

Inkscape Hackfest Proposal

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Introduction

The following is a proposal for an Inkscape hackfest to be held in Portland Oregon in the spring. We will rent a house to serve as both meeting venue and shared lodging, to minimize cost and hassle and maximize time available for collaboration.

The house has a front unit and a rear unit. We will rent both units if we have sufficient attendance to do so, or just the rear unit otherwise.

Background

Past hackfests have provided excellent opportunities for Inkscape developers to meet in person, discuss the project and coordinate work on bug-fixing, feature planning, and other efforts. In the past we've also sought to align the location and time of the event with conferences or groups in the area to permit external collaborations as well. Our experience so far seems to show that we're getting far more tangible benefit out of the internal interactions than the external ones.

Thus, this event will focus more sharply on the hackfest itself, giving us much greater flexibility for time and location.

In the past events, we flexibly let each attendee arrange their own accommodation within an allowed stipend, so as to enable them to find options that best minimize costs. However, our experience has shown this to be unpredictable with sometimes sub-par stays and various levels of hassles making the arrangements and securing reimbursement.

So, for this event we'll arrange group lodging at a house that can be used as the meeting space as well.

Accommodation

The property has two adjacent houses, that can be rented individually or together. The front unit is a recently remodelled 1920's 4 bedroom bungalow with 3 queen size beds and a bunk bed. The rear unit is a modern two-story house with 5 bedrooms, comprising 4 queen size beds and a bunk bed.

<http://shiftvacationrentals.com/mississippi-street>

Front unit :



Rear unit :



Dates

Friday April 28th - Wednesday May 3rd. Both front and rear units are available for this date period.

The rear unit (6 beds) can be rented **Friday Apr 28 to Wed May 3** (5 nights). The cost will be on the order of \$2100.

The front unit (5 beds) can be rented for the same period, **Fri Apr 28 to Wed May 3** (5 nights), for around \$1900.

Renting both together for this period would cost approximately \$3800.

Availability after these dates gets spotty, and there are no weekends available until August.

Check-in is 4pm, and check-out is 11am.

Meeting Venue

Both front and rear units have great-rooms suitable for meeting space, including WiFi, Air Conditioning, bathrooms, and fully furnished kitchens. Each has a long dining table and chairs. If we rent both units, we may want to move both tables into the rear unit as our main work room.

Additional fold-up tables and chairs can be provided by the Harringtons, as well as an HD projector (VGA/HDMI). The Harringtons will be available to stock the kitchen(s) with coffee and refreshments.

Sample Agenda

Day 1: Travel Day

- 4:00pm Venue opens
- Welcome arriving attendees
- Dinner on the stove – Pot of chili, deli sandwich fixings

Day 2:

- Full day of hacking

Day 3:

- Morning: Development session
- Afternoon free (see recreation ideas below)

Day 4:

- Full day of hacking

Day 5:

- Morning: Development session
- Summarize achievements of hackfest. This will form the basis of future press releases
- Board Sponsored Dinner

Day 6: Departure Day

- 11:00am Venue closes

Location

Portland, Oregon is a quirky city in the Pacific Northwest, situated at the confluence of the Willamette and Columbia Rivers. The natural beauty of its mountains, rivers, and forests are treasured by locals and visitors alike. The city itself prides itself in its walkability, including a well-developed public transportation system and a number of “walkable” neighborhoods featuring local and independent businesses.

It is notionally divided into five quadrants, each with its own characteristic identity. Recent decades have seen renewal efforts in industrial and less affluent neighborhoods, producing a number of trendy streetscapes and vibrant urban spaces (though at the cost of massive gentrification). The North Mississippi District, located in the North Portland quadrant, is one of these revitalized areas. Over the past decade new pubs, cafes, restaurants, and clothing boutiques have replaced boarded up buildings and empty lots, and many of the area's working-class homes have changed to more affluent owners.

Transport to Portland

The Portland International Airport (PDX) has flights to and from a number of US cities including direct flights to the major hubs. Direct flights should also be possible from most major cities in the western US. Two or potentially three legs may be required for East coast and European travelers.

Example prices:

- San Francisco to Portland: \$150 roundtrip, 1:45 hrs (direct)
- Reno to Portland: \$250 roundtrip, 2 hrs (direct)
- Boston to Portland: \$350 round trip, 8 hrs (1 stop)
- London to Portland: \$1275 roundtrip, 15 hr (1 stop)
- Paris to Portland: \$1000 roundrip, 20 hr (2 stops)

Transport within Portland

Taking Tri-Met Light Rail with one transfer to a bus that drops off 0.1 miles from the house, the cost is \$2.50 round trip and takes approximately 47 to 65 minutes, depending on the time of day.

Uber and Lyft from Portland International Airport to the house is approximately \$25. Pick Ups are right outside of baggage claim at the far left of the first island.

Broadway Cab looks to be about \$40 from PDX to the house.

It is possible that Bryce or his wife Terri may be able to shuttle some people to and from PDX as well.

The house is located at 4603 N Albina, Portland, OR 97217 -- approximately 9 miles from PDX.

Tri-Met Trip Planner: <https://ride.trimet.org/#/>

Food

Stipend of \$45/day (\$10 bkfst, \$15 lunch, \$20 dinner)

- Albina Press – Artsy cafe on the corner just a couple houses to the north
- [Mississippi Marketplace Food Carts](#) - Portland takes its hipster food carts seriously, and so a mere 2 blocks up the street we can partake in Kimchi tacos, grass-fed beef burgers, and vegan BBQ.
- Monsoon – Thai Cuisine (2 blocks south)
- Olympia Oyster Bar – Seafood (2 blocks south)
- [Por Que No](#) – Mexican (6 blocks south)
- [Deliver Dish](#) – Restaurant delivery service

Recreational Ideas

- Board Games Night Hosted by Bryce
- <http://groundkontrol.com/>
Ground Kontrol for some fun, vintage video games in Downtown Portland
- <http://prostportland.com>
Craft Breweries, several are in walking distance from the house.
- <http://www.portlandsaturdaymarket.com/>
Saturday Market, Downtown Portland. Local arts and crafts merchants.
- <http://portlandartmuseum.org/>
Portland Art Museum
- Many Small Music Venues
- <http://www.oms.edu/>
The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI)
- <http://www.pdxmonthly.com/articles/2011/6/29/the-best-hikes-in-portland-forest-park-july-2011>
Hiking in Forest Park, the largest urban forest in the United States

Financial Estimate

The actual total cost will depend on the number of attendees and the distance they travel. If we assume 3/4ths of attendees will be from the US and 1/4th from Europe, it would be an average travel cost of about \$600. So, very roughly:

- 5 attendees = $5 \times (\$600 + 6 \times \$45) + \$2100 = \6450
- 11 attendees = $11 \times (\$600 + 6 \times \$45) + \$3900 = \$13,470$

Reimbursement Limits

The total reimbursement will be determined similar to how we've done for previous events:

- Up to \$2000 each for Inkscape developers who have contributed for 3+ years and > 200 commits
- Up to \$1500 each for Inkscape developers who have contributed for 2+ years and > 100 commits
- Up to \$1000 each for Inkscape developers who have contributed for 1+ year and > 50 commits
- Up to \$500 each for any Inkscape contributor listed in AUTHORS file with at least 10 commits

In addition, anyone who prefers to make their own separate arrangements for lodging is welcome to do so and will be provided an additional \$500 on top of the above.

Special cases will be considered by the Inkscape Board; contact the host and we'll get things worked out.