

# TEACHING AT THE FIREFLY GATHERING

**We are currently accepting applications for teaching at the Firefly Gathering, July 22-25, 2010.  
The deadline to apply is June<sup>th</sup>**

The Firefly Gathering is for people seeking to deepen and expand their connection with the natural world. There will be over 100 classes available focusing on self-sufficiency and wilderness skills taught by over 40 masterful teachers from around the region and country. If you are interested in being one of these teachers, please fill out this application at your soonest convenience and return it to me, Natalie. I will get back to you by May 20<sup>th</sup>. The sooner that you get your application to me, the more likely you are to get a teaching slot and that I will be able to meet your desires as far as class times and subjects taught.

The Firefly Gathering is offered to the public based on a sliding scale. We are unable, due to financial constraints to pay teachers. We have been able in the past, and anticipate being able in the future, to offer some instructors gas money, free classes, and other modest compensations. We will provide food for instructors (participants are providing their own food). You are encouraged to charge materials or class fees to help compensate you for your time. The total cost of the Firefly Gathering is comparatively low, \$100-200 sliding scale for adults, and \$55-110 for children 8-14. Because of this low cost we are anticipating that many of the attendees will be able to pay material fees, class fees, and to buy instructor made crafts. There will be several opportunities for you to sell your goods.

There will be a total of 8 class sessions (2 Thursday, 2 Friday, 2 Saturday, and 2 Sunday), each instructor is expected to teach 3 full sessions as trade to attend. Instructors are welcome to teach more sessions, attend other classes, explore the land and creek, explore Asheville, or do whatever they care to during other class sessions. If you have a spouse, partner, or child who would like to attend please contact us to make arrangements. Please also notify us if you have any special needs that we may be able to accommodate.

*We are especially looking for experienced teachers to teach the following classes as well as any related specialized classes that you may offer:*

## Primitive and ancestral skills:

The Basics (Fire, Cordage, Flintknapping)	Blacksmithing	Primitive shelter building
Bow making	Curing meat	Fat rendering demo
Basketry with local materials	Wild food and medicine	Trap placement walk
Primitive pottery	Native American flutes	Native diet
Wildfoods cookery	Useful knots	Moccasin Making
Firebuilding 101	Atl-Atl and dart making	Flint and Steel fire
Wilderness awareness	Arrow making	Rabbitsticks
Bamboo utensils	Trapping	Correct use of Tools
Bowmaking	Weaving	Primitive cooking
Spinning wool and flax	Tracking	Primitive food storage
Debris shelter building	Bone working	Hoop drum making
Butchering	Felting	Hunting skills
Flintknapping	Wild medicine walks	Controlled burn planning
	Gourd craft	Specialized herb classes

## Independent living and homesteading skills:

Plant Propagation	Bookmaking	Seed saving
Wood carving	Tree grafting	Permaculture
Homebrewing	Tool sharpening	Biochar making and use
DIY Healthcare	Garden Planning	Forest Gardening
Canning	Erosion control strategies	Water Systems
Homesteading 101	<u>Simple</u> car maintenance	Animal Husbandry
Alternative technologies	Rainwater catchment	Gardening by the Moon
Solar Power	Simple bike maintenance	Natural Building

<b>Name:</b>
<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Mailing Address:</b>
<b>Email Address:</b>
<b>Is email a good way to correspond with you?</b>

**Classes :** don't feel like you have to fill all of these slots. You are only required to teach three class sessions if you come for the whole time, and 2 if you just come for the weekend. You are welcome to teach more if you want to. If there is a class size limit please write it next to the title. If you are accepted as a teacher and you use the internet I will give you a web address and password so that you will be able to post and edit your teaching schedule. I am anticipating that this will simplify correspondence quite a bit. If you do not use the internet I will put your schedule in for you. Either way, it will be helpful for me to know ahead of time what classes you want to teach and when.

Time slot	Class title	Materials fee
<b>Thur. 11:00-1:00</b>		
<b>Thur. 2:00-6:00</b>		
<b>Fri. 10:30-1:00</b>		
<b>Fri. 2:00-6:00</b>		
<b>Sat. 10:00-12:30</b>		
<b>Sat. 3:00-6:00</b>		
<b>Sun. 10:30-1:00</b>		
<b>Sun. 2:00-5:00</b>		
<b>Other times</b>		

**Class explanations (if necessary):**

**Past Teaching experience** (We desire a high level of competency in our full trade instructors. If you do not have much experience, but desire to teach you can come in as a work trader, and apply to teach a class as part of your work trade. If this is what you want to do please fill out this form and the work trade form available at [www.fireflygathering.org](http://www.fireflygathering.org))

**Special Needs (including family and/or assistants who wish to attend, special food needs, etc):**

**Would you be willing to teach any short classes for the kids program?** Simple crafts, games, and story telling are especially welcome.

Please Return to Natalie Nicklett, PO Box 3, Todd, NC 28816  
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