

Application for Retreat at Earth Sanctuary House – Please Print Neatly

Name:		Date:	
Address:		Email address:	
City:		State:	Zip:
Home Phone:	Work Phone:	Fax:	
Emergency Contact Name:		Emergency Contact Phone:	
Arrival Date:	Departure Date:	Total # of Days:	Total cost (see price schedule at bottom of page):
<p>*100% of total amount is due at time of reservation in order to confirm reservation. The reservation is not final until the deposit is received. Checks (U.S. Dollars) or cash are accepted. Deposits will be returned (minus a \$25 Service Charge) if made greater than 30 days before your stay. Mail check to Earth Sanctuary, 6144 Wahl Road, Freeland, WA 98249.</p>			
Describe your proposed retreat schedule and spiritual practices:			
List names and address of other people (if any) who will be staying at Earth Sanctuary.			
Names:		Addresses:	
I agree to the rules and protocol on page 3 of this form.			
Signed (Retreat Applicant):			Date:

Earth Sanctuary House Address:
2235 Newman Road
Langley, WA 98260

Note: This is not a mailing address.

**FAX, MAIL or EMAIL FORM
TO FREELAND, WA
ADDRESS**

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**MAIL CHECK (MADE OUT
TO EARTH SANCTUARY) TO
FREELAND, WA ADDRESS**

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Rates

Overnight rates for Sunday through Thursday nights are \$60 for one person and \$30 for each additional person. Overnight rates for Friday and Saturday nights are \$70 for one person and \$35 for each additional person. For stays of five days or more, we offer a 10% discount.

Note: The Earth Sanctuary Retreat House has two bedrooms, each with a single bed. If more than two people stay at the house, you should bring sleeping bags and be prepared to sleep on the floor.

Note: You must also sign the Release form on the next page. Thank you!

EARTH SANCTUARY LIABILITY RELEASE FORM

I, who am over the age of eighteen, [write in your name]: _____, of my own free will seek to visit and/or stay overnight at the house (located at 2235 Newman Road, Langley, WA) at the Earth Sanctuary I LLC Nature Reserve (Earth Sanctuary). As a condition of the use of Earth Sanctuary’s property, facilities, and/or equipment, I agree, on behalf of myself, my heirs, and assigns, as follows:

I understand that while at the Earth Sanctuary Nature Reserve certain dangers may occur, including but not limited to, the hazards of hiking in the wilderness, being around ponds and wetlands, wild animals, the forces of nature, or accidents or illness in remote places without medical facilities. I understand that it is not the function of Earth Sanctuary, or any of its directors, officers, employees, contractors, or agents (Agents), to serve as guardians of my or my child’s physical or mental health or safety while participating in a Program. I assume and all risk of any injury, including personal injury, death, property damage or other injuries or damages (Injuries) arising out of or in connection with my participation in the Program, and/or the use of Earth Sanctuary’s property, facilities, and/or equipment. I agree not to hold Earth Sanctuary or its Agents responsible for, and I hereby forever waive and release any claims for, any Injuries or damages (including those for the rendering or failure to render first aid, medical treatment or other treatment or service) arising out of or in connection with my participation in the Program, and/or the use of Earth Sanctuary’s property, facilities, and/or equipment. This release expressly includes the assumption of risk and release of any claims for Injuries or damages alleged to result from or arise out of any negligence by Earth Sanctuary or its Agents, including, without limitation, premises liability claims. I agree to be fully responsible for any and all bills for medical services rendered to me, personal injuries, property damage, loss of personal property, and any other loss that may result from my or my child’s participation in this Program, and/or the use of Earth Sanctuary’s property, facilities, and/or equipment.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless Earth Sanctuary and any of its Agents for all costs, damages, and/or awards, including attorneys’ fees, arising out of any demands, causes of action, claims, counterclaims, or crossclaims brought by any other person or entity against Earth Sanctuary pertaining to, arising out of, or as a result of any act or omission by me, intentional, negligent or otherwise, in connection with the Program.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THIS RELEASE AND FULLY UNDERSTAND IT. I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND EARTH SANCTUARY, AND I HAVE SIGNED OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

_____ (Signature)

Date _____

_____ (Print Name)

Protocol – Rules for Earth Sanctuary Property

Earth Sanctuary was founded on the principles of Tibetan Buddhism. These principles are fairly similar to most spiritual practices. Please follow them to preserve the integrity and energy of the land and especially the sacred spaces.

- Abstain from killing any being or animal, even an insect. If you accidentally step on an ant just say a prayer for it. Wear mosquito repellent and you don't have to worry about accidentally killing mosquitoes (there is some at the retreat house for retreatants). This fosters the principle of compassion for all life.
- Abstain from stealing, sexual activity, and from telling lies. This fosters respect for sacred spaces, and honesty.
- No illegal drugs, intoxicants, or firearms are permitted. Alcohol is permitted only in the context of certain ceremonies.
- Smoking and chewing tobacco is not permitted anywhere on Earth Sanctuary property except in the context of Native American ceremonies. The above are obvious, but they do foster the principles of clarity of mind, and keeping the body pure and healthy. Both of those principles make a big difference in the quality of your meditations.
- No moving of objects in the building or on the grounds.

Safety and Care of the Land

- No canoeing or swimming is allowed in any of the ponds. No one is allowed on the bog island for any reason. Hiking is permitted only on cleared trails.
- Remain outside of marked ecologically sensitive areas, such as the Osprey nesting area during breeding season.
- Be sensitive to birds and wildlife. Do not disturb any animals or birds, especially in nesting and breeding season.
- Park in designated areas only. Groups may be asked to park on an adjacent property (gated) away from the house.
- Please treat the grounds, building and residents with care and respect. Return your area to the condition in which you found it or better.

Protocol – Rules for Retreat Practice at the Earth Sanctuary

- Candles and incense are allowed in the main meditation room only; candles and incense should not be left unattended. Only votive-type candles should be used, tapered candles are not allowed.
- This is a spiritual house, not a romantic get-away. Please be considerate of the spiritual nature of this special house.
- In order to minimize distraction by others, dress appropriately: simple, modest, and comfortable. Sunbathing and nudity are not permitted. An attitude of modesty prevails at all times.
- Note: violating any of the rules is reason for retreat termination.

What is provided at the Earth Sanctuary House?

- Two retreat bedrooms, each with twin beds. The beds come with clean linen, down comforter and pillow.
- A combination meditation/living room with sofa and easy chair, wood stove, bookcase. There are nine zafus with zabutons. There are also 10 chairs.
- Fully-equipped kitchen with eating utensils and dining area.
- Washer and dryer.
- Bathroom with clean towels and washcloths.
- Large closet and storage area that may also be used as a "primitive" sleeping area for groups.
- There is no phone. Pay phones are available in Freeland. Some cell phones work well, i.e., Verizon.
- House heating is by electric heat supplemented by wood stove.

What should be brought to the Earth Sanctuary House?

- All materials for your spiritual practice.
- Proper clothing, bathrobe, slippers, toiletries, clock.
- Hiking shoes and appropriate outdoor clothing for the season, if you choose to walk the property.
- Bring enough food for your stay (all food and drink must be kept in the kitchen area). Two supermarkets are located nearby.
- Note: you are responsible for preparing your own meals.
- All visitors to the Earth Sanctuary House are responsible for picking up and cleaning the house after they are done.

Deposit – 100% of total amount is due at time of reservation in order to confirm reservation. The reservation is not final until the deposit is received. Checks (U.S. Dollars) or cash are accepted. Deposits will be returned (minus a \$25 Service Charge) if cancellation is made greater than 30 days before your stay.

Check in & check out time – Arranged ahead of time.

Refunds – No refunds will be made for shortened retreat stays.

Taxes – Applicable taxes will be added to your final bill.

Transportation – You are responsible for transportation to and from the Earth Sanctuary.

Pets – We do not have accommodations for pets. However, there are four wild cats that live in the bushes and shrubs in the backyard.

Children – We regret we cannot accommodate any children under 12 years of age.

Disclaimers

- People with serious mental disorders should not come with the expectation that retreat will cure or alleviate their mental problems.
- People with unstable interpersonal relationships and a history of various treatments should not come. It is impossible for us to care for such people with these backgrounds.
- Retreat is not a substitute for medical or psychiatric treatment and is not recommended for people with serious psychiatric disorders.
- The Earth Sanctuary I LLC is not liable for any personal injuries, for any reason, that may be sustained during stay at Earth Sanctuary.