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Q: How do I apply to become a Sponsor of a Plant Healer event, and what are the benefits to me?

A: Depending on the support level, Sponsors may receive free Registration, multiple extra tickets that can be sold for given away, promotion of various kinds, a free Vendor/Information table in the Healer's Market area on site, or even meals. Go to the **Sponsor page of the website** for a **Sponsor Application**, which lists the various levels of support and what you will receive in the way of promotion in exchange.

2.

Q: Does Plant Healer have Non-Profit status? I could increase the amount of our Sponsorship contribution, if you were 501c3.

A: We don't yet have and may never get official nonprofit status. Your contributions can be considered advertising expenses or gifts, but not as a nonprofit donation write-off on your federal taxes.

3.

Q: What if I just want to be sell my products at a Plant Healer Gathering?

A: Vendor tables and healing spaces are available to rent, packaged with tickets to attend. Click on the **Vendor page** from the website dropdown menu.

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Q: What are the lodging options?

A: There are super reasonably priced rooms at the event site, available to reserve directly from Ft. Lewis College, plus there are also lots of nearby hotels and bed and breakfasts, as well as several nearby campgrounds in the surrounding National Forest. For full details go to our **Lodging, Camping & Meals** pages.

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Q: What about meals while we're at the conference?

A: As explained on the **Meals** page of the website, most participants purchase the discounted Meal Plans offered by the college for the entire event in advance. There are also restaurants in nearby Durango for when time allows, and those who are either camping in the forest or getting a campus apartment with a stove, will want to stock up on ingredients in Durango.

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Q: What are the options for getting to the site?

A: You can fly either into Durango (25 min. from the event site) or Albuquerque (4 hrs away), and then either rent a car for the weekend, get a cab or Uber ride, or take a shuttle bus to get to our event site. Full details and contact information are found on the **Transport & Directions** page of the website. You may also want to share the cost of a rental with others, and you can make such arrangements by posting on the conference **RideShare Forum**. beginning in Spring.

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Q: What kinds of weather should we expect, and how should we dress?

A: The weather high in the mountains in July is usually cool at night and warm and sunny in the afternoons, but afternoon rains are a possibility. As a result, we recommend a wide range of clothing and footwear including both cool sandals and waterproof shoes, plus a rain poncho in case of monsoon storms.

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Q: What about informal time for socializing?

A: Meet and greet in the Healer's Market ballroom 7:30am-11pm, Thursday through Saturday.

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Q: Are there student, school, or other ticket discounts?

A: We offer group discounts for six or more folks, and larger discounts for currently enrolled herbal school groups. If interested, email us at:  
**PlantHealer@PlantHealer.org**

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Q: Do you offer any scholarships for those who can't afford a ticket?

A: We do give away a large number of **scholarships** each year – as well as opportunities to barter goods or do work trade – to anyone who would be unable to attend otherwise. Scholarships are given to those applicants both most in need, and most intent on making use of the education. If interested, click the download link for the **Assistance Application** on the **Registration Page** of the Confluence website.

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Q: Can I volunteer to work in exchange for a ticket?

A: We welcome a limited number of **work trade helpers** each year, with each helper paying a \$100 nonrefundable commitment fee, and committing to up to 16 hours of on-site assistance in exchange for admission to all the classes and dances. If interested, click the download link for the **Assistance Application** on the **Registration Page** of the Confluence website.

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Q: Is it possible to barter goods or services for a ticket?

A: We will sometimes work out trades or part-trades with folks who cannot afford to attend, but who want to give back what they can. If interested, click the download link for the **Assistance Application** on the **Registration Page** of the Confluence website.

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Q: What is your ticket refund policy?

A: Refunds are issued for tickets up until the May 15 cutoff date, minus an \$85 non-refundable deposit and the \$7.00 ticket processing fee that is included in your ticket price. Children's tickets will be refunded in full until a month before. There will be **no ticket refunds after May 15th** for any reason, though you are still welcome to **sell or gift your ticket**, have us **transfer your ticket to the following year**, or else opt to **donate your ticket to the Scholarship program** to help make it possible for someone else to come.

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Q: Is there a special price for kids and teens?

A: Absolutely. In order to encourage the active participation of the young, we offer teen tickets at a tiny fraction of the normal price, and kids under 12 attend free.

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Q: Are babies and young kids allowed in the classrooms?

A: Yes they certainly are, although parents are required to quickly step out of the rooms with any child crying or being a distraction... in part because the classes are being recorded! Your cooperation is much appreciated.

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Q: Do you provide childcare or classes for kids?

A: Due to the cost of insurance, we can't personally take responsibility for anyone's children, but there are often fun kid activities organized by parents in the Healer's Market and outdoors, as well as informal cooperative childcare organized by the parents.

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Q: Do you accept class proposals for teaching at upcoming Plant Healer events?

A: We are more than happy to get exciting new proposals, even from herbalists and others who are little "known." If interested, navigate to the Applying To Teach page in the Confluence website menu and click the download link for the **Teacher Application**.

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Q: How do I stay informed about event changes and announcements?

A: As soon as you register for the event, you will be on a list for receiving letters with important details about attending. Everyone can go to the Plant Healer website and subscribe at no cost to the **Herbaria Monthly zine**, which includes event tales and updates along with herbal and other articles.

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