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We try to create a non-hierarchical environment by rotating responsibilities, sharing skills and respecting personal needs. People can sign up for daily tasks (cooking, pulling a trailer, marking the route, etc.), but everyone can decide individually how much they want to do. We gather as a group in a circle every few days to talk about how everything is going and to collectively make decisions. One of our core values is to create a nondiscriminatory environment.

We cook communally with portable stoves, carry all our equipment ourselves, try to buy local and organic food; and we dumpster-dive where possible. We suggest a donation of 3–5 € per day to cover food costs, but people who cannot give this donation are also welcome to join.

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