



MPSS Special "Gathering" Edition

SEPTEMBER

MAINE PRIMITIVE SKILLS SCHOOL

2010



*Join us! The Maine Primitive Gathering
September
10, 11, & 12 in
Wells, ME*

Registration: \$40 for the weekend and \$20 for the day. Children 16 and under are free. If you cannot afford the cost of registration, we still want you to come, but you must be willing to

This Year is Expected to be Even Larger than Last!

The Maine Primitive Gathering is less than 3 weeks away (Sept 10,11,12), so it's time to let you know what's going on. First of all, this year the Gathering is a full three-day event, so if your schedule can accommodate it, please come on Thursday evening and stay through Sunday. It seems that folks who immerse themselves in the entire weekend leave with a community experience that goes far beyond attending a few workshops. Friendships made here are long lasting and highly valued.

We are very lucky to have an incredible line-up of instructors

teaching a wide variety of classes. Please note that this year Jeff Gottlieb will be running his ever popular Trade Blanket both Friday and Saturday afternoons (4pm), so bring your haggling skills and something to barter. Saturday evening (6pm) is the annual Primitive Potluck, so bring a healthy dish to share- preferably road kill. Afterwards (8pm) we will start the Abo Orchestra, so if you are a musician please bring your instrument because you are the band.

Camping is available on site with easy access to your vehicle. Modern camping will be in the wooded area

off the trail from the parking area. If you have a period tent or teepee, you are welcome to camp in the open area around the main fire. Potable water and porta-johns will be provided. You will need camping gear (tent, sleeping pad, sleeping bag, etc.), food for the weekend, cooking equipment, cold/foul weather clothing, folding chairs (for sitting around the fire), and anything you feel you need to be comfortable.

Directions: If you are coming from the North or South, take Exit 19 off Interstate 95. At end of turnpike ramp take a

Absolutely No Alcohol, Drugs, or Pets Allowed

Maine Primitive Gathering Workshop Schedule

Friday Oct 2

12noon Opening Circle

1-4pm Afternoon Instruction Block

Introduction to Basic Blacksmithing- Will Sampson

Gourdcraft- Jeff Gottlieb

Inuit Strap Drill- Al Cornell

4-6pm Archery Tournament

6pm Dinner Block

Saturday Oct 3

7:30am Instructor & Volunteer Meeting

8:30am Morning Announcements

9-12 Morning Instruction Block

Language of the Birds- Dan Gardoqui (White Pine Programs)

Hide in a Day: Wet Scrap Method- Kfir Mendel (Two Wolves)

Primitive Knife Making- Adriaan Gerber

Campfire Cooking for Kids- Rudy Bourget

Atlatl Theory and Use- Bob Berg (Thunderbird Atlatl)

Lacto-Fermentation- Candi Huber

12noon Lunch Block

1-4pm Afternoon Instruction Block

Hide in a Day: continued- Kfir Mendel (Two Wolves)

Aleutian Style Kayak Paddle- Andy Dobos (Three Red Trees)

One Piece Knife Sheath- Robin Sampson

Wild Basketry- Jeff Gottlieb

Making Simple Clay Smoking Pipes- Charlie Paquin

Wild Edible Walk- Frank Pfisterer

4-6pm Trade Blanket (bring stuff to trade)- Jeff Gottlieb

6pm Primitive Potluck- everyone bring a healthy dish to share

7pm Music with Anya Rose (bring your instruments)

Sunday Oct 4

8:30am Morning Announcements

9-12 Morning Instruction Block

Language of the Birds- Dan Gardoqui (White Pine Programs)

Drilling Slate Pendants- Jeff Gottlieb


A Shower of Sparks- Rudy Bourget

Intro to Permaculture- Jesse Watson

Cordage: principles & techniques- Bob Berg (Thunderbird Atlatl)

12noon Lunch Block

Directions



If you are coming from the North or South, take Exit 19 off Interstate 95. At end of turnpike ramp take a right onto Rt 109. Go 2.4 miles. Take a left on to Bragdon Rd. Go .8 miles. Take a right on to Bald Hill Rd. Go .8 miles. Take a right on to AER Lane (dirt).

If you are coming from another direction, please, Map Quest or Google Map: AER Lane, Wells, Maine, 04090

Sunday (cont.)

1-4pm Afternoon Instruction Block

Primitive Trapping- Dany Hamel & Chris Sommers

Lost Proofing- Rudy Bourget

Fire Saw- Al Cornell

Permaculture Patterns- Jesse Watson

Useful Stone Tools: flakes & unifaces- Charlie Paquin

4pm Closing Circle

Ongoing

Flintknapping Pit- w/resident knapper Bob Doyle

Stone Sales & Flintknapping Discussion- Craig Ratzat (Neolithics)

Projectile Range

Kids Games & Classes Check out posted workshops for adults

and children at the **Maine Primitive Skills School Birch Bark Shelter!**

