Dear Steve,  
  
Hey there, good talking to you today, and least week—I hope you enjoyed our interview as much as I did.  Congratulations on your acceptance into Designing Educational Ecosystems Intensive Teacher Training course March 21-30, 2014 in LaVergne, TN, USA!   We look forward to working and playing with you.  We have a great group of teacher training participants gelling, and we’re glad you are among us.  This letter lays out the next steps in the process and gives you some homework to do.  Please read it through and respond with questions or needs.

**Minimum Deposit Due in Three Weeks**

We now need you to register and pay your minimum $300 deposit to secure your place in the course.  Please mail a check in US funds drawn on a US bank to **Dave Jacke, 33 E. Taylor Hill Rd., Montague, MA 01351, or use paypal to send money using my email address**—though they will take 4% so we’d appreciate any extra you can give us to cover that (I know you also have exchange rates to contend with, so we’ll leave whether how much you can do that up to you).  We usually mail a copy of the course text, *Teaching Permaculture Creatively*by Robin and Skye, upon your payment of at least the minimum deposit.  I cannot give you a digital copy—per my agreement with Robin Clayfield on that.  I will see if she has copies she can send to you and I can pay her to send it to you there in Australia so you can review before the course, and then you won’t have to carry the thing all over the North American continent! So I’ll be in touch on that to work that out after I get your payment for the course.  We will hold your space in the course for three weeks after sending this letter.  If we do not receive your registration and deposit by then, we cannot guarantee a space for you. If this deadline is a challenge for you please be in touch with Jessie Smith to make arrangements.

**Sliding Scale Course Fees, Early Reg. Discount, Scholarship Fund, Etc.**

The total course fee covers tuition, room and board, and is a sliding scale of $1,450 - $1,950 (including app fee of $50 and the deposit).  *An early application discount is available to you, making the total fees for the course, room and board $1,400 - $1,900 (this option applies ONLY if you submitted your complete application to the course prior to January 15, 2014).* We would like full payment of course fees by March 7, 2014.  *Please remember that any amount you pay above the bottom of the sliding scale automatically goes into our scholarhsip fund, and we have many scholarship requests!  We will appreciate your generosity in support of others who want to take this course.*

If any of these deadlines create a hardship for you please get in touch.  If you need to withdraw we will refund all but $300.00 of your course fee until two weeks before the course (March 7, 2014).  If you withdraw less than two weeks before the course no refund will be possible.

**Scholarship**

You asked for a scholarship, but from what I understand your fees are covered by your local communty and your points for airline tickets.  At the moment we have exhasuted all of our scholarhsip funds, which were limited to begin with, so it’s good you got this help.  Let us know if you need anythign else form us, and we will try to meet your need once we raise more funding if have any to offer.

  In the meantime, we will keep in touch re: our fundraising successes as time goes forward—we want you in this course and will do our very best to make sure you can get the finances together.

  Also, please look over the CSE program below (though I think we sent that already?).  Let's stay in touch on how this all works out.

**Community Supported Educators Program**We also attach here information about our Community Supported Educators (CSE) program.  Like a Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) system, this multifunctional program will help you raise funds for yourself for the teacher training, assist you in breaking the ice and starting to teach once you get out of the course, help build your community of support and your network, etc., etc.  We encourage you to begin planning your own CSE strategy as an exercise in developing/refining your permaculture teaching journey. We’re excited about the potential of this idea and look forward to having you test it out and share your innovations and ‘ahas’ with everyone else.

**Logistics**We are currently developing our Student Handbook, which will contain all the logistical information you will need for the course, as well as some more homework and forms to fill out.  We’ll send you that as soon as it is finished, sometime in late January-early Feb.  In the meantime, contact Jessie Smith if you have questions at [thenectaryproject@gmail.com](mailto:thenectaryproject@gmail.com).

**The Course Begins**As I said on the phone, the course begins now!  We will send you the pre-course preparation materials as part of the Student Handbook soon, and begin corresponding with you about those preparations (at a low level).  This course will help you present yourself to the public both as a professional and as a permaculture teacher.  The pre-course prep will form a key part of this work.  
  
In the meantime, I spoke to you on the phone about your biggest challenge/greatest fear.  If you haven’t already, I would like you to ponder that conversation and your experience as a teacher/student/human being and work to boil that conversation down to a one sentence, ACTIVE VOICE, PRESENT TENSE statement of your biggest challenge/greatest fear as a teacher of permaculture (active voice means NO forms of the verb to be: is, am are, was were, be, being, been).  Use the simple form “I fear  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” for your one sentence email and for saying out loud to feel the resonance in your body.  You could draw, paint, sing, sculpt, dance, or otherwise express yourself to help you get started on this, but we do need a one sentence summary of your greatest challenge or biggest fear.  Please send that to me by email within one week if you haven’t already.  This is your first homework assignment, and will become a thread in the course, as we discussed.

I also spoke to you about the eight minute lecture you need to arrive ready to give to the class.  More details on this will be forthcoming, but start thinking and preparing.  If you have any questions, feel free to call or email me.  If you don’t hear back from me try me again—I do not always have email access.  
  
Thanks for your commitment to regenerating yourself, our culture, and our planet!  I look forward to hearing from and working with you over the next few months and beyond.  
  
Peace and blessings,  
  
Dave  
  
\*\*\*\*\*\*PS: I’ll also attach here another copy of the course brochure and the Student Outcomes.  Please pass these on to anyone you think may be interested in taking the course with you!  We would love to have clusters of folks who live near each other take the course together and be able to work together afterwards, so recruit likely candidates for your future teaching team and get them to apply!  We will give people you recommend special consideration.  Thanks.\*\*\*\*\*\*\*