



NEWSLETTER

Animal Hides into Buckskin

Kfir Mendel will be sharing this process this month, June 24-26



Natural Hide Tanning

When

Jun 24 – 26, 2011

Where

716 Church Hill Rd., Augusta, ME 04330 ([map](#))

Description

Wilderness Survival
Primitive Technology
Kfir Mendell, professional traditional hide tanner and owner of Two Wolves School of Primitive Skills and Tanning will be our on site instructor for this step by step intensive hands on experience. You will gain valuable experience and skills sets by making deer hide in to beautiful buckskin. Unlike our other courses, this one starts at 9am on Friday and may go as late as 4pm on Sunday. Folks are welcome to arrive Thursday evening.
Cost: \$220.00

*-Michael Douglas
Director*

NOTHING BEATS BUCKSKIN FOR QUIETNESS, WARMTH, AND COMFORT

The process of tanning a hide involves skinning, preserving, scraping, de-hairing, bucking, soaking, staking, and smoking. Each of these steps requires intimate knowledge of the hide, the tools, the techniques and the proper application of the skills involved. For three days, we will guide you through the steps to make serviceable clothing that is warm, comfortable, and durable

from the hide of the animal you hunted or picked up at the butcher. Learn the nuances of each step by a master craftsman of the trade. Kfir is one of only a handful of practitioners who makes his living tanning hides. His craftsmanship speaks for itself. If you would like to register for this course, or would like more information, please contact the school at mpss@gwi.net, or (207) 623-7298.

RECORD DAY CAMP NUMBERS!

A third week, August 1-5, is in the making!



We only need ten more registrations to make the first ever third week of our day camp a reality. With programs running in

Portland, Belfast, Unity, Lewiston, Camp Ketcha, and throughout the home schooling community, we are off to a strong start for this years summer season with our youth programs. Children's Programs Director, Ira Michaud, with the help of Head Instructor and Outreach Co-ordinator Lou Falank, have been providing program for public schools and camp staffs, as well as kicking off our first in a series of family events entitled, "Raising Outdoor Children". In our first such event, we had over thirty participants! Our third week of day camp will run from Monday, August First through Friday, August Fifth and will include lost proofing, shelter building, fire safety and bow drill fire making. We will also play games and run activities that will increase your child's awareness of their surroundings, teach them plant identification, get them involved in animal tracking, and story telling. For information call Ira at (207) 215-2566. Watch a video of last years day camp experience at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zK0JbA4UNIs>

ADULT PROGRAMS EXPANSION

In 1989 the School began with courses centered around Wilderness Survival for adults. In 1992 we added the awareness and plant courses. In 1996 we included the mentoring and community building skills. The plan was simple. Keep the "hard skills" as a centerpiece while building a strong community. We now have over twenty program supporting community members supporting over thirty programs! Our mission to increase self sufficiency, strengthen community, and rekindle deep connections to the landscape hasn't changed. What has is our ability to reach more people through an increased talent base, and improvements in our infrastructure. Here's the latest.

The Forge and Wild Food Prep area is complete!

We can now further refine our staffs metal working skills and look forward to offering workshops in the summer of 2012.

Advanced Skills Area Selected and Cleared

Environmental Architect Bob Donahue has been working on a three dimensional rendition of the new shelter for our five day programs. This will allow us to run simultaneous programs AND house the apprentices!

New Showers and Outhouses are Done!

The hot shower and two stall outhouse completes the winter skills area.

36 Trees and Shrubs Planted

Sustainability classes on the way!

Calendar

June 8-12

Earth Living 5 Day

June 15-19

Tracking Skills 5 Day Intensive

June 22-26

Herbal Skills 5 Day

June 24-26

Natural Hide Tanning

July 1-3

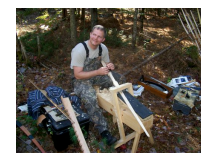
Earth Living 3-Primitive Challenge

July 2

Shelter Building Workshop

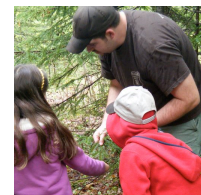
Contributors

MIKE DOUGLAS



Founder, Director of Adult Programs, Staff trainer and curriculum design.

IRA MICHAUD



Like Mike, Ira has honed his outdoor skills and how to share them through many venues, to include full survival trips, scouting, the public school, and the Maine Primitive Skills School

LOU FALANK



Head Instructor and Outreach Coordinator, from Camps, to entire after school programs!