



CoHo Ecovillage • 1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr #101 • Corvallis, OR 97333

What Is Our "Associate Members" Program?

The Associate Members program is for nonresidents who want a deeper level of connection and commitment than Friends of CoHo. Associate Members are engaged with CoHo Ecovillage on an ongoing basis, have defined responsibilities and rights, and contribute time, energy and money.

See [AffiliatesGuidelines20110922](#) for a complete list of responsibilities/rights and explanations. Basic categories are listed below.

Responsibilities of Associate Members

1. Abide by CoHo agreements, bylaws, policies, and consensus decisions.
2. Participate in the consensus process (with some limitations), business and community life meetings, and teams.
3. Stay informed about community business and activities.
4. Contribute workshare hours.
5. Participate in community social and work activities, including Wellness Retreats.
6. Complete Nonviolent Communication (NVC) training and CoHo consensus training.
7. Pay monthly dues* (sliding scale \$20 to \$40 per individual or \$30 to \$60 per household).

Rights of Associate Members

1. Participate in community life as "Building 10 neighbors" (a term referring to folks with a close "next-door neighbor" connection to on-site neighbors living in our 9 residential buildings).
2. Be included on CoHo email lists and have access to internal website.
3. Join CoHo meal program (sign up for meals, volunteer for work shifts, and be on meal software).
4. Use community facilities, such as Common House, workshop, and Bike Barn.
5. Give/receive additional social support through a variety of connections (childcare, Supportive Salmon, Kids Club, workshops, Sharing Circles, etc.)

Membership Steps to Become an Associate Member

The minimum timeframe to complete the Associate Member membership steps is 12 weeks to give prospective Associate Members time to connect with more CoHoots.

1. Read CoHo Vision & Values and Purpose Statement.
2. Complete Associate Members Application Form and pay one-time application fee* of \$15 (Individual Membership) or \$25 (Household Membership). Fee waived if joined as Friend of CoHo < 6 months ago.
3. Complete tasks listed on Associate Members Agreement. Enter signatures and dates.
4. Submit completed Associate Member Agreement Form and first month's dues (prorated to 1st of next month) to Membership Team.

*For additional flexibility on application fees and monthly dues, contact the Neighbors Team.



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Associate Members Membership Application

I (we) have read the CoHo Vision and Values and Purpose Statement and am (are) submitting this application as the initial step in the Associate Members membership application process. I (we) will meet with a CoHo buddy and enter signatures/dates on the Associate Members Membership Agreement form as steps are completed.

Include names of all household members applying to be Associate Members:

Name (please print)

Signature

_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Phone _____

Email _____

Address _____

Date _____

Please make check payable to CoHoTopia (\$15 for Individual Membership or \$25 for Household Membership; application fee waived if joined as a Friend of CoHo < 6 months ago) and deliver or mail to CoHo Ecovillage, Membership Team, 1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr #101, Corvallis, OR 97333

To Be Completed by Membership Team

	<i>Assign buddy</i>
	<i>Provide CD or online access to membership documents to be reviewed</i>
	<i>Provide contact info for HUB members</i>
	<i>Add to CoHoList and CoHoChat (during completion of membership steps)</i>
	<i>Give check to Finance Team</i>



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Associate Members Agreement

As you complete the membership steps, enter signatures of CoHo members and dates below.

Signature	Date	Membership Step
(Buddy)		Review Associate Members Responsibilities and Rights with buddy (see AffiliatesGuidelines20110922).
(Any CoHoots)		Attend at least three common meals or social events.
(HUB Member)		Meet with HUB for preview of workshare opportunities.
(Any CoHoot)		Read CoHo bylaws, CoHoTopia bylaws, Members Binder, Decision Log, and previous 12 months of meeting minutes
(Buddy or NVC Team)		Begin taking the CoHo NVC class (usually 13 weeks of 2 hrs/wk, plus at-home study). If class participation is not possible, do one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • read Nonviolent Communication by Rosenberg • work through Nonviolent Communication workbook by Lucy Leu • listen to "NVC Training Course" (9 CDs plus booklet) • read Speak Peace by Rosenberg • listen to Speak Peace CDs • or do some other equivalent introduction to NVC. Associate Members are still encouraged to take the CoHo NVC class later because it helps to build strong connections with other CoHoots.
(Any CoHoot)		Attend at least three CoHo business meetings, community life meetings, or team meetings.
(Membership Team)		Submit bio and photo for posting on our website (shared with community members and later posted on website).
(Buddy)		Have a Clearness Committee (buddy will coordinate).
(Membership Team)		Be approved for membership via consensus decision by CoHoTopia voting members and CoHoTopia nonvoting members who are Associate Members (no sooner than 12 weeks from application date and also within 1-2 months of completing membership steps).
(Membership Team)		Make first monthly dues payment (prorated to first of next month). Sliding scale: Individual \$20 to \$40; household \$30 to \$60. Amount selected: _____

With gratitude and commitment to this community of neighbors,

Name (please print)

Signature

Sign this Associate Members Agreement form, give form and payment to Membership Team or mail to CoHo Ecovillage, Membership Team, 1975 SE Crystal Lake Dr, #101, Corvallis OR 97333.

To Be Completed by Membership Team

If membership not approved, complete following tasks

	<i>Meet with prospective Associate Members for feedback and sharing</i>
	<i>Remove from CoHoList and CoHoChat (can stay on CoHoChat if Friend of CoHo)</i>

If membership approved, complete following tasks

	<i>Schedule Welcome Ceremony</i>
	<i>Provide copy of CoHo Orientation Guide</i>
	<i>Provide copy of Meal Program Guidelines (if new to meal program)</i>
	<i>Get birthdates (for adults--month/day only; for children under 18--full birthdate) and post on Tiki birthday calendar</i>
	<i>Add to CoHo Membership List and provide copy of member version of list</i>
	<i>Tiki: Provide instructions, make request to add to Tiki</i>
	<i>Send bio/photo to Tech Team for posting on website</i>
	<i>Notify Sustenance Team of eligibility to be on meal software</i>
	<i>Notify Common House Team to add and label a cubby</i>
	<i>Provide codes to Common House, Bike Barn, and Workshop</i>
	<i>Arrange for CoHo ID (if they are still being used)</i>
	<i>Give check to Finance Team</i>
	<i>Staple application form to agreement form and file</i>
	<i>List any adjustments to Associate Members Agreement (on this sheet); provide copy to Associate Member</i>