



Welcome to

FALLINGWATER
INSTITUTE

We look forward to
meeting you this year.





When Edgar Kaufmann jr. entrusted Fallingwater to the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy in 1963, he envisioned Fallingwater not only as a place where visitors would come to experience great architecture, but also where a deeper experience of art, design and nature might occur.

ABOUT

FALLINGWATER INSTITUTE



Kaufmann imagined that Fallingwater could become a place where artists, scholars, designers and learners might come to find inspiration from the building and its landscape while pursuing individual or group study. Today, the Fallingwater Institute, formally established in 2015, honors that vision by providing a stimulating location for creative collaboration and inspired thinking through immersive classes, workshops and residencies. By serving an international community through its innovative programming, the Fallingwater Institute works to create and disseminate new ideas that promote harmony between people and nature.





Equity and Inclusion

Fallingwater draws inspiration for its educational mission from those who champion human expression, in all its richness and diversity of forms. Through an architecture that harmonizes with nature and challenges conventions, Fallingwater seeks to change perceptions of what is possible.

Fallingwater Institute is committed to advocating for justice and equity by welcoming, supporting, and collaborating with those who have been historically excluded from educational opportunities in the arts, architecture, and design, by acknowledging and illuminating power imbalances and unfairness in these fields, and removing barriers to access to our educational programs.



Accessibility

We strive to make Fallingwater and Fallingwater Institute programs as accessible as possible. Please let us know if you require support or accommodations in advance of your visit. Contact us at fallingwaterinstitute@paconserve.org.

The following are available by request:

- Fallingwater is located on Bear Run Nature Reserve, which has gravel trails and uneven terrain. A shuttle service is available to drive participants between High Meadow and Fallingwater.
- All-terrain wheelchair
- Indoor wheelchair for Fallingwater's first floor
- ADA-compliant housing at High Meadow
- Assisted Listening Devices
- Descriptive, tactile tours of Fallingwater
- Closed captioning on Zoom, by request



Before You Arrive

For safety reasons, all students must complete a **registration form** before arriving on site and/or before a virtual program begins. Students who have not completed the registration form will not be permitted to participate in the program or stay at High Meadow.

Studio Culture and Philosophy

Fallingwater Institute's studio culture is one of kindness, empathy, and respect. Fallingwater Institute's studio provides a welcoming space for experimentation, innovation, and the kind of forward-thinking demonstrated by Wright's masterwork.

Our educational programs are as site-specific as Fallingwater's design. Students are encouraged to be relatively screen-free in order to be fully immersed in the site and in communal learning. Fallingwater Institute's programs provide opportunities for students to work with your hands using tangible, low-tech tools and materials during hands-on activities that provide a deeper understanding of Fallingwater's design.

Location

High Meadow is the "base camp" for Fallingwater Institute education programs. Although it is located on Fallingwater's campus, High Meadow's secure entrance is located north of the Fallingwater entrance on Route 381. The gravel driveway is on the west side of the road, marked by a brown sign.

When You Arrive

Upon your arrival at the house at High Meadow, Fallingwater Institute staff will greet you and provide a housing assignment. You will have an opportunity to unpack and get acquainted with other students.



What to Bring

All food is provided during your stay at High Meadow. Towels and bedding are also provided.

Please be sure to bring all personal toiletry items and medication, since the nearest drugstore is 20 miles away.

Materials and tools are provided. If you have a preferred sketchbook or drawing utensil, you are welcome to bring your own; however, sketchbooks and drawing pencils will also be provided to all participants.

CLOTHING

Fallingwater is located in a remote mountain region, very densely forested with bugs and wildlife abound. Average summer temperatures range from a high of 90 degrees to a low of 50 degrees. Mornings are usually very cool and can be very wet. We do a lot of walking during the program, usually through the woods to Fallingwater. Bring at least one pair of closed-toe walking shoes or hiking boots.

Clothing should be casual and comfortable enough for walking outdoors and sitting on the ground or floor. Clothing may get messy during studio activities.

Please note: There is no clothes washing facility available, so please bring enough clothing for the duration of the program. Light layers are recommended.

OTHER

- Toiletries – including soap and shampoo
- Hair dryer
- Water bottle
- Comfortable walking shoes and/or hiking boots (closed-toe)
- Rain jacket, umbrella
- Warm jacket or sweater for cool mornings/evenings
- Hat for heat/rain protection
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellent
- Flashlight
- Prescription or required over the counter medicines for the duration of your stay
- Swimsuit – there will be opportunities to swim in nearby Ohiopyle (weather permitting)

Driving Directions

High Meadow's street address is 1363 Mill Run Rd. Mill Run, PA 15464. A temporary code will be provided to you to access the security gate.

Parking at High Meadow

Please park in the gravel parking spaces provided near High Meadow House or the gravel spaces in front of the Cheteyan Studio at High Meadow. Please do not park in the grass.

Flying

Fallingwater provides an airport shuttle for pick up and drop off at the Pittsburgh International Airport. There is one pick up time and one drop off time per program, so it is crucial to make sure that your flight times correspond.

Fallingwater's airport shuttle meets in the baggage claim area of the Pittsburgh International Airport, near door 5. Our airport shuttle drops off at the departure terminals.

Fallingwater Institute is not responsible for airline tickets or other travel expenses.

High School Residencies airport shuttle picks up Mondays at 10:00 a.m. EST and drops off on Fridays arrives at the airport at 3:30 p.m. EST.

Programs for Adult Professionals airport shuttle times vary depending on program schedule. Please email fallingwaterinstitute@paconserve.org to coordinate your flight times with our airport shuttle.

Clean-up and Departure

All students are required to help with a final clean-up at the Cheteyan Studio at High Meadow and at the house at High Meadow. Students are encouraged to take all work with you upon departure, including sketches and sketchbooks. Remember: A complete portfolio includes both your creative process and finished works.

A shuttle will be provided to Pittsburgh International Airport (see "Flying" right).

Photography

Photography of Fallingwater and Fallingwater Institute programs is permitted for personal use only, not for commercial use. When taking your own pictures of people and their work, please do so with their consent.

Fallingwater Institute staff may take photos occasionally for documentary purposes. If you prefer not to be included, please let the photographer know and/or indicate on the media release section of your registration form.

All participants must complete a Photography Agreement and Media Release, which are included in the registration form.



SAMPLE SCHEDULE:

6:00 – 8:00 a.m. Breakfast

8:30 – 10:00 am. Studio Activities

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Break

10:30 – 12:00 Tour of Fallingwater

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 – 3:30 p.m. Studio Activities

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Break

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. Studio Activities

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. Break

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Exploratory
Time at Fallingwater

8:00 – 9:30 p.m. Studio Activities

9:30 – 11:00 p.m. Table Games
at High Meadow or Group
Camp Fire

11:00 p.m. Lights Out

A Typical Day

Fallingwater Institute's residential programs are planned as rich, intensive experiences. To ensure that you get the most out of the experience, we require full participation from all group members.

Activities begins immediately after breakfast, around 8:30 a.m., and conclude in the evening between 9:00 and 10:00 p.m.

Participation

Curriculum is thoughtfully developed by Fallingwater Institute instructors with the intention of building skills and understanding sequentially. In order to ensure that you get the most out of your Fallingwater Institute experience, full participation in all activities is required.

Peer-Share

As an added benefit, each Fallingwater Institute program concludes with a final reflection and peer-share at the Cheteyan Studio at High Meadow. All students and staff participate constructive and encouraging conversation in order to benefit from everyone's expertise and to summarize our collective learning.

Meals

Fresh, delicious meals and snacks are provided with tuition. Please specify any dietary restrictions on your registration form or contact us at fallingwaterinstitute@paconserve.org to discuss.

High Meadow's kitchen is fully stocked with prepared foods and fresh ingredients for breakfasts and lunches. Students are encouraged to make use of High Meadow's fully equipped kitchen during these self-serve meals. Lunch is occasionally catered. Dinners are catered, including one chef-prepared meal that is served on one of Fallingwater's terraces (weather permitting).

Meals are typically enjoyed on the three-season porch at High Meadow (weather-permitting). Students are encouraged to be screen-free during meals.

Student Conduct and Safety Policies

For safety reasons, all students must complete a registration form before arriving on site. Please contact us if you have not yet received a registration form.

Studio Safety Policies

While working with tools and studio materials, students are required to follow instructions and safety guidelines provided by Fallingwater Institute staff. Students must follow the pace of the workshop and not use tools or materials that have not been introduced by staff.

Students must complete safety orientation and training before using wood-working equipment and power tools. Students using wood-working equipment and power tools must be supervised by Fallingwater Institute staff at all times.

General Policies

- Participants are to report on time to all scheduled activities.
- Participants are required to participate in all scheduled activities. Only a staff member may grant permission to be excused.
- Courteous and respectful behavior is expected at all times to both Fallingwater staff and fellow participants.
- Participants are not permitted to leave the activity areas. Participants under the age of 21 are not permitted to go off the property unless accompanied by designated staff members.

- Misuse or damage of Fallingwater property is unacceptable. Charges will be assessed against anyone responsible for damaging or defacing Fallingwater property.

Residential Policies

- If a resident becomes ill, they should report it to staff immediately.
- Fallingwater Security is on duty 24/7.
- Students under the age of 21 are housed separately by gender identity and are not allowed in-room visitation. Visiting may take place in the common areas of the High Meadow House during approved hours specified by designated Fallingwater staff.
- Cell phone usage may be limited while activities are in session. Students may be instructed to turn off or store cell phones at designated times.
- Noise levels (including music) must be kept to a minimum.
- Pets are not permitted at High Meadow

The following are prohibited and may result in dismissal at student's expense:

- Possession and/or use of alcohol by high school students, college students, and anyone under the age of 21.
- Possession and/or use of recreational drugs.
- Possession of fireworks, guns or a weapon of any kind.
- Violence of any kind, including sexual harassment.
- Leaving the High Meadow House after 11:00 p.m. without permission, if you are a high school or college student.
- Overnight guests.

COVID-19 Safety

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please do not travel to Fallingwater. Contact us at fallingwaterinstitute@paconserve.org.

Masking is optional but always welcome. Complimentary masks are available to all participants. Any changes to the requirements will be shared with you prior to the date of the program.

Cancellation and Refund Policy

If you cancel your registration for a one-day workshop any time up to 30 days before the day of the program, you will receive a refund minus a \$25 processing fee.

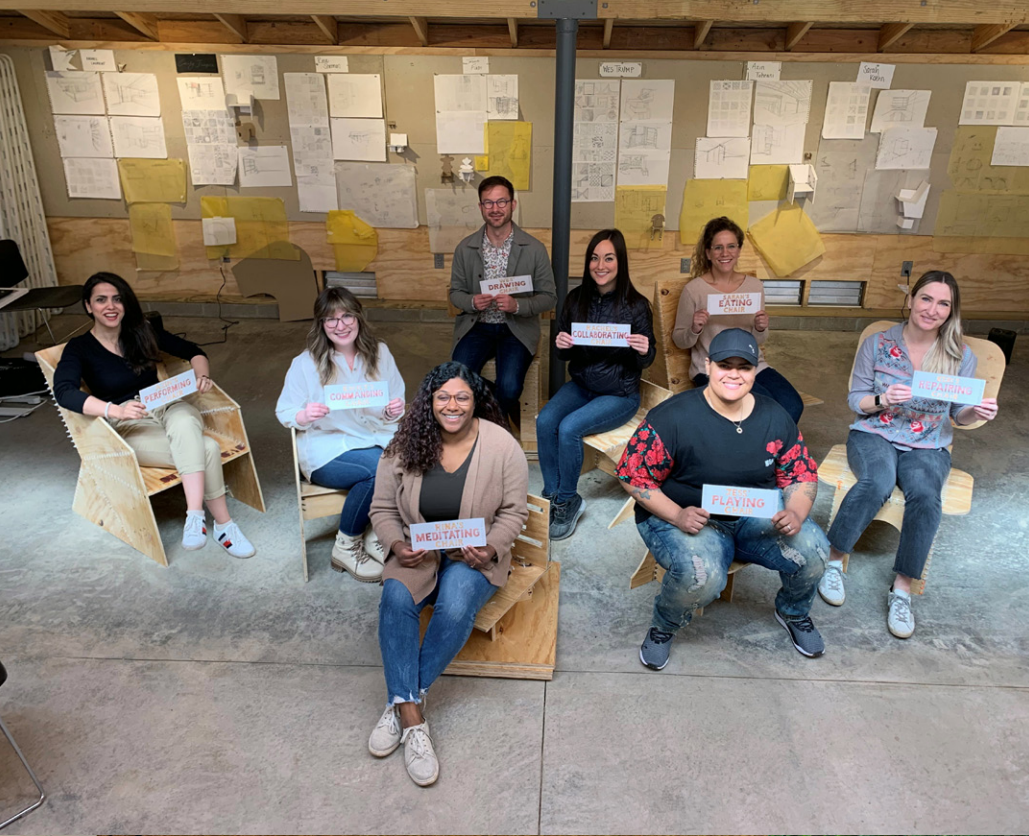
If you cancel your registration for a multi-day program (residencies, Insight/Onsite, etc.) any time up to 30 days before the first day of the program, you will receive a refund minus a \$50 processing fee and a \$150 cancellation fee.

If you cancel less than 30 days before the first day of a Fallingwater Institute program, refunds are not available.

Fallingwater Institute is not responsible for nonrefundable airline tickets or other travel expenses.

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please do not travel to Fallingwater. If you test positive for COVID-19 within the 10 days prior to your workshop, please contact us at fallingwaterinstitute@paconserve.org.





Keep in Touch!

We love to hear from Fallingwater Institute alumni! We encourage you to stay in touch with us via email and social media. Please let us know how Fallingwater inspires your work in the future.

Likewise, we will keep in touch with you and alert you about future Fallingwater Institute programs and alumni events.

