

## 6-Day Cob + Straw Immersion Schedule

### DAY 1/ COB INTRODUCTION

#### **AM**

*Orientation*

*Discussion:* “Cob ingredients”

Foot-mixing cob

Applying cob!

#### **PM**

*Introductions*

Continuing cob application, and starting to install windows

*Demo techniques:* “Spine and Ribs”, “Trimming”

### DAY 2/ MORE COB + CAMPUS TOUR

#### **AM**

*Demo:* “Mortar Mixer”

Morning mixing session (by foot, and by mortar mixer!)

Setting arch forms in windows/openings

*Demo:* “Making clay slip”

*Demo:* “Slip-Straw”

#### **PM**

Starting to spring arches with cob

*Discussion:* “Rubble Trench Foundations”

CAMPUS TOUR

### Day 3/ STRAWBALE DAY

#### **AM**

*Discussion:* “Introduction to Strawbale basics”

Break into straw bale teams, and install!

#### **PM**

Finish straw bale stacking

Apply clay slip adhesion coat

*Discussion:* “Cob vs Straw Bale”

Day 4/ COB, "COB TO CODE", PIZZA

**AM**

Morning mixing session

Building with cob: getting above openings, installing headers

**PM**

More cob

*Discussion with guest speaker: "Cob to Code"*

PIZZA NIGHT!

Day 5/ STRAWBALE PRESENTATION, FIELD TRIP, MORE COB

**AM**

*Presentation: "Strawbale details and options"*

Field Trip to a local, owner-built strawbale home

**PM**

Finishing up cob work

*Demo + Discussion: "Setting rafters into a cob wall"*

Day 6/ PLASTERING + SHAPING

**AM**

Mixing a base coat of earthen plaster

Group plastering

**PM**

Sculpting with cob: niches, sculptural cob, detailing edges, trimming

Closing circle