



WOMEN'S ENCAMPMENT for a Future of PEACE and JUSTICE

**Seneca Army Depot
Upstate New York**

July 4 - September 5

**Just as those in power have put us under the threat of nuclear war, night and day
turning our dreams into nightmares . . .**

**Just as the billion dollar high costs of weapons for such a war (and all the wars along
the way — El Salvador, Afghanistan, Cambodia, Lebanon . . .) are with us night and
day, robbing us of our hopes for jobs, education and a decent life . . .**

**So this summer, night and day we women will become a counter presence — a
presence of resistance to destruction, a presence of life on the borders of Seneca
Army Depot.**

**Our immediate goal is to stop the Cruise and Pershing II missile deployment in
Europe this fall. For these weapons will destroy even what fragile uneasy peace we
now have.**

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STOP CRUISE & PERSHING II



"We say no to the threat of global holocaust, no to the arms race, no to death. We say yes to a world where people, animals, plants and the earth itself are respected and valued."

WHAT IS THE WOMEN'S ENCAMPMENT FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE?

The women's encampment is an action to bring women together to protest the Cruise and Pershing II missiles. It is inspired by the women's peace camp at Greenham Common, England and those protesting all over Europe. Women from all parts of the United States and a variety of backgrounds will gather in a large outdoor camping area to say No to war and Yes to life. We will conduct workshops on such topics as racism, sexism, social and economic justice, non-violence, homophobia, women's history, feminism, military conversion and conflict resolution. We will explore our common ground and differences as women of color and white women, as lesbians and straight women, as differently abled women, and as old and young women.

There will be protests and civil disobedience actions at the depot throughout the summer. AUGUST 1st HAS BEEN CHOSEN FOR A LARGE ACTION, INCLUDING A NON-VIOLENT CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE ACTION.

WHY THE SENECA ARMY DEPOT?

In the fall of 1983, NATO first-strike weapons, the Cruise and Pershing II, are scheduled for shipment to Europe. The Seneca Army Depot is the storage site for the Pershing II missile, the neutron bomb, and other tools of war. The depot is also the main point of departure on the East Coast from which nuclear weapons are shipped to Europe.

First-strike weapons are designed to attack Soviet missile silos with such precision that they would destroy the Soviet's ability to retaliate. That means they are meant to be used first, to start a nuclear war. They are so quick and versatile that they cannot be detected by radar. This will encourage the Soviet Union to launch their own missiles when they think an attack is coming, without waiting to verify it. These weapons are not defensive, they are attack weapons.

Money is urgently needed to make this action a success, please help by sending what you can.

WHY A WOMEN'S ENCAMPMENT?

We organize this peace camp as women to explore the different ways in which militarism affects our lives: the increasing violence in our society (especially against women;) the human service cuts which subsidize the arms race; the growing impoverishment of women; the toxic wastes and leaking radiation in the environment; the increasing danger to the lives of all people on this earth, and to the earth itself and future generations.

By creating a women's peace camp we make women's perspectives on militarism a focal point of our concerns. Participating in the peace camp will strengthen our resolve to oppose the arms race and to fight for a sane and human life, and we will bring back this sense of commitment and empowerment to our communities.

We are a part of a vital tradition of women's resistance in upstate New York: in 1590, women from the Iroquois Nation gathered in Seneca to call for an end to tribal wars; in 1848, women gathered there for the first Woman's Rights Convention; in the mid-1800's, Harriet Tubman led her people from slavery to freedom through central New York along the underground Railroad.

WHAT CAN I DO?

Women are encouraged to come to the camp for a day, a week or all summer. Donations of camping equipment, transportation, and especially time and money are needed. Work in your local area doing outreach, fundraising and arranging transportation for women in your community.

The encampment is from July 4 through Labor Day. The tenting area will be located near the Seneca Army Depot, in Romulus, New York, 15 miles from Geneva, about 37 miles from Ithaca and 30 miles from Rochester. There are bus lines to Geneva and a shuttle will be maintained to the camp. There will be childcare at the camp, if you plan to bring a child call for more information.

This summer is a crucial time for women to demonstrate their opposition to the deployment of new nuclear weapons in Europe and to express their belief that there is a better way to live in the world based on respect and compassion for all living things — people, animals, the earth itself.

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- I am interested in the encampment, please send information as it becomes available.
- Enclosed is a \$_____ contribution. For tax exempt contributions call us.
- I am interested in Nonviolence training. Enclosed is \$2.50 for the handbook.
- I am interested in helping with _____ organizing, _____ non-violence training, _____ transportation, _____ childcare, _____ first aid, _____ workshops, other _____
- Send _____ Seneca Encampment buttons, enclosed is \$_____. (\$1/1; 50¢/10-25; 35¢/26-100)

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