

Paradise Welcome Packet

Paradise Is a Pipeline, Not a Pipe Dream

Sunday Welcome / Public Talk Materials

Sunday, June 21, 2026 • 11:00 AM Eastern • Paradise-Stage

Includes the overview plus all 12 packet sections.

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Overview — Paradise Welcome Packet

Status: Sunday meeting packet, copied into the Paradise Meeting Packets hub so everything is in one spot.

This packet contains the Sunday Welcome/Public Talk materials as child pages below.

Packet sections

1. Start Here: Sunday Public Talk + Thursday Review Preview
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01 — Start Here: Sunday Public Talk + Thursday Review Preview

Paradise Welcome Meeting

Theme: *Paradise Is a Pipeline, Not a Pipe Dream*

Date: Sunday, June 21, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM Eastern

Voice channel: Paradise-Stage

Length: 1 hour

One-paragraph purpose

This meeting is the first Paradise Sunday Public Talk. It introduces Paradise in plain language, explains why packets and review steps matter, previews Thursday's advisory review conversation, and gives members a safe, low-pressure way to ask questions before anything moves forward.

What this meeting is

- A public talk.
- An orientation.
- A plain-language overview.
- A packet-reading and question-preparation step.
- A way to help members understand Sunday, Thursday, and Field Service Ministry rhythms.

What this meeting is not

- Not a vote.
- Not a public launch.
- Not a funding application.
- Not a dues collection meeting.
- Not BenefitAll activation.
- Not a campaign coordination meeting.
- Not a membership approval meeting.
- Not a promise of services or benefits.

How to participate

You may listen quietly, read later, ask questions in the approved question location, ask privately through the named contact, or leave early. Participation is voluntary.

02 — Public Talk: Paradise Is a Pipeline, Not a Pipe Dream

Opening welcome

Welcome to the first Paradise Sunday Public Talk.

Today's theme is **Paradise Is a Pipeline, Not a Pipe Dream**. That means we are not asking anyone to believe in a vague promise, rush into a finished program, or treat draft ideas as already approved.

We are building a careful pathway: learning, records, review, discussion, safeguards, and future decisions made in the right order.

This is an orientation meeting, not a vote, not a launch, not an enrollment, and not a funding or benefits meeting. The goal is to help everyone understand what Paradise is, what is still being built, and how to participate without confusion or pressure.

1. Why we are moving carefully

Trust is built by showing the process.

Paradise is not trying to skip straight from idea to promise. We are using packets, schedules, review steps, and meeting rhythms so people can see what is being discussed before anything is treated as final.

Moving carefully protects members, organizers, vulnerable people, records, finances, and future decisions.

2. What is Paradise as an organization

Paradise Folk School is being built as a learning, organizing, and community-care ecosystem. Its purpose is to help people understand the work, review materials together, ask better questions, and prepare for responsible future decisions.

At this stage, Paradise is still in orientation, review, and preparation. It is not yet operating as a benefits program, funding source, service provider, voting body, or public launch campaign.

3. Why packets matter

Packets give members something concrete to read. They prevent decisions from happening through scattered Discord messages. They help people ask better questions and notice unclear wording before anything moves forward.

A packet is not automatically policy. A packet is a tool for review, discussion, correction, and preparation.

4. What Sunday Public Talks are for

Sunday Public Talks are for orientation, teaching, simple explanation, and shared understanding.

Sunday is where people can hear the big picture: what is being built, what is still draft, what to read next, and how to ask questions.

5. What Thursday Meetings are for

Thursday is for deeper packet review, advisory discussion, charter questions, Garden Book questions, and proposed language review.

Unless separately announced and approved, Thursday is not a formal vote, funding decision, membership approval, service launch, or BenefitAll activation.

6. What Field Service Ministry is for

Field Service Ministry should be explained carefully as an outreach/service rhythm only if its tasks are clearly defined and not overpromised.

For now, describe it as a future-facing rhythm for outreach, listening, practical follow-up, and community contact—subject to clear boundaries, review, and approval before any public service commitments are made.

7. What the Charter is and is not

The Charter is a review document that helps people understand shared values, structure, responsibilities, and questions. It is not automatically a legal adoption, membership contract, public launch, or final governance action.

8. What the Garden Book is and is not

The Garden Book is a resource and discussion document. It can help explain ideas, language, and practices, but it should not be treated as a promise of services, eligibility, benefits, or formal program activation.

9. What is not active yet

No dues are being collected. No funds are being opened. No services are being promised. BenefitAll LLC is not activated. Candidate endorsement or campaign coordination is not happening. No formal vote is open unless separately announced.

10. How members can help

Members can help by reading, asking questions, flagging confusing wording, naming what needs explanation, respecting privacy, and giving feedback without pressuring anyone into commitments.

Closing

By Thursday, the goal is not to have everyone agree on everything. The goal is for members to understand what they are reviewing, what is still draft, and what questions need to be answered before anything moves forward.

Thank you for helping build a careful process instead of a pipe dream.

03 — Paradise Folk School in Summary

Short explanation

Paradise Folk School is being built as a learning, organizing, and community-care ecosystem. It is a place for people to understand the work, review materials together, ask better questions, and prepare for responsible future decisions.

What this means right now

Right now, Paradise is focused on orientation, preparation, records, schedules, review packets, and shared understanding.

That means the work is real, but it is still being built in steps.

What is still draft

- Governance materials.
- Review packets.
- Public-facing explanations.
- Meeting rhythms.
- Future program language.
- Field Service Ministry definitions.
- Resource library structure.

What is not active yet

Paradise is not yet operating as a benefits program, funding source, service provider, voting body, campaign coordination space, or public launch campaign.

Safer public wording

Use:

Paradise Folk School is being built as a learning, organizing, and community-care ecosystem. Its purpose is to help people understand the work, review materials together, ask better questions, and prepare for responsible future decisions.

Avoid:

- "Paradise will provide..."
- "Members are entitled to..."
- "Funding will be available..."
- "Joining gives you access to..."
- "This meeting launches..."

04 — Meeting Rhythm: Sunday, Thursday, and Field Service Ministry

Sunday Public Talk

Sunday Public Talk is for orientation, teaching, topic overview, and shared understanding.

It helps members understand:

- the theme for the week,
- what materials are being reviewed,
- what is still draft,
- what questions to prepare,
- what is not being decided yet.

Thursday Meeting / Advisory Review

Thursday's meeting is a review and discussion space. Members may ask questions, identify unclear language, and help improve the packets.

Unless separately announced and approved, Thursday is not a formal vote, funding decision, membership approval, service launch, legal adoption meeting, board action, or BenefitAll activation.

Legislative Q&A / review preparation

If "legislation" language is used, use safer wording:

Legislative Q&A / review preparation

Avoid calling it a "legislation meeting" without context, because that can sound like formal governance, voting, policy adoption, or legal authority.

Field Service Ministry

Field Service Ministry should be framed as an outreach/service rhythm only if tasks are clearly defined and not overpromised.

For now, it can be described as a future-facing rhythm for outreach, listening, practical follow-up, and community contact—subject to clear boundaries, review, and approval before any public service commitments are made.

Shared boundary

These meetings help members understand materials before any formal decisions are made. Discussion does not automatically create policy, rights, services, funding, or program activation.

05 — Thursday Advisory Review Preview

What Thursday is for

Thursday is for deeper review and discussion of packets and proposed language. It is where members can ask questions, identify unclear wording, and help improve materials before anything moves forward.

What members should read before Thursday

Before Thursday, members should read or skim:

- Paradise Welcome Meeting Packet.
- Paradise Orientation Packet, when linked.
- Q&A topics and short answers.
- Safety, privacy, and participation boundaries.

What kind of feedback is useful

Useful feedback includes:

- "This sentence is confusing."
- "This sounds like a promise."
- "This sounds like a vote or final decision."
- "This needs a simpler explanation."
- "This needs a resource link."
- "This may need legal, finance, safety, tech, or public voice review."

What will not happen unless Governing Body separately says so

Thursday is not automatically:

- a formal vote,
- a funding decision,
- a membership approval,
- a service launch,
- BenefitAll activation,
- public program launch,
- legal adoption,
- board action.

Suggested Thursday framing

Thursday's meeting is a review and discussion space. Members may ask questions, identify unclear language, and help improve the packets. Unless separately announced and approved,

Thursday is not a formal vote, funding decision, membership approval, service launch, or BenefitAll LLC activation.

06 — Resource Hub and Links

This page gathers the resources members need for Sunday and Thursday.

Core resources

Paradise Welcome Meeting Packet

- Current packet: this PDF packet.
- Plain-text fallback: see section 12.

Paradise Orientation Packet

- Link: **coming before Thursday** | <https://paradisefolkschool.org/covenant-members/meeting-packets/>
- Purpose: plain-language orientation to Paradise and the review process.

Common Charter

- Link: <https://simplebooklet.com/thecommoncharter>
- Purpose: review shared values, structure, responsibilities, and questions.
- Boundary: review document only unless separately approved; not a final legal adoption or formal vote.

Garden Book

- Link: <https://simplebooklet.com/thegardenbook>
- Purpose: review ideas, practices, language, and discussion topics.
- Boundary: resource/discussion document; not a promise of services, eligibility, or benefits.

Website / Public Library

- Link: <https://paradisefolkschool.org/public-library/>
- Purpose: public-facing library and reference point once approved.

Discord post location

- Channel/thread: **any #text-channels under Public Gathering**

Q&A / question collection place

- Public questions: **Discord channel** — [#legislative-qa](#)
- Private questions: **Discord channel** — [#orientation](#) (*please open a private ticket by selecting the "Ask a General Question" button*)

07 — Q&A Topics with Short Answers

1. Do I have to join anything?

No. This meeting is an orientation and listening session. You are not being asked to become a member, make a commitment, vote, pay, or apply for anything during this meeting.

2. Is this free?

This meeting is not a dues, donation, payment, grant, or budget decision. If any financial topic is added later, it should be reviewed before being shared as official information.

3. Are there dues?

Dues are not being collected through this meeting. If dues are discussed in future materials, that language should be reviewed before use and routed for finance review if needed.

4. Is this connected to funding or benefits?

This meeting is not a funding application, benefits enrollment, service promise, or BenefitAll activation. It is an orientation and review-preparation meeting.

5. What is advisory discussion?

Advisory discussion means members can help identify questions, concerns, unclear wording, and practical needs. It does not mean a final vote is happening or that the discussion automatically becomes policy.

6. What is the Charter?

The Charter is a review document for shared values, structure, responsibilities, and questions. It should be read as a discussion and review tool unless separately announces a formal decision process.

7. What is the Garden Book?

The Garden Book is a resource and discussion document. It can help explain ideas and practices, but it is not a promise of services, benefits, eligibility, or final program activation.

8. What if I miss the meeting?

Missing the meeting should not count against anyone. Notes, summaries, or follow-up questions will be posted on the website under [Meeting Packet Library](#).

9. Who can see my information?

Do not share private information in the group meeting. Ask the facilitator where private questions should go and do not share someone else's information without permission.

- **Private Discord questions:** [#orientation](#) (please open a private ticket by selecting the "Ask a General Question" button)

10. What if Discord confuses me?

Ask the tech/access helper for the simplest current link or a plain-text version. No one should need to master Discord to understand the meeting.

11. What happens after Sunday?

Questions and notes will be gathered for review. Thursday is expected to be a deeper advisory review space, not an automatic vote or activation meeting.

12. What is not active yet?

BenefitAll LLC, dues, funds, services, formal voting, candidate endorsement/campaign coordination, and public program launch are not active through this meeting.

08 — Safety, Privacy, and Participation Boundaries

Voluntary participation

Participation is voluntary. Listening quietly, leaving early, reading later, or choosing not to participate will not count against anyone.

No required personal disclosure

You do not need to share personal, financial, medical, legal, immigration, family, trauma, disability, or crisis information during this meeting.

If a question feels private, you may skip it or ask separately.

Privacy boundary

Please do not share someone else's personal story, contact information, screenshots, or private circumstances without their permission.

Crisis boundary

This meeting is not a crisis-response space. If someone is in immediate danger, they should contact local emergency services or a trusted crisis/support resource.

The meeting team may pause or redirect conversations that require private or urgent support.

Accessibility basics

If you need a simpler summary, written version, slower pace, captions/transcript when available, or help finding the right Discord/Notion location, please ask before or after the meeting.

Community agreement

We will speak respectfully, avoid pressuring others to disclose personal information, make room for different comfort levels, and keep questions focused on orientation and next steps.

Avoid overpromising safety

Do not call the meeting a "safe space," "confidential space," or "support space" unless there is a specific approved protocol explaining what that means and what the limits are.

09 — What Is Not Active Yet

This page should be visible in the actual packet, not hidden in internal notes.

Clear list

At this stage:

- BenefitAll LLC is not activated.
- Dues are not being collected.
- Funds are not being opened.
- Services are not being promised.
- Membership rights are not being created.
- Formal voting is not open unless separately announced.
- Candidate endorsement/campaign coordination is not happening.
- Public program launch is not happening.
- Members are not being approved for benefits.
- Attendance does not create obligations or eligibility.

Why this matters

People should not leave Sunday thinking they enrolled, applied, voted, received benefits, joined a formal program, or triggered services. The point is orientation, review, and question preparation.

Short version for public posts

This welcome meeting does not open formal voting, activate funds, collect dues, promise services, endorse candidates, coordinate campaigns, launch public programs, create membership rights, or activate BenefitAll.

10 — Sunday Run of Show

Event details

Theme: *Paradise Is a Pipeline, Not a Pipe Dream*

Date: Sunday, June 21, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM Eastern

Voice channel: Paradise-Stage

Length: 1 hour

Operational flow

1. **Open stage / welcome** — 2 minutes
2. **Boundary statement** — 3 minutes
3. **Public talk** — 30 minutes
4. **Thursday preview** — 10 minutes
5. **Q&A** — 15 minutes
6. **Closing / next steps** — 5 minutes

If the meeting starts late, shorten Q&A rather than cutting the boundary statement.

Boundary statement to read near the top

This is an orientation and advisory discussion. It is not a vote, not a public launch, not a dues or funding meeting, not BenefitAll activation, not a campaign coordination meeting, and not a promise of services or benefits.

Closing line

By Thursday, the goal is not to have everyone agree on everything. The goal is for members to understand what they are reviewing, what is still draft, and what questions need to be answered before anything moves forward.

11 — Question Collection and Follow-Up Path

During Sunday

Questions can be collected through:

- live Q&A,
- Discord chat,
- a dedicated question thread,
- private message to the named contact,
- notes gathered by the note-taker.

After Sunday

After the welcome meeting, notes and unanswered questions will be gathered for review. Any proposed edits, schedule updates, or public-facing materials should stay in review until Frenchie gives explicit approval for destination and action.

Sorting questions for review

Sort questions into:

- orientation / basic clarity,
- Sunday Public Talk,
- Thursday advisory review,
- Charter questions,
- Garden Book questions,
- Discord/Notion access,
- safety/privacy/accessibility,
- governance/legal wording,
- finance/dues/benefits/funding,
- future meeting topics.

12 — Plain-Text Fallback Packet

Paradise Sunday Public Talk — First Talk

Theme: Paradise Is a Pipeline, Not a Pipe Dream

Date: Sunday, June 21, 2026

Time: 11:00 AM Eastern

Voice channel: Paradise-Stage

Length: 1 hour

This meeting is an orientation and advisory discussion. It is not a vote, not a launch, not an enrollment, not a dues or funding meeting, not BenefitAll activation, not campaign coordination, and not a promise of services or benefits.

The purpose is to explain what Paradise is trying to build, why packets matter, what Sunday and Thursday meetings are for, and how members can ask questions safely before anything moves forward.

Agenda:

1. Welcome and boundary statement.
2. Public talk: Paradise Is a Pipeline, Not a Pipe Dream.
3. Plain-language Paradise overview.
4. Sunday / Thursday / Field Service Ministry meeting rhythm.
5. Thursday advisory review preview.
6. Q&A.
7. Closing and next steps.

You can participate by listening quietly, reading later, asking questions, asking privately through the named contact, or leaving early. Participation is voluntary.

You do not need to share personal, financial, medical, legal, immigration, family, trauma, disability, or crisis information. Please do not share anyone else's private information without permission.

This meeting is not a crisis-response space. If someone is in immediate danger, they should contact local emergency services or a trusted crisis/support resource.

What is not active yet:

- BenefitAll LLC is not activated.
- Dues are not being collected.
- Funds are not being opened.
- Services are not being promised.
- Membership rights are not being created.
- Formal voting is not open unless separately announced.

- Candidate endorsement/campaign coordination is not happening.
- Public program launch is not happening.

After Sunday, questions and notes will be gathered for review. Thursday is expected to be a deeper advisory review space, not an automatic vote or activation meeting.