

A lighter hand upon the land



Upstairs at the lodge

Comments from guests:

“ Quiet and refreshing, wonderfully secluded, a true nature vacation, very convenient to our urban in-fill home.”

-Jake and Mechelle

“It was very beautiful, the colors, and everything in the house was comfy.”

“It’s cool, you’ll love it.”

-Phoebe, Quinn and Wren



Introduction to Permaculture weekend course

Contact us:

We look forward to hearing from you!

For information, gift certificates and any questions:

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Additional Resources:

sonoranpermaculture.org, classes and workshops

desertharvesters.org, community native foods harvesting and resources

sustainabletucson.org, Tucson’s own sustainable city action organization!



“Perhaps the most radical act we can commit is to stay home.” ~Terry Tempest Williams



Bean Tree Farm

Dancing Rocks Community,
Tucson, Arizona



Welcome to Bean Tree Farm!

One mile down the ridge trail from Saguaro National Park West, and with over 16 acres of “our backyard” dedicated to habitat conservation, Bean Tree Farm surrounds you with the sights, sounds and fragrance of a landscape which has been home to multitudes of species for millennia.

Hohokam rock art, earthworks and pottery surround the site. A resident archaeologist may guide you through this land of ancient settlement, where native foods and “green” building were simply common sense, learned by daily practice.



Rugged volcanic ridges above the lodge

In 1985 our family moved here to care-take and protect this land from harm.

Today our mission is to explore ways of living in the present and future in a way that regenerates health- both our own and the desert ecosystems we call home. We like to “walk our talk”- and share this enjoyable experience with guests and students.

A beautiful place to stay

Bean Tree Farm is nestled in a diverse Saguaro/ Ironwood forest on gentle slopes beneath the ancient volcanic Tucson Mountains. The family lodge is rustic and elegant, with high ceilinged earthen walls, shady patios, dining and living rooms, private and dorm-style bedrooms, composting toilets and showers. Solar energy powers all hot water, space heating, cooling and electricity, for a comfortable stay with a minimal environmental footprint.



The lodge includes a fully functional kitchen, or you may choose to arrange for catered, gourmet meals using delicious desert ingredients, seasoned with native spices and herbs.



Native foods workshop finale- a feast

With family, friends or solo

During your stay, you’re invited to hike, enjoy a guided plant walk for harvest and identification, sign up for workshops such as wildcrafting herbs, preparing seasonal native foods, natural building technology, take a site tour and introduction to permaculture in drylands, explore making art with local materials, learn with all your senses, and call the Sonoran Desert your classroom.



Harvesting cholla buds in spring

Visiting/Lodging:

Our guests often include students and/or staff participating in local educational programs in southern Arizona. Stays range from singles or couples overnight to extended group internships. Lodging varies from camp sites to private bedrooms, with all facilities provided.

We can customize lodging, tours, classes and retreats with like-minded organizations. Those we have hosted include Solar Energy International, Sustainable Tucson, ECOSA, Pima and Prescott College, and Sonoran Permaculture Guild.