



Barnraising 2019

Texas

In early 2019, Public Lab will host a Barnraising event in East Texas welcoming 40-65 people to a three-day, retreat-style gathering where issues of climate resilience, monitoring, and the shared experiences of communities threatened by climate change and ongoing environmental health and pollution issues come to the forefront.

Who is Public Lab?

Public Lab is a community where you can collaboratively investigate environmental concerns. Using inexpensive do-it-together techniques with a focus on accessibility for everyone, we seek to change how people engage the world in environmental, social, and political terms.

What is a Barnraising?

It's an event hosted by the Public Lab community. In the spirit of bringing a community together to collectively raise a structure such as a barn, Barnraising participants come together to test environmental monitoring tools in the field, brainstorm new research projects, share about environmental concerns, and develop strategies to address them. The event is hosted in an "unconference style." This means that people collectively set the agenda, and join to participate and collaborate rather than just present, talk, and listen.

What can Barnraising participants expect?

- *To improve social ties through in-person collaboration,*
- *Participate in deep exploration of local environmental issues and ongoing community research,*
- *Advance technical knowledge, and*
- *Work with hands-on projects for local environmental monitoring and documenting new monitoring methods.*

Who can join the Barnraising?

The event is open to everyone. Participants will include people from many interests and backgrounds including local residents with environmental concerns, technologists, designers, social scientists, and community organizers.

*Learn more about the event at:
<http://publiclab.org/barnraising>*