

TrackersTEAMS Wilderness Immersion Winter Term 2010

Locations

TrackersHQ is directly across from a 140 acre wildlife refuge only 8 minutes from downtown Portland. It features a 2900 sq ft studio space with 2 other adjunct classrooms. We also have access to a high end wood working shop and metal welding and forging facilities. It is easily accessible by bike or bus. Most excursions leave from TrackersHQ in our vans, so you don't have to own a car, you can live by pedal and two wheels.

Trackers Homestead is our cabin on a private 400 acre wildlife refuge at the edge of the Mt Hood National forest. It features a pioneer orchard with 130 year old fruit trees and 2.8 acres of land dedicated to the design and restoration aspect of this course. While in class and during breaks, you find yourself on the edge of seemingly untouched wild lands with the chance to wander one of the most beautiful and epic landscapes on Earth.

Boat Building and Folk Craft Village Skill Share at the TrackersHQ

January 3, 2010 (Re)Orientation to TrackersTEAMS Immersion

Morning Working Agreements and Methods

Morning Infrastructure: Locations and Gear

Afternoon Independent Study and Journal Methods Review

Afternoon-Evening Taoist Martial Arts Seminar

January 4-8, 2010 Open Space: Umiak Building and Fine Folk Craft Village Skills Share

Skills of attending instructors include but are not limited to...

-flintknapping arrowheads and other stone tools

-leather working

-sailmaking

-knot tying

-wildlife tracking

-sewing

-marine navigation

-primitive survival skills

-fire by friction

-winter wild plants harvest

-food fermentation/preservation

-cheese making

-brewing

-bike maintenance

-square dance calling

-more to come

January 8, 2010

Evening Wild and local foods potluck square dance

January 9, 2010 Boat animation celebration: launching the Umiak

Regular Course Days

January 12, 2010

9am-10:30pm Brewing turkish coffee: technique, history and lore

10:30-12:30pm Tracking Intensive: Winter Ecology and Sign Tracking

1:00pm-4:30pm Independent study overview and Sit-spot check-in

-Trail #1 Winter 2010 students (with Jason or Gabe)

-Trail #2 Fall 2009 students (with Tony)

Seminar: The Lens Journal

4:30pm-5:00pm Finish the day clean-up

January 13, 2010

9:00am-2:00pm Trapping at Hopkins: Laying the trapline

3pm-4pm Plan February 29, 2009 Post-civ fashion show: Get Press Release and description

4:00pm-5:00pm Finish the day clean-up, focus on Vans

January 14, 2010

9:00am-1:00pm Trapping at Hopkins: Checking the trapline

1:30pm-4:30pm Skinning and butchering at the TrackersHQ

4:30pm-5:00pm Finish the day clean-up

January 19, 2010 *aka Project Runway week*

9:00am-10am Sit-spot check-in with Turkish Coffee or Tea

10:00am-12:30pm Fabric finding for re-purposed clothing

1:00pm-4:30pm Basic Patterning and beginning DIY post-civ Anorak (winter parka)

4:30pm-5:00pm Finish the day clean-up

January 20, 2010

9:00am-10:00am Taoist Martial Arts

10:00am-12:30pm Sewing the Anorak

1:00pm-4:30pm Continue the Anorak

4:30pm-5:00pm Finish the day clean-up

January 21, 2010

9:00am-12:30pm Sewing the Anorak

1:00pm-4:00pm Finishing the Anorak

4:00pm-4:30pm Finish the day clean-up

Nature Awareness and Winter Ecology Overnight at the Trackers Homestead

January 26, 2010

Morning Fire shelter techniques and group construction (sleeping in the cabin is the primary option)

Afternoon Red fox trailing

Evening Dinner harvest

Evening Cold (and hopefully wet) weather fire drill

Evening Dinner

Evening Plan February 29, 2009 Post-civ fashion show

Evening Viewing of LOTR

January 27, 2010

Early Morning Photo Hunt Sit Spot and Blind

Morning Deer in winter: trailing and habitat assessment

Afternoon Plant Tracking

Evening Dinner harvest

Evening Cold (hopefully) wet weather fire drill

Evening Sing for you super

January 28, 2010

Early Morning Photo Hunt Sit Spot and Blind

Morning Plant Tracking

Afternoon Homestead Clean Up

Afternoon Appreciations

Afternoon Journey home

Regular Course Days

February 2, 2010

9:00am-10:00am Travel to Trackers Homestead

10:00am-3:00pm Large animal butchering at Trackers Homestead

3:00pm-4:00pm Appreciations

4:00pm-5:00pm Travel Home

February 3, 2010

9:00am-10:00am Travel to Trackers Homestead

10:00pm-4:00pm Traditional Meat Preservation at Trackers Homestead

-Corning

-Sausage

-Drying

-Pemican

-Rendering

-AND Hide racking and prep

4:00pm-7pm Dinner prep and wildfoods potluck feast and celebration (long day, goes until 7pm, students welcome to overnight at Cabin)

February 4, 2010

9:00am-5:00pm Snow shelters

February 9, 2010

9:00am-10:00am Sit-sport check-in

10:00am-4:30pm Beginning Soap making with animal fat + Smoking Sausages

4:30pm-5:00pm Finish the day clean-up, focus on kitchen

February 10, 2010

9:00am-10:00am Taoist Martial Arts

10:00am-12:30pm

Group 1 Metal forge: Showmakers Awl

Group 2 Flintknapping: Obsidian Stone Tools with Andrew

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February 11, 2010

9am-10:30am Ancient Marine Navigation and Seafaring (in class)

10:30am-12:30pm Sailor Knots

1:00pm-4:30pm Modern Marine Navigation and Sailing Safety (in class)

4:30pm-5:00pm Finish the day clean-up

February 12, 2010

Optional Sausage Smoking Day from large animal butchering

February 16, 2010

9:00am-10:00am Sit-sport check-in

10:00am-4:30pm Begin shoemaking

4:30pm-5:00pm Finish the day clean-up

February 17, 2010

9:00am-10:00am Taoist Martial Arts

10:00am-4:30pm Sewing the shoe together

4:30pm-5:00pm Finish the day clean-up

February 18, 2010

9:00am--4:30pm Turning inside out, painting the sole

4:30pm-5:00pm Finish the day clean-up

Sewing and Hand Craft Intensive (like Project Runway) Overnight at Trackers Homestead

February 26, 2010

Early Morning Fabric finding for re-purposed clothing

Morning-Afternoon Designing costumes and improving fire shelter

Evening Cold (and hopefully wet) weather fire drill

Evening Dinner

Evening Sewing into the night while watching LOTR

February 27, 2010

Early Morning Photo Hunt Sit Spot and Blind, with foam arrow stalk

Morning Flintknapping: Obsidian Stone Tools with Andrew

Afternoon Sewing sprint

Evening Dinner harvest

Evening Sewing sprint

Evening Dinner

Evening Sleep in your sit spot (optional)

February 28, 2010

Early Morning Touching of Deer in Sit Spot

Morning Sewing sprint

Afternoon Homestead Clean Up

Afternoon Appreciations

Afternoon Journey home

February 29, 2010

7pm-11pm Post-civ Fashion show and wild/local foods potluck

Regular Course Days

March 2, 2010

9:00am-4:30pm Sailing Day: Modern Boats

4:30pm-5:00pm Finish the day clean-up

March 3, 2010

8:30am-4:00pm Sailing Day: Umiak Boat

4:30pm-5:00pm Finish the day clean-up

March 4, 2010

9:00am-4:00pm Kayak rolling in a pool

4:00pm-5:00pm Finish the day clean-up

2-week Kayak Building Intensive at the TrackersHQ

March 7, 2010 Kayak lore history and design

Morning Trackers Meditation: Spring

Morning **Lecture** Kayak history

Morning **Seminar** Course reader materials on kayak history and design

Afternoon Principles of kayak design

Afternoon Design your boat on paper

Afternoon Woodshop Rules

March 8, 2010

Morning Wood procurement

Morning Wood preparation

Afternoon More Principles of kayak design

Afternoon More Design your boat on paper

March 10-19, 2010 Kayak building workshop

March 20, 2010

Evening Boat launching

Keeping everyone healthy TrackersTEAMS and TrackersNW reserves the right to refuse service to anyone. We strive to meet the needs of all participants, building a healthy working, learning and creative environment for all involved, both staff and client. Very rarely, and almost never, this requires the dismissal of a participant. If this occurs prior to the program we evaluate the circumstance. There will be no refunds if dismissal occurs during the program. We take the responsibility for the health of every team member seriously and set our standards high, addressing challenges as it affects the emotional and physical well being of the group and program team, other paying clients continuing to derive value from the program and the emotional well being of our staff. Grounds for evaluation and possibly dismissal includes but is not limited to: dangerous activities, emotional distress beyond the scope of our instructors, racist, sexist and otherwise bigoted behavior, accusatory and aggressive unsolicited advise, expectations that participants or staff conform to another person's aggressively specific moral values and overwhelming, unspoken or indirect verbal, written or physically aggressive behavior. This is at the discretion of the instructor staff. We definitely appreciate well thought out and well versed feedback, both positive and negative, about how we can better meet each others needs in a functional way. We do not support censorship by any means.

Program Benchmarks Program benchmarks are set as goals only. These are subject to change based on our team collaboration with participants. They are also subject to change for other circumstantial issues, including but not limited to weather, cancellation of contractors and other options arise that instructors believe are more thematically appropriate. We are an outdoor program. Many of our activities are strenuous.