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MAINE PRIMITIVE SKILLS SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Last Opportunity to Register for Winter Skills Course with WhiteBear and MPSS

This is a once in a life time Winter Skills training opportunity, combining the skills and experiences of Montana's own White Bear with those of Maine's primitive skills staff

White Bear is an internationally recognized professional in his field and the host of the best-selling Living Wild Video Book. His expertise in practical outdoor skills comes from a lifetime of personal experience including two summers and one winter spent living in a cave in the Gros Ventre where he slept on a cattail woven mat and cooked over a pit-fire.

Maine Primitive Skills School Has run winter survival

and skills programs for twenty four years and has decided to step it by inviting an authority in the field of winter survival beyond the glow of their own fire. The sharing between the two camps is creating excitement amongst the instructors as well as the community.

Curriculum: Students should expect to be exposed to harsh weather and terrain. This Tribal Gathering is a joint venture between Maine Primitive Skills School and Primitive Living Skills School, LLC. And is being conducted by White Bear – Founder/Director/Lead Instructor with the

assistance of MPSS's highly experienced instructors.

March in Maine is winter time. Students need to be prepared for and expect the worst conditions that Ma Nature can dish out.

Space is still available, but you must register by the March 18. Because of the in depth instruction and preparation, we cannot accept walk-ins or registrations after the cut off the date. Folks may arrive on Tuesday the 22nd and spend the evening in our dorm before Wednesday mornings start up at 9am. Register via e-mail at mpss@gwi.net or on line at <http://www.primitiveskills.com/survival-course-reg.html>

Apprenticeship Potluck March 25, 6pm!

The response to our first apprenticeship has been overwhelming. We will meet, greet and kick off the experience on Friday, March 25th at 6pm with a bring your own dish potluck. The meeting will include an introduction by the staff and each of the participants. After that we hit the ground running. We will start with a traditional opening and explore the strands each participant will have the opportunity to explore. The ongoing permaculture and earth living projects, the tracking, survival, awareness, and herbal studies, as well as the methods of mentoring and sharing skills. A tour of the area and finding your sit spot will be part of the experience. Journaling skills and formatting your experience in to your personal goals will be part of the discussion. Folks are welcome to spend the evening and continue exploring on Saturday. We're looking forward to meeting and working with each of you on your skill development!



Lou Falank is running our new afterschool kids programs in conjunction with Camp Ketcha! Dates for teacher workshops at Camp Ketcha are April 11th, May 2, May 9th. (sign up for one or all three) Registration is through Camp Ketcha

Link for Teacher Workshops:
<http://campketcha.com/adventure-challenge/2011-professional-development-trainings-with-lou-falank/>

Spring After School Program Sessions begin with a Full day Kick off April 20th during School Vacation Week 9am-3pm Contact Camp Ketcha for pricing.

After School Program-- Wed Nights 4-6pm@Camp Ketch April 27th through June 1.
Ages 8-12. Whole program rates and drop in rates available. Contact Camp Ketcha.
<http://campketcha.com/school-vacation-camp/lost/>

Where we are and what we're doing this Spring!

MARCH EVENTS	COST	DATE(S)
Womens Defense and Fighting (Augusta)	\$90	3/11/11
Sign Tracking W.S. (Augusta)	\$30	3/12/11
Herbal Skills Share-St. Johns Wort (Augusta)	Potluck	3/15/11
Art of Tracking (Augusta)	\$210	3/18-3/20
Pine Tree Sportsman's Show (Winslow)	\$12	3/18-3/20
Winter Skills 5 Day (Augusta)	\$520	3/23-3/27
Apprenticeship Potluck (Augusta)	Potluck	3/25/11
APRIL EVENTS	COST	DATES
Awareness 5 Day (Augusta)	\$520	3/30-4/3/11
Spring Tonics W.shop @ Barrels Market (Waterville)	Free	4/5 at 7pm
Native Awareness I (Augusta)	\$220	4/8-4/10
Lyme Disease and Herbal Alternatives(Augusta)	\$90	4/9 at 9am
Awareness Day W.Shop (Augusta)	\$90	4/10 at 9am
Teacher Workshop @ Camp Ketcha	\$75	4/11/11
Intro to Fermentation @ Barrels Market (Waterville)	Free	4/12 at 7pm
Fermentation Skills Weekend (Augusta)	\$220	4/15-4/17/11
After School Program Kick Off (Camp Ketcha)	\$120 for 8 sessions	4/20 at 9am
After School Program (Camp Ketcha)	\$120 for 8 Sessions	4/27 at 4pm
Scout I (Augusta)	\$220	4/29-5/20

For more details about courses, workshops, presentations, or if your just bored and want to try to stump our instructors with a woody type question, you can e-mail us at mpss@gwi.net. Also, check out our calendar at <http://www.primitiveskills.com/calendar.html>