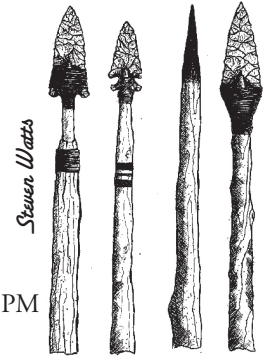


PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGY WEEKEND

MAY 1st and MAY 2nd 2010

AGENDA



Friday, April 30th Campers arriving before 5 PM to register at the Nature Center. Please arrive by 8 PM
\$ 1.00 to camp per person.

Barbecue Dinner... If you want to partake of the barbecue at 5 PM Saturday rather than eating out, please contact us and send a check for \$13.00 made out to Oregon Ridge Nature Center Council. Enclose a note. The Dinner will include pork barbecue, chicken breast, coleslaw, baked beans, and lemonade.

Saturday, May 1st 2010

- 10:00 AM **Safety Officer Jim Mezick** supervises bow and arrow shooting each day for families, children, and adults. Target butts will be open both days for supervised shooting. The target range will also be open all day.
- 10:00 AM **Clay Coils and Pinch Pots** – Ongoing both days. Learn the basics of native pottery and build your own pot with traditional tools.
- 10:30- AM **River Cane Gadgets** – Doug Meyer will show you how river cane is adaptable for making a wide variety of tools.
- 11:30- AM **Mud, Sand and Fire** – Greg High will help you understand the shapes and building styles of the pottery in the Southern traditions of the Catawba in N. Carolina. Greg will concentrate on styles, proper construction technique, drying and firing of pots. A firing will be conducted weather permitting.
- 1:00- PM **Wild Edibles and Resource Management** – Steve Adams is well known for his thoughtful articles on wild smoke, hiking sticks and foraging. He will share his insight on manipulating wild edible plant communities for short & long term harvesting as well as sustainability of their communities.
- 2:00- PM **The Non-Returning Boomerang** – Bill Kaczor of Ancestral Knowledge presents “Rabbit Sticks the Non-Return Boomerang.” Rabbit sticks were incredibly important for taking small game. Many abo groups used them from the South East Catawba to Oregon’s Great Basin.
- 2:30- PM **Soapstone & Quartz Cookery**– Join Scott Silsby and Jack Cresson as they show you how to cook stone and cook with stone. Scott will discuss how form follows function within the ancient design of soapstone pots and stone mortars for processing plant and animal foods.
- 8:00 PM **Beyond Cactus Hill: New Discoveries in the Search for the First Americans from a Middle Atlantic Perspective**
Mike Johnson will discuss many compelling discoveries from the 1990’s Nottoway River Survey. Discoveries from the Archeological Society of Virginia of probable pre-Clovis cultural levels at the Cactus Hill site on the Nottoway River in will also be discussed. These discoveries led to a revival of the hypothesis that people from Europe may have arrived in North America before Clovis. Following an introduction on Cactus Hill, the presentation will focus on that research and discuss some new discoveries that make the Middle Atlantic a “hot bed” of pre-Clovis research.

Sunday, May 2nd 2010

- 8:00 AM **Traditional Bow Shoot** - Everyone is welcome! Bring your traditional bow, target arrows, judo pointed and rubber blunt arrows for a shoot based in part on Callahan’s Roving Handbook. We will have field shooting as we roll the inner tube, toss discs into the air and try to pop rising balloons. Those wanting to continue can enter the forest range for 24 woodland targets.
- 10:30 AM **Squirrel Skin Bow Strings** - Dan Coates of the Archeological Society of the Northern Chesapeake presents, “Squirrel Skin Bow Strings (Cherokee style).” One of the toughest critters in the forest is the gray squirrel. Dan will show you how to turn a road-kill squirrel into a 4 or 6-strand bow string.