

# Yearlong Bushcraft & Earth Skills Education Immersion Program

## Course Components

- **Outdoor Leadership** - Guide training, trip preparation and planning, provisioning, safety, etc.
- **Wilderness Survival** - What it takes to stay alive in the forest.
- **Bushcraft** - Shelter design and construction, friction and percussion fire-lighting, knife and axe use, saw construction, making cordage, knots, etc.
- **Traditional Wilderness Travel** - Canoe paddling and poling, snowshoeing, walkabout/gearless travel.
- **Naturalist Studies** - Tracking, edible/medicinal wild plants and herbalism, weather forecasting, bird language, etc.
- **Navigation** - Barehand, map and compass, GPS.
- **Traditional Crafts** - Woodworking (bows & arrows, canoe paddles, assorted carving projects), basketry (ash pack basket, root basket, birch basket, grass basket) braintan buckskin, leatherworking (mukluks, moccasins, etc.), and making useful items such as pack frames, emergency snowshoes, etc.
- **Outdoor Cooking** - Stone ovens, pot suspension systems, dutch ovens, reflector ovens, rock boiling, primitive grilling, sourdough baking, etc.
- **Fish & Game** - Fly fishing, primitive fishing, primitive traps and snares, net-making, etc.
- **Wholistic Environmental Education**

Courses include extended wilderness canoe, snowshoe and hiking trips in Maine, New Hampshire and Quebec.

*"Students walk away with the same timeless knowledge our ancestors used to get by in the woods... such as how to pole a canoe, brain-tan a deer hide, make a pack basket or a bow, track animals, cook outdoors, navigate without a map, or build a fire anywhere, anytime." - Field & Stream*

Unlike the large, national outdoor schools, our focus isn't on traveling through nature as an outsider or tourist with modern gear as our lifeline. Instead we teach traditional skills that immerse people into nature without a buffer, through which they learn that they're an active part of nature, not an observer.

This yearlong program runs for 25 intensive weeks each year, with interim periods spent reading, writing and researching. Based on our popular Earth Skills Semester Program, the yearlong program debuts in 2007.

## 2007 Dates

Winter Course: 1/8 -1/27

Spring Semester: 4/2 - 6/8

Fishing Camp: 6/10-6/13

Summer Course: 6/18-7/13

Summer Trip: 8/6-8/17

Fall Semester: 8/27 - 11/2

Hunting Camp: 11/14 - 11/18

**Seen In:**  
**Field & Stream**  
**The Boston Globe**  
**The New York Times**  
**Country Music Television**  
**Discovery Channel**

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