

ALL OUT AGAINST THE AMERICAN RENAISSANCE CONFERENCE!

STOP AMREN!

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Burns TN
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(Meet Nov 19 11 am at the Visitor Center)

For over twenty years, the American Renaissance Conference (AmRen) has been a gathering of open racists and even fascists, including Richard Spencer who promoted the deadly Charlottesville “Unite the Right” rally at this conference in 2017. It has also welcomed white nationalist Nick Fuentes, who has recently joked about Hitler, and members of the neo-fascist organization Patriot Front (itself a front for more violent and criminal organizations) in 2021. The conference was established by Jared Taylor, a former board member of the Council of Conservative Citizens, a White Supremacist organization that believes that Black people are “a retrograde species of humanity” and who inspired Dylann Roof and his killing of nine Black parishioners at the historic Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Justifiable outrage over the conference in the past has led to multiple venues refusing to host the conference, kicking it out of Washington, DC, in 2011, and Charlotte, NC. But in 2012 the racist rally was allowed at the Inn in Montgomery Bell Park in Burns, TN, where it was met by protests.

In 2017, the conference was used to help plan the tragic “Unite the Right” rally that took place in Charlottesville, NC, where Heather Heyer was killed. Outrageously, since then, the state of Tennessee has not only allowed this conference of hate to continue on public land, but banned access to this park to Tennessee residents standing up against racism, and even to families simply there to enjoy the park.

We believe in free speech and amicable debate of differing political opinions, but are opposed to the state going out of its way to shelter hate speech, or give a platform to individuals who want to organize against democracy.

The racist ideology of the American Renaissance Conference led it to be kicked out of North Carolina and Washington, DC. **We ask** the State of Tennessee to join in denouncing this racism. **We demand** the state of Tennessee stop interfering with the right of the people of Tennessee and allies to publicly and peacefully protest against this hate.

What can you do about this? You can come to protest AmRen the weekend of Nov 18 2022, you can organize a bus to bring protesters and you can get your organization and notables to endorse this action or you can fund transport for others! See you there!

Endorsers:

One Peoples Project
American SHARP
Green Mountain Peace & Justice Party
Green Mountain John Brown Gun Club
Upper Valley DSA
No Exceptions Prison Collective
Earthfire Abbey
Opossum Press
Appalachian Direct Action
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Appalachian Feminist Coalition
Atlanta Antifascists
Asheville AntiRacism
Central Mississippi Antifa
Peoples Black Panther Party
Mothers of Many (MOM)
Project Say Something
Peoples Organization for Progress
United against Hate and Fascism
Antifascist Unity Coalition

