

SAFETY

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATES UNDERSTAND THAT THIS WILL BE A VOLATILE SITUATION AND THAT SAFETY CANNOT BE GUARANTEED. A young woman died in Charlottesville, and someone could die here, potentially one of us. We say this not to scare you but in order that you might make a grounded, honest decision for yourself about participating. There is no shame if you check in with yourself and your source of highest wisdom and decide that this is not for you. (We do hope you will continue to step up and fight white supremacy and other forms of hate in ways that you can because, as one participant put it last night, people are already dying of it, and have been for a long time. We are already making plans for a mobilization of this group again on September 23, which should be a much less volatile situation.)

AGREEMENTS

We have made the following agreements about how we will show up. We ask that you read them, and that if you can't agree to them, that you please not come or join one of the other contingents. (Please note that we have added some agreements based on requests from other groups organizing for that day.)

1. We agree to prioritize attending a non-violent direct action/de-escalation training in the next week, especially if we have not attended one in the past. A list of available trainings will be disseminated by email by Thursday, 8/17.
2. We agree to come in a nonviolent stance, renouncing aggression and argumentation in favor of a united, peaceful, prayerful presence. While protective use of force may be necessary, it will be employed only to prevent bodily harm and will involve the least force necessary to diffuse the situation. Participants will not bring weapons of any kind, chemical or otherwise.
3. Participants agree to stand in solidarity with all counter-protestors resisting fascism on this day. While we may not personally like all the tactics we witness, we will not talk to the police or the media about any action taken by our fellow counter-protestors.
4. We will not engage in property destruction at this action.
5. We will not bring children under the age of 16. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by parent or guardian.
6. We will not bring any animals other than registered service animals.
7. We will not talk to police except to direct them to the designated police liaison.
8. We will not take photos or video of Antifa except by permission or from behind, and even then we will take care not to show faces, shoes, or backpacks that could make them identifiable.