the 1,414 who spent two weeks in a National Guard armory after the

1978 blockade of the Seabrook nuclear power reactor; from the sailors who skippered their ships into the Pacific nuclear test zones, to the women at Greenham Common who drove cruise missiles from England's shores; from the air raid drill refusers of the 1950s to the back-country hikers who stopped nuclear bomb tests in the 1990s; and from the ringing hammers of the Plowshares activists to the rare judge's gavel confirming their innocence of any crime, nuclear resisters have enriched human experience with the dynamics and power of nonviolence in action.

Yet nuclear weapons and nuclear power still shadow human destiny and the survival of the planet. Where do we find hope, and how else do we manifest hope unless we act boldly in good conscience and speak truth to power? In the nuclear age, we must resist.

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# Honoring the Plowshares 8

On September 9, 1980, eight people entered a General Electric weapons factory in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania, where critical components for nuclear warheads were manufactured. With hope and a prayer, the activists entered the secure facility with relative ease. On the shop floor, they took household hammers and began beating on the missile warhead cones, giving substance to the biblical call of the prophet Isaiah to “beat swords into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks.”

The symbolism – indeed, the manifest reality – of people with hand tools simply beginning the work of nuclear disarmament inspired a movement now thirty years old, and international in scope. Scores of action groups, involving hundreds of people as activists and supporters, have kept this vision of disarmament alive despite jail and prison sentences of up to 18 years.

During the Resistance for a Nuclear Free Future gathering, we will honor the 30th anniversary of the Plowshares Eight action, and the continuing legacy of the Plowshares movement. Plowshares activists, including members of the Plowshares 8, are planning to attend.



### SOME

(to the Plowshares 8, with love)  
by Daniel Berrigan

Some stood up once, and sat down.  
Some walked a mile, and walked away.

Some stood up twice, then sat down.  
“It’s too much,” they cried.  
Some walked two miles, then walked away.  
“I’ve had it,” they cried.

Some stood and stood and stood.  
They were taken for fools,  
they were taken for being taken in.

Some walked and walked and walked –  
they walked the earth,  
they walked the waters,  
they walked the air.

“Why do you stand?” they were asked, and  
“Why do you walk?”


“Because of the children,” they said, and  
“Because of the heart,” and  
“Because of the bread.”

“Because the cause is  
the heart’s beat, and  
the children born, and  
the risen bread.”

The Plowshares 8 (l-r): Carl Kabat, Elmer Maas, Phillip Berrigan, Molly Rush, Daniel Berrigan, Anne Montgomery, John Schuchardt, and Dean Hammer

### Remembering Sam Day

1926 – 2001



Sam Day at Ashkelon Prison, Israel – Scott Schaeffer-Duffy photo

**Founder of Nukewatch; Mentor and friend of the Nuclear Resister and Nukewatch; Writer, Editor, Activist, and “Prisoner on Purpose.”**

**Resistance for a Nuclear Free Future**  
is one of many events taking place this year as part of **Direct Action For Nuclear Disarmament 2010 - A Year of Resistance.**  
If you would like a list of these actions, please contact the Nuclear Resister, below.

## ABOUT THE ORGANIZERS OF THE GATHERING...

### Nukewatch

Nukewatch has a foundation of investigating and divulging the truth about nuclear weapons and power since 1979. The organization has a strong history of drawing people together – from the missile silo fields, to H-bomb trucks on the highways, to a decade-long campaign shutting down the Navy’s submarine warfare transmitter Project ELF. Nukewatch functions as an independent action group working for peace and justice, with a primary focus on the nuclear industry. The organization’s various projects bring critical attention to the locations, movements, dangers, and the politics of nuclear weapons, nuclear power and radioactive wastes, and report on these issues in the Nukewatch *Quarterly*. Staff and volunteers advocate nonviolence in the spirit of the civil rights movement, in education and action to abolish nuclearism.

Nukewatch, 740-A Round Lake Road, Luck, WI 54853  
715-472-4185 • nukewatch1@lakeland.ws • www.nukewatch.com



### the Nuclear Resister

Since 1980, the Nuclear Resister has chronicled well over 100,000 anti-nuclear and anti-war related arrests in the United States and abroad, with a focus on support for hundreds of activists during terms of imprisonment ranging from two weeks to eighteen years – from war tax resisters to Plowshares direct disarmament activists; from weapons factory blockaders to military refusers and conscientious objectors; from backcountry activists disrupting a nuclear test to people sitting in at a lawmaker’s office; from the occupiers of nuclear power reactors to citizens inspecting for illicit weapons at military bases. The Nuclear Resister newsletter networks this nonviolent resistance movement, by publishing writings from prisoners; reporting on actions, trials and sentencings; providing addresses of imprisoned activists and publicizing future actions. In any significant movement for social change, many committed individuals are imprisoned. We believe that broader awareness of their actions and support for the imprisoned activist are essential to the movement for a peaceful, nuclear-free future.

The Nuclear Resister, POB 43383, Tucson, Arizona 85733  
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### Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance

The Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance was born in a direct action at the Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Plant in Oak Ridge, Tennessee in 1988. Over the past twenty-two years, OREPA has built a grassroots organization committed to ending nuclear weapons production in Oak Ridge and building nonviolent community. OREPA believes in using every tool in the toolbox to effect social change nonviolently – from speaking at public hearings to serving on official advisory panels; from street theatre and marches to public symposiums and direct action. OREPA’s mantra is educate, organize, mobilize. We hold weekly vigils at the bomb plant; we make presentations around the country. We march in the MLK parade with giant puppets; we publish a monthly booklet with daily nonviolent readings and online Updates on nuclear weapons issues. Since 1988, thousands have demonstrated for peace at the Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Complex and hundreds have been arrested in acts of civil resistance, with penalties ranging from fines and community service to time in federal prison.

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# Y-12 and the Future of America’s Nuclear Arsenal

“Y-12” is the code name given to the Manhattan Project site that enriched uranium for the U.S. bomb used to destroy Hiroshima, Japan August 6, 1945. Shortly after the end of the war, Y-12’s mission shifted — it became the production facility for the thermonuclear “secondary”\* in the hydrogen bomb. Since that time, Y-12 has produced the secondary for every thermonuclear warhead in the U.S. arsenal.

### Y-12 Today

Y-12 continues to produce secondaries for U.S. nuclear warheads that are undergoing “life extension.” Old warheads are refurbished to extend their use by as much as 100 years. In some instances, the warheads are modified during “life extension” to become new warheads, with new military applications and capabilities.

In 2009, Y-12 began these upgrades on the W76 warhead. More than 2,000 W76 warheads are scheduled for refurbishing over the next eight years. Combined with upgrades to the arming, fusing and firing systems at the Kansas City Plant in Missouri,



the new W76-Modification 1 will have a new ground-burst capability that increases its destructive capacity, according to some estimates, by 125 percent.

Y-12 is also the place where secondaries and cases from retired warheads are dismantled. Y-12 has a 10-year backlog of warheads awaiting dismantlement; the backlog is expected to grow as a result of arms control agreements negotiated by Presidents Bush and Obama.

Y-12 is also the nation’s enriched uranium storage facility — it has been called the Fort Knox of Highly Enriched Uranium (HEU). Y-12 recently completed construction of a new uranium storage facility (price tag, \$750 million-plus). As part of this HEU mission, Y-12 prepares weapons-grade uranium for “down-blending” into reactor fuel, rendering it unusable for bombs.

### Y-12 Tomorrow

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) is finalizing its plan to replace current production facilities at Y-12 with a new bomb factory called the Uranium Processing Facility. The UPF is being designed with a capacity to produce 80 secondaries and cases per year (matching the capacity of the new CMRR-Nuclear Facility, a plutonium pit factory under construction at Los Alamos, New Mexico). Estimates of the price tag of the new bomb site (by NNSA) range as high as \$3.5 billion.

OREPA has submitted an alternative proposal to the NNSA calling for construction of a Dedicated Dismantlement Facility to address the growing need for dismantlement capacity. OREPA’s alternative includes consolidating any production activities necessary for stockpile maintenance (safety and security until the warheads can be dismantled) in a down-sized



**The Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Complex, Oak Ridge, Tennessee**

existing facility that meets current environmental, safety and health standards.

### Paying for Y-12

The Obama Administration’s 2011 budget calls for dismantlement funding to be cut nearly in half, to \$58 million, while adding money for design and site preparation for the Uranium Processing Facility (\$115 million). The overall nuclear weapons production budget increases 10 percent under Obama’s budget, and breaks the \$7 billion barrier for the first time. Obama has promised further weapons production increases of \$5 billion over the next five years.

\* Today, the “physics package” in a typical thermonuclear weapon really has two bombs in it. The “primary,” a small plutonium/tritium sphere, is an atomic bomb similar to the bomb that was used by the U.S. to destroy Nagasaki, Japan, August 9, 1945. When the primary is compressed by high explosives, the fission reaction releases neutrons which act as a trigger for the “secondary” — an assembly of highly enriched uranium, lithium deuteride, beryllium, depleted uranium and other materials encased in a metal can. The secondary explodes in a massive release of energy and heat — a thermonuclear fusion reaction — the hydrogen bomb.

## PLEASE SPONSOR OR ENDORSE

For a \$30 contribution - a dollar for each year of Nukewatch and the Nuclear Resister organizing for a nuclear-free future - you or your group can help sponsor this summer’s gathering. Sponsors will be listed in the registration packet, on a poster at the registration area, on the website and in email promotions. Sponsors will get free table space at the gathering, or if unable to attend, space on a literature table.

Endorsing the gathering costs nothing, but makes public your support for the gathering. Endorsers will be listed on the website and in email promotions.

### JOIN THESE SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS

*see updated list at [www.nukewatch.com/30th/index.htm](http://www.nukewatch.com/30th/index.htm)*

**Jonah House (Baltimore, MD), Beyond Nuclear (Takoma Park, MD), Alternatives to Militarism/Citizen Soldier (New York City), Women Against Military Madness (Minneapolis, MN), Citizens for Peace in Space (Colorado Springs, CO), Two Maryland Doctors, AlliantACTION (Minneapolis, MN), Bill Sulzman (Colorado Springs, CO), Voices for Creative Nonviolence (Chicago, IL), Ground Zero Center for Nonviolent Action (Poulsbo, WA)**

## Conference Schedule & Workshop Topics

*Provisional as of March 1, 2010  
Subject to change*

### FRIDAY, JULY 2

#### Evening

Dorm check-in for Friday evening arrivals, meeting for volunteers

### SATURDAY, JULY 3

#### Morning

Registration, and dorm check-in for new arrivals  
Plenary: Where things are at re: nuclear weapons and nuclear power  
Networking Roundtable

#### Afternoon

Workshops  
Strategic movement building session

#### Evening

Celebration of the 30th anniversaries of Nukewatch, the Nuclear Resister and the Plowshares Eight.  
Talk on nonviolent resistance by Kathy Kelly, cake, music & dancing.

### SUNDAY, JULY 4 - Freedom from Nukes!

#### Morning

Ecumenical service  
Nonviolence/nonviolent action training - tools to carry it forward, beginning with a talk on non-violence by John Dear, SJ

#### Afternoon

Action planning and preparation  
OREPA’s monthly vigil at Y-12

#### Evening

Cook out and action preparation, sign and banner making, etc.

### MONDAY, JULY 5

#### Morning

Demonstration and nonviolent action at Y-12

### WORKSHOP TOPICS:

International law, resistance and nuclear weapons; the Plowshares movement; campaign and court victories; representing yourself in court; anti-war resistance; intro to nuclear power; intro to nuclear weapons/policy; depleted uranium; war tax resistance; doing time; Think Outside the Bomb; and more!

***We’ll be in Tennessee  
this July to declare our  
Independence from  
nuclear weapons  
and nuclear power.  
Please join us!***

John LaForge	Glenn Carroll
Bonnie Urfer	Mary Olson
Felice Cohen-Joppa	Guy Carawan
Jack Cohen-Joppa	Candie Carawan
Ralph Hutchison	members of Think
Erik Johnson	Outside the Bomb
Kathy Kelly	Loring Wirbel
Fr. John Dear	Kevin Kamps
Anabel Dwyer	Frank Cordaro
Sr. Ardeth Platte	John Heid
Sr. Carol Gilbert	Sr. Lil Mattingly
members of the	Fr. Jerry Zawada
Plowshares Eight	Clare Hanrahan
Sr. Jackie Hudson	Bill Sulzman
Sue Ablao	John Bachman
Fr. Steve Kelly	Phil Bachman
Sr. Mary Dennis	Steve Johnston...
Lentsch	and many more!
Linda Urfer	

# Information about registration for

## RESISTANCE FOR A NUCLEAR-FREE FUTURE

### REGISTRATION

Basic registration is \$30 - \$50 sliding scale per person, and helps to pay for the venue and associated costs for the gathering.

### LODGING

Dormitory rooms are available at Maryville College, where the gathering will be held. They can be reserved for Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday nights for \$25/person/night, rate based on double occupancy in single beds. Single occupancy available for \$50/person/night. You must bring your own bed linens or sleeping bag, and towel. Maryville College will provide bed linens for a flat rate of \$12.

The College asks that we pre-assign rooms. If there is someone you would like to share a room with, please indicate that preference on the registration form.

Contact us for information about nearby hotels, and/or limited free camping or church floor space. The meal plan, below, is also available for commuters to the campus.

### CHILDREN

Up to two children under age 12 can sleep for free in their parents' room. Please contact us if you are bringing more than two children per adult so we can figure out the best/least expensive accommodation.

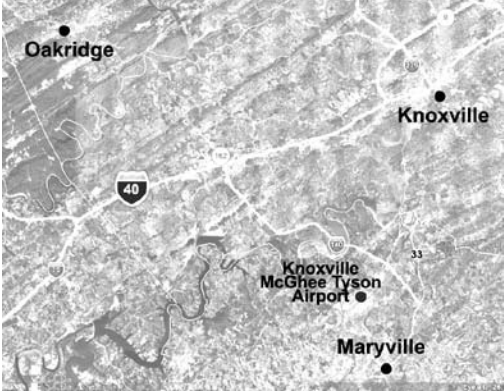
Childcare will be available during the day for children ages 2-12. Parents are responsible for their minor children. Please indicate childcare needs on the registration form.

### MEALS

The Meal Plan for the gathering costs \$40 per person, or \$20 for children under 12 (free for children under 2), and includes: Saturday lunch & dinner and Sunday breakfast & lunch in the Maryville College cafeteria; plus Sunday dinner hosted by the organizers and local activists, and a simple breakfast Monday morning at Y-12.

Please indicate if you would like vegetarian meals, or have other dietary needs or restrictions.

If you're staying Friday night, Saturday breakfast will be on your own. There are restaurants within walking distance of Maryville College.



### TRANSPORTATION

The McGhee Tyson Airport (10 minutes away from the College) and Greyhound Bus (35 minutes) serve Knoxville. No public transport is available from the bus station or airport. If you would like a pick-up and drop-off, please indicate that on the registration form.

## Guidelines for Nonviolent Action

These guidelines were adopted for actions taken by the Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance, and are derived from Gandhi's principles of satyagraha, King's Principles of Nonviolence, and the guidelines of base Christian communities in Latin America. They will guide our actions at the Resistance for a Nuclear Free Future national gathering and Y-12 action.

Be nonviolent in tone as well as action.

Show respect for all people; each person has a piece of the truth.

Always leave the other a face-saving way out.

In difficult moments, behave as a disciple of nonviolence.

Try to make human contact with your antagonist, meeting them on the level of your common humanity.

Do not hide anything, Tell the truth.

Be firm and unyielding in your commitment to nonviolence and your action for peace.

Be courageous.

Choose to love.



Mothers' Day blockade of Project ELF, 1995.

## WANTED: ACTION PHOTOS



As part of our 30th anniversary celebration, we would like to honor three decades and more of nonviolent direct action for a nuclear-free future by putting together a slide show/powerpoint collage of images – of anti-nuclear civil disobedience/civil resistance actions and the people arrested and/or jailed as a result, gatherings in front of courthouses, and activists who were part of our movement and have since passed away.

Please mail photo prints to the Nuclear Resister, POB 43383, Tucson, AZ 85733, or email digital images to nukeresister@igc.org. Be sure to include with each photo where and when it was taken, and names of people pictured, if known. If you would like any prints(s) returned to you, please let us know and make sure to include your postal address so that we may return it after scanning a copy.

## registration form – To guarantee your room, please return this form by June 11, 2010

### REGISTRATION

\_\_\_\_\_ person(s) @ \$30 - \$50 / adult = \$\_\_\_\_\_

### LODGING

Friday night, July 2 for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s)  
@ \$25/person (shared), \$50 (single) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Saturday night, July 3 for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s)  
@ \$25/person (shared), \$50 (single) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Sunday night, July 4 for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s)  
@ \$25/person (shared), \$50 (single) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Bed Linen & (or bring your own) @ \$12/set = \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I need a wheelchair accessible room  
or other accommodations.

### MEAL PLAN

\_\_\_\_ (#) @ \$40 /adult, \$20 for children ages 2-12 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I need \_\_\_\_\_ (#) vegetarian meal plan(s)  
or other: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship fund donation (optional) = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Processing fee (if paying on-line) @ \$5 = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed/paid on-line (circle one) \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please return this form to:

**Nukewatch, 740-A Round Lake Road, Luck, WI 54853**  
along with your check or money order payable to **Nukewatch**.

For an additional \$5 processing fee, you may pay online at  
nukewatch.com/30th/registerpage.htm

There are limited scholarships available. Please contact us for  
more information. Thank you!

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If you are registering for others in your family or group, please list their names here and include contact information if different from yours.

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Names and ages of children needing childcare: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Roommate preference \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I will need a pick-up and drop off.  
(Please send arrival and departure info by Friday, June 11.)

\_\_\_\_ Yes, I'd like to volunteer at the gathering!  
Please contact me about volunteer opportunities.