

# NORTHWOODS STEWARDSHIP CENTER

Calendar of Events

Fall/ Early Winter 2011-12

## NorthWoods Reservation Policy

Participants must register for ALL programs *at least* one full day in advance of a program and provide 1) name, 2) number of participants, and 3) contact information. We will notify participants in the event of cancellation, schedule or location change. For updates, visit [www.northwoodscenter.org](http://www.northwoodscenter.org).

## October 2011

### Mammalogy Field Outing

Sunday, October 9, 8am, \$5

Join UVM Professor of Biology and mammalogist, Dr. Bill Kilpatrick, for a morning exploration of small mammals on the Northwoods' site. This outing will help you to better understand and appreciate such interesting and little-known species as red-backed vole, masked shrew, and woodland jumping mouse and is part of ongoing ecological trapping and monitoring at the Center.

### Cuban Energy Use, Efficiency, Culture and Community: Get Energized!

Thursday, October 20, 6:30-8:30pm, \$5 donation

Once reliant on Soviet oil, Cuba has become a global leader in practical, innovative approaches to energy efficiency, renewable energy, and community energy solutions - reducing energy by 50% over four years. Energy efficiency consultant and author of *The Home Energy Diet*, Paul Scheckel, will present a Cuban energy and culture slideshow and video and will discuss how these lessons might apply to the rest of the world.

### Game of Logging Chainsaw Safety Training 1 & 2

Sat-Sun, October 22-23, 8am-4:30pm, \$150 per level

This internationally-acclaimed course is a must for anyone who uses a chainsaw. Levels 1 & 2 cover precision felling techniques, safety equipment/use, and tips for maximizing saw performance and longevity. Includes hands-on practice with a trained instructor.

### Game of Logging Chainsaw Safety Training 3 & 4

Saturday-Sunday, October 29-30, 8am-4:30pm

Building on the skills from Levels 1 & 2, these workshops will include dealing with difficult trees, job planning, harvesting operations, and because of the flooding this year, Level 4 will also include information on storm damage cleanup for landowners.

(Note: Both courses are fully enrolled. We will schedule another session later in the season if there is enough interest. Please contact Jayson at x113 by November 1st to join the waitlist.)



## November 2011

### Kingdom Coffeehouse: Wind that Shakes the Barley

Saturday, November 12, 7pm, \$10/adults \$5/children (includes refreshments)

This Vermont-based quartet presents a delightful mixture of traditional music and folklore from the Celtic lands. Wooden flute, whistles, pipes, concertina, bouzouki, guitar, bodhran, and voices blend to dazzle audiences with fiery jigs, reels, and songs that have a stunning freshness and vitality hard to resist.

### Cree Hunters of Mistassini: Film and Presentation

Thursday, November 17, 7pm, \$10 includes refreshments

For thousands of years the Cree have hunted the land of Northern Quebec surrounding James Bay. The documentary film *Cree Hunters of Mistassini* follows three families as they travel North to their winter hunting grounds, build a lodge, trap, hunt and prepare their meat and furs. NorthWoods' Jon Cox will introduce the film, sharing his experience of visiting the Cree Community of Ouje Bougoumou.

## December 2011

### 3rd Annual Ski Season Premiere & Kick-Off Party

Saturday, December 10, 7pm, \$10

Bring on the snow! Kick off the ski season at the base of the Kingdom's only night skiing location - the Lyndon Outing Club. Enjoy a ski slideshow, local music, hot food and refreshments, and the company of kindred spirits. Bring a sled for the hill, warm up outside by the campfire, and preview the 2011-12 Backcountry Ski Touring the Kingdom Series. Food and refreshment available!

### 38th Annual Island Pond Christmas Bird Count

Thursday, December 15, 7:15am, \$5

The Christmas Bird Count is a century-old tradition involving thousands of volunteers throughout the western hemisphere. Our Island Pond count is the northern-most in Vermont and produces uncommon boreal species like gray jay, boreal chickadee and black-backed woodpecker. Experience the camaraderie of this long-time tradition and contribute valuable scientific data about resident bird species. Beginners welcome. Contact Jayson@northwoodscenter.org for more information.

### Ski Touring the Kingdom: Early Bird Gets the Turn!

Wednesday, December 21, 7am, \$10

Want to get your turns in early on the shortest day of the year? Join us for a solstice skin up Burke Mountain - ascending 1,500 feet to the summit fire tower and making turns down a groomed, intermediate trail.



To register, call 802.723.6551 x115 or email [events@northwoodscenter.org](mailto:events@northwoodscenter.org)  
PO Box 220 / Ten Mile Square Road / East Charleston, VT 05833 / 802.723.6551  
[www.northwoodscenter.org](http://www.northwoodscenter.org)

January 2012

**Ski Touring the Kingdom: Tele Clinics  
Under the Lights at the Lyndon Outing Club**

*Wednesdays, January 11, 18 & 25, 7-8:30pm, \$10*  
Need to improve your telemark turn before you head to the backcountry? Experienced Northwoods staffers lead multilevel clinics, providing instruction and feedback on the perfect learning terrain. Take advantage of groomed, lighted trails and a t-bar ride to the top, allowing for hundreds of turns to be made during the clinic. Participants must also purchase a day pass at the Lyndon Outing Club. Learn more about the Club at [www.skilyndon.com](http://www.skilyndon.com).



**Ski Touring the Kingdom:  
Historic Hinman by Ski**

*Saturday, January 14, 9am - 4 pm, \$10*  
History comes alive as Northwoods joins the Old Stone House and the Craftsbury Outdoor Center to lead a ski tour of one of Vermont's oldest roads. The terrain includes rolling wooded trails, snowmobile trails, and ungroomed backcountry. We'll review a proposed ski trail linkage and then shuttle to the Greensboro trailhead. Enroute, we'll explore signs of early settlers, and stop for an indoor picnic. Contact [maria@northwoodscenter.org](mailto:maria@northwoodscenter.org) to learn about half-tour options.

**Ski Touring the Kingdom: Bolton Traverse**

*Saturday, January 21, 8am, \$15*  
Don't miss this tour! The Catamount Trail guidebook describes this traverse as a "rugged backcountry tour climbing 1300 feet and descending 2300 feet, featuring a narrow trail in the spruce forest, a long descent through open forest and a marvelous view in many directions". Skins and backcountry gear (metal-edged skis, snowshoes, telemark, or Alpine touring) required.

**Winter Tree ID by Snowshoe**

*Saturday, January 28, 10am-12pm, \$10*  
Know your trees - without the leaves. Take a moderate tour of the winter woods, learning tips, techniques, and how-to's of winter tree identification. Snowshoes available for rent.

Ongoing Events

**Winter Trail Use at NorthWoods**

*Suggested \$5/person donation, \$5/rentals*

Our trail network is open to the public seven days a week for snowshoeing and cross-country skiing. Extensive backcountry and limited groomed trails exist—sign up for our trail report by e-mailing [luke@northwoodscenter.org](mailto:luke@northwoodscenter.org) for the most up-to-date conditions. NorthWoods' terrain is moderate and rolling, and has both beginner and intermediate routes, with longer backcountry tour options. During office hours (M-F, 9-4), staff are available to help you with gear rental and provide route suggestions. After hours, the trails are self-serve, with a trail register, map and drop-box for payment to greet you. For school visits, private tours and lessons, contact Outreach Director Maria Young at x115 or [maria@northwoodscenter.org](mailto:maria@northwoodscenter.org).



Featured Upcoming Events:

**Cheesemaking at Home**

*Saturday, February 4, 9am-3pm, \$45*

**Ski Touring the Kingdom: Randonnee Rally  
Under the Lights at the Lyndon Outing Club**

*Friday, February 10, 6pm, \$25*

**Ski Touring the Kingdom: Leader's Choice**

*Saturday, February 18, 9am, \$10*

**Kingdom Coffeehouse: The Sky Blue Boys**

*Saturday, February 18, 7 pm, \$10/adults \$5/children*

**Winter Day Camp**

*Monday-Thurs. February 27-March 1, 9-3pm, \$125*

**Note: More events may have been added after this calendar was printed. For the most up-to-date events listing, please visit our website at [www.northwoodscenter.org](http://www.northwoodscenter.org).**