

PRIMITIVE TECHNOLOGY WEEKEND 2017 MAY 6th & May 7th

If arriving from out of town, you may start camping on Friday, May 5th
Campers arriving before 5 PM should register at the Willow Grove Nature Center.

<u>Please try to arrive by 8 PM</u>. \$5 per camper for entire weekend



NO FOOD VENDOR THIS YEAR.

SATURDAY, May 6th, 2017

- 10 AM-4 PM Safety Officers Jesse Trump & Jim Mezick will supervise bow and arrow shooting each day for families, children and adults. At this time, there is no woodland range at Cromwell.
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 Naturalist Mimi Knuth Clay Coils and Pinch Pots, Fish Prints with Red Ochre ongoing both Saturday & Sunday. Learn the basics of native pottery to build your own pot with traditional tools. Print a fish on a shirt (bring your own white shirt), or on our paper using our native pigments.
- Nathaniel Salzman from Jefferson Patterson Park & Sam Pratt from Historic St. Mary's City will present learning the process of building a wigwam, wickiup, or hunting shelter. Learn techniques by helping to assemble a small frame. Discussion will center around selection of trees, preparation and assembly of the frame, as well as coverings on such shelters.
- 12:30 PM <u>Cap'n Jim Gephardt from Marshy Point</u> will present Net Making 101. Making nets is one of the oldest crafts known to man. Countless millions of livelihoods have been tied to the priceless netting knot.
- 1:30 PM <u>Jason Drevenak of the North American Bush Craft School</u> will demonstrate the ancient technique of the hand drill fire. No fire making apparatus is simpler, yet more difficult, to master.
- 2:30 PM Jack Cresson of R. Alan Mounier will present Mistassini Quartzite ~ a quartzite like none other!

 Native American's second rarest tool stone material. Jack will use 3 grades of this unique material in his demonstration; quartzitic sandstone, silexite and conglomerate. The Cree favored the silexite grade and call it Wiinaansk, or we-nop-sk, or stone that looks like animal fat or lard.
- 3:00 PM <u>Bill Kaczor of Ancestral Knowledge</u> will present Buckskin Basics. Bill will share the tools and steps necessary to turn an animal's skin into soft and sturdy buckskin.
- 7 PM

 Dr. Bill Schindler of Washington College

 Experimental Archaeology is now viewed as an effective research tool and engaging form of public archaeology. It highlights the awareness for the public about our shared ancestral past. Experimental Archaeology has not reached its full potential and there is much still to do. Dr. Schindler will explore the possibilities of taking this to a new level by combining our increased understanding of ancient foodways with experimentation with modern culinary techniques in an effort to reconnect people with their past and transform their relationship with their food and their environment.

SUNDAY, MAY 7th, 2017

8 AM <u>Bow Shoot</u> - Bring your wooden or fiberglass traditional bows, flu flu arrows, or arrows with judo and/or rubber blunts and a handful of target arrows, as we shoot at rising balloons, roll an inner tube, and toss aerial targets. Meet us in the meadow for this morning shoot inspired by Dr. Errett Callahan's book on roving.



