

Dear members and new friends of the Kesurokai international group



Mini-Kesurokai - preparation meeting in Unnaryd, August 2024

Kesurokai literally means 'to plane together' in Japanese, and it is a tradition that was started in 1995 by a highly recognized master of temple construction in Japan, Sugimura-san. The purpose was to bring together craftsmen who usually work too far apart to share their knowledge and craft techniques with each other.

In the summer of 2018, the latest international Kesurokai meeting was held in Lüneburg, Germany. It was a great experience building a bridge together, exchanging knowledge and skills. Some of us had met before in Mützingen, Germany, 2007 or Ichinose, Japan, 2010. During the last day of the Kesurokai 2018, the Danish and Swedish participants made a promise that the next Kesurokai would be arranged in Sweden.

What does Kesurokai mean? <https://kesurokai.wordpress.com/om/> (Swedish),
<https://nicolawood.typepad.co.uk/kesurokai/kesurokai-origins.html> (English)

We are very happy to invite you all to the next International Kesurokai meeting in Unnaryd, Sweden, in August 2025!

Kesurokai 2025 will be held in the southern Swedish forest, by Kroksjön Forest Retreat. This area is normally used for recreation, craftsmanship events and festivals. During the meeting we will build a timber frame structure which will function as an outdoor kitchen, a meeting place and a dining hall - everything under one roof.

When?

Arrival day: Sunday 3rd of August 2025

Departure dag: Saturday 16th of August 2025

Where?

Kroksjön's Forest Retreat is a place for glamping, events and festivals. It is set deep in the Swedish Forests, beside the beautiful lake Kroksjön. We will have coverage for rain and/or sun but please note that this is an outdoor experience. Participants are invited to take a stroll in the woods, jump in the lake and enjoy the hot sauna.

Address:

Hylteberg Åbygget
314 52 Unnaryd

[Site on Google Maps](#)

[Read more about Kroksjön's Forest Retreat \(English & Swedish\)](#)

What?

We will build a timber frame structure of 15 m x 10 m which will be 5.8 m high. The structure will replace a temporary tent that houses the kitchen area and the dining hall, which is the most central area of the Forest Retreat during events. The construction will be built within the meeting with traditional, international craft techniques and tools, and we will be building directly on site in the same place we eat, sleep and hang out.



Current kitchen area tent

Participation fee

3000 SEK (approx. 260 €).

Membership in the non-profit organization 'Stolpverk Norden' is mandatory for Nordic residents. You don't have to be a member to declare your interest, but the membership fee needs to be paid when you pay the participation fee.

Accommodation, food and travel

There are three different accommodation options to choose from:

1. Camping in your own tent/van in the area of the Kroksjön's Forest Retreat (included in the participation fee).
2. Simple/basic accommodation in dormitory or similar (additional fee)
3. Book your own stay / Airbnb. We can help you with suggestions if needed.

We are fully catered for on site. Breakfast, lunch and dinner, including coffee and tea is included in the price.

You have to organize the journey yourself, at your own expense. We will arrange group travel by bus från Kastrup airport. Please contact us by email if you are interested to go join the bus från Kastrup to the site, or if you have other questions about how to travel to the site.

Workshop and public event

The idea of Kesurokai is to share skills and knowledge. Creating space for this exchange in the program of the event is important to us, and we want to encourage all participants who want to contribute to do so. It can be a spontaneous workshop in the evening time, but if you already know you would like to share something we would be happy to know in advance. In the registration form below you can let us know if you are, e.g., interested in holding a small workshop or sharing an interesting project.

Registration of interest

If you are interested in participation in Kesurokai 2025, please fill out a registration of interest, at the latest on the 21st of November 2024, by following this link:

<https://forms.gle/M7JBigFfjPDkG8B18>

Please note: The form above is merely a registration of interest. *Filling it out does not mean you are registered to participate in the event.* If the number of applicants exceeds the event's capacity we will have to make a selection of participants. The idea of Kesurokai is the exchange of knowledge between craftsmen and we seek to invite a diverse group when it comes to experience, skills, age, nationality and gender for maximal exchange. These are all criteria we will consider in the process of making the selection of participants. It's not a matter of having the greatest experience and skills, it's the great exchange of knowledge that is the concept of Kesurokai.

If you have any questions, please contact us via email: kesurokai@stolpverk.org