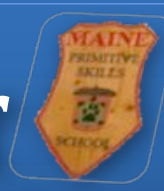




Newsletter



Earth Living, Wilderness Survival, Bush Craft, Foraging, Herbalism, Tracking, Awareness, Community, Mentoring

Win a free weekend class or 50% off a 5 Day Class!

Go to our Facebook Page for details at

<http://www.facebook.com/groups/24278766128/>

At 10am est on Thursday, December 8th

Hint: Study the website and youtube channel!

Apprenticeship Enrollment at 50% Students already starting work on skills!

The official kick off of the Apprenticeship program isn't until March, but the folks enrolled are eager to begin their programs. Students who have begun their tuition are mapping out sit areas and starting their journaling process. Each apprenticeship is built around the students interests and abilities. The core of classes is designed to flesh out and root folks in their area(s) of study, but each apprentice can attend as many courses as they want and work with instructors at home as well as at the school to develop their specific passions through out the year. Survival, Herbalism, Tracking, Hunting, Nature Awareness, Mentoring, and Philosophy are just a few of the areas the apprentices will immerse themselves in. This foundation is covered in the core courses. The program requires attendance of at least five of our 5 day programs (Tracking, Awareness, Earth Living, Philosophy, and Plant Intensive), as well as one winter skills program and one of the mentoring programs. Three weekend courses will be used as instructional labs The kicker is that even if an apprentice only takes these courses and doesn't want the one on one instructor support, phone interviews, home study, or unlimited courses for the year . Weekly person to person or phone interviews regarding practice components and dirt time are also a part of the program. The apprenticeship cost includes this and is \$2,300.00. That's \$960.00 less than the cost of taking the minimum required courses together outside of the program.

December & January

Dec. 2-4	<u>Advanced Native Awareness</u> <i>Begins where Native Awareness Leaves off!</i>
Dec. 7-11	<u>Philosophy 5 Day</u> <i>Tapping in to ancestral healing modalities</i>
Dec. 16-18	<u>Scout Fighting</u> <i>From stand up to ground, armed and unarmed combatives.</i>
Jan. 6-8	<u>Winter Foraging</u> <i>Wild edible, medicinal, & utilitarian plants of winter.</i>
Jan. 11-15	<u>Winter Skills 5 Day</u> <i>Winter awareness, Shelter, water, fire and food procurement</i>
Jan 20-22	<u>Snow Shoe Making</u> <i>Improvised and steam bent shoes will be covered.</i>
Jan 25-29	<u>Tracking Intensive</u> <i>6 Arts of tracking and more</i>





Our children's programs continue to grow!

L.O.S.T. Learning Outdoor Survival Techniques

L.O.S.T. is an awesome program for kids ages 8-13 led by Lou Falank, Maine Primitive Skills School Instructor and Registered Maine Guide that focuses on primitive outdoor survival techniques and naturalist skills! Have fun with other kids while learning the skills of fire building, shelter building, animal tracking, outdoor cooking, primitive tool making and **MUCH MORE!!**

Program Details:

LOST meets on Wednesday afternoons from 4pm to 6pm.

Try out a one-time LOST program on December 7th or December 14th!

The one-time LOST sessions are \$25.00 each.

If you enjoy the one-time LOST session think about signing up for our Winter Session!

We are currently registering for our January 11th to February 8th Winter Session!

The five week session is only \$75 due upon registration.

Come and get L.O.S.T. with us!

For more information contact Brooke Burkett at 883.8977 ext 104 or bburkett@campketcha.org



Day Camp Registrations are already coming in!

The secret is out about our day camp experience and folks are inquiring from as far away as Western Pennsylvania! If you want to share in outdoor skills that will build confidence, awareness, and community join us for a week of shelter building, fire making, wild edibles, camouflage, stealth, and adventure. The camp weaves aspects and skill sets of our adult programs in a way that will engage child and parent alike.

Check out more information about how to get involved in skills that will enhance your existing abilities and give your kids stories that will last a lifetime. Contact

Ira, our Children's programs director for more information at (207) 215 2566

Or

Visit us on line at

www.primitiveskills.com

Day Camp Dates

Standard wk 1.....July 16-20

Standard wk 2.....July 23-27

Adv. Day Camp.....July 30-Aug.3

Bushcraft Skills.....Aug. 6-10



*“Pellentesque eget
mauris et magna
sollicitudin lacinia.
Duis lectus?”*

Year End Review and Looking Ahead to 2012

2011 was easily our most successful year since we began on August 4, 1989. We added a shower, outdoor food prep area and black smithing site. We added an herb and culinary garden, planted over twenty edible shrubs, and prepared the future site for our expanded day camp programs. We added a tomahawk range and improved the throwing stick target area. We planted over twenty fruit trees in our new orchard. We also had our first of multiple week day camp programs and filled one of those weeks to capacity. Our staff advised for a popular Discovery Channel survival show and was filmed for a National Geographic Channel series. We are in the process of building a new steamer for making snowshoes and bows.

As we look ahead, the challenges we will address are infrastructure and community sustainability. This means being more equipped and better able to wild harvest, tend more productive gardens, and develop space and facilities to handle our increasing student base while nurturing the health of the landscape. We also need to design easy to understand ways for instructors and community members to create and run their own workshops. These are our major areas of concentration for 2012.

Our ongoing challenges are also being addressed. We are getting a new website to better get the word out. We are overcoming the tragic loss of the woods up on the ridge by fundraising and building an

advanced camp this spring. As a priority through fall and winter, two hundred bags of leaves will have been brought to the new site to simulate the beech and oak forest that was once available to our students only months ago. We’ve already moved half that number. In the interest of sustainability we are searching for another area as lush as the one we lost. The resources of our community, from our Elders to our newest students continue to be our strength. The hunger to develop our own skill sets and share from a place of passion allows us each to feel supported and valued. Our motivation has grown in to a community manifesting bounty and striving to be on the forming edge of keeping ancestral knowledge and wisdom alive and relevant in our modern world.

Think folks, this is just the beginning. This is an invitation to get involved in something real, meaningful, life changing, and abundant. Learning skills that get you in touch with the landscape and develops your independence in the context of a community of people who are just as passionate brings your game to a whole new level. What’s more, is that its fun. We hope to see you on the trail, we invite you to our fire, we are eager to share stories and skills. This year was good, next year will be better.

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