



NEWSLETTER



CHILDRENS PROGRAMS DIRECTOR IRA MICHAUD AND HOME SCHOOL COORIDINATOR MIKE DIMAURO DEMO BOWDRILL BEFORE GIVING THE KIDS THEIR OWN SETS TO TRY DURING ADVANCED CAMP!

Filled Weeks of Day Camp this Year-Four Weeks Planned for Next Year!

With record numbers of students and a new "Bushcraft" week already on the calendar for next year MPSS is already preparing for next years incoming students. The plan is ambitious; to have running water, two shelters and a new trail system up and running before June. We're going to need the help of the Unity College Primitive Skills Club and

our reliable work-study students to haul the giant surplus tent to the site, help set the foundation for the advanced camp building, and put in the water pump and lines. If you ever wanted to go to a five day and needed work study hours, or even wanted to work off half the tuition of an apprenticeship, this fall and spring are

perfect opportunities. You can help prepare for the influx of day camp kids as you earn up to fifty percent of your tuition. If you know someone interested in attending the camp and learning mad woods skills here are next years dates: Standard Camp-July



TOMAHAWK THROWING



STORY TELLING



WATER CONTAINERS



FALL EVENTS

The Common Ground Country Fair!

Come see us and get involved in sharing skills at the Common Ground Fair at 294 Crosby Brook Rd. in Unity, Maine 04988. The Fair starts on Friday, September 23 and runs to 4pm on Sunday the 25th. There will be herbalists, basket makers, other primitive skills practitioners, timber framers, live music, organic food and much more. Children 12 and under are free, adult tickets are \$10.00 and seniors get in for \$8.00. If you bike or use the rustic Unity train you get \$2.00 off the admission price. Better yet, volunteer for the Fair and get in for free with free meals for only four hours of service! To volunteer call (207) 568-4142 for details.



2011 Common Ground Fair-MPSS Folk Arts Schedule

Friday

10am..... Bow Making Demo
 11 am..... Natural Fiber Cordage Making
 12 noon Mentoring Skills Class
 1pm.....Foraging and Wild Plant Walk
 2pmFire by Friction Class
 3pmAwareness Skills Class
 4pm ,,,, Shelter Building

Saturday

10amForaging and Wild Plant Walk
 11amIndividual Skills Demo*
 12 noon...Bow Making
 1pm Awareness Skills
 2pm Shelter Bldg. Class
 3pm Foraging and Wild Plant Walks
 4pm Mentoring Skills

Sunday

10am ...Friction Fire
 11am ...Foraging for Wild Plants
 12 noon..Mentoring Skills Class
 1pm .. Shelter Building
 2pm Awareness Skills Class
 3pm Foraging for Wild Plants
 4pm ...Bow Making Demo

* Participants wander through the grounds and demo small skills to groups of people they encounter. (For us

OCTOBER EVENTS

1. STAFF TRAINING 7TH-11TH
2. EARTH LIVING 5 DAY 12-16
3. SCOUT CLASS 16-18
4. AWARENESS 5 DAY 19-23
5. TRACKING/HUNTING 26-30

New Apprentice Video Sheds Light on Program From Participant View

After their apprenticeship, students were handed a camera and asked to find a spot to conduct their own video assessment of their experience. Four of our six participants were graduates of other programs or schools. Listen to

their heartfelt feed back about the programs and the community that makes us MPSS. The video is on our home page on the upper right corner. Click twice for a full screen version after going to www.primitiveskills.com !

