



*"The More You Carry In Your Head,
The Less You Carry On Your Back"*

Earth Skills Summer Program

June 18 – July 13, 2007

The Earth Skills Summer Program is a standalone 4-week immersion program in traditional wilderness living and travel skills. Based on the model of the Earth Skills Semester Program, the Summer Program combines intense instruction with in-the-bush experience. Students will learn, practice and live the old ways for the duration of the program. In the first few days students will learn and practice how to light fires by friction, and for the rest of the program will light them only this way. They'll learn traditional canoe travel methods, spending several days using only a pole for propulsion. They'll learn to use the resources available to solve to problems at hand.

Like the ten-week semester course, roughly half of the course will be spent in the bush. The other half will consist of intensive instruction alongside a clear water New Hampshire lake. Participants will use wild plants for food and medicine, learn to track animals, learn to find their way without map or compass, forecast the weather, and much more. Also, they will have the opportunity to make a variety of traditional north woods crafts.

Course Components

The Earth Skills Summer Program draws from numerous disciplines to give the student a thorough education. They include:

1. **Wilderness Survival** - What it takes to stay alive in the forest.
2. **Bushcraft** - Shelter design and construction, primitive firelighting, knife and axe use, saw construction, netting, making cordage, knots, etc.
3. **Traditional Canoeing** - Paddling, poling, portaging and using traditional gear.
4. **Naturalist Studies** - Tracking, edible/medicinal wild plants, weather forecasting, bird and mammal studies.
5. **Navigation** - Barehand, map and compass, GPS.
6. **Traditional Crafts** - Woodworking (pack frames, friction fire kits, assorted carving projects), making useful items such as pack frames, etc.
7. **Outdoor Cooking** - Stone ovens, pot suspension systems, primitive grilling, sourdough baking, etc.
8. **Outdoor Leadership** - Trip preparation and planning, provisioning, safety, etc.
9. **Environmental Education**

Tuition: \$2900

College Credits Available: 6

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