

Spring Protest at NTS

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Michael Poirier (mpoirier@cruzio.com) notes that the annual Spring protest at the Nevada Test Site is scheduled for March 31-April 4.

I'm not sure what it is they are protesting these days, but it might be an interesting spectator event.

The following was excerpted from:
<http://www.macronet.org/macronet/shundahai/shutdown.html>

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Activists and organizations working together generate significant groundswells of public opinion and political pressure. Together, we strengthen the national network of activists and organizations working on nuclear disarmament, energy, and waste issues.

Gathering at the Nevada Test Site provides us with an opportunity to learn, through hands-on experience, how to energize communities using non-violent direct actions and events. Participants will learn numerous strategies to generate public awareness and apply political pressure to impact national and international nuclear issues.

Pre-Action Training Camp: March 23-26

We will gather on the land of the Alliance of Atomic Veterans in the mountains overlooking NTS. Take part in nonviolence, media and organizer training's, join affinity groups & plan for nonviolent direct action at NTS.

Critical Mass Action: March 31

To Break the Nuclear Chain During this special day, all participants from Lenten Desert Experience, Healing Global Wounds, and Action for Nuclear Abolition are invited to join in a day of unity to shut the test site down.

Nonviolent Direct Action Camp, March 31- April 4

Five days of creative nonviolent direct action including blockades, parades, and actions to:

SHUT THE TEST SITE DOWN!!!

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But I thought the Nevada Test Site WAS shut down, for all practical purposes. The chances of full scale testing ever resuming are virtually nil. The chances are also slim that any new nuclear power plants will be built in the US, and all the existing ones are destined for eventual closure. Most of what the Test Site is now doing is finding ways to manage the by-products of the nuclear era, which aren't going to magically go away.

The nuclear opponents won! So what are they now protesting?

That said, I love a blockade! Traditionally, this consists of protestors blocking the road to the Test Site or chaining themselves to the cattle guard until they are arrested. Hopefully, there will be fake blood dumped on the road, and protesters will go limp as the police approach.

Bring lunch and a camera.

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