

NorthWoods Reservation Policy

Participants must register for ALL programs *at least* one full day in advance of a program. We will notify participants in the event of cancellation, schedule or location change. More events may have been added since this calendar was printed, please visit our website and sign up for our monthly e-news.

February 2012

Cheesemaking at Home

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

Barbara Levin of Hope Farm leads a hands-on introductory class at Northwoods, covering preparation of soft cheeses, proper kitchen sanitation, choosing milk products, and of course, cheese tasting.

Center Pond by Moonlight

Tuesday, February 7, 7pm, \$10

The ponds of the Northeast Kingdom come alive with light and shadow under a winter full moon. Northwoods staff will lead a snowshoe tour to Center Pond in Newark. A gradual half-mile trail leads to the pond, a beginner-friendly tour.

Ski Touring the Kingdom: Randonnee Rally at the LOC

Friday, February 10, 6pm, \$20, \$15 if registered by Feb. 8th

This fun racecourse involves multiple ascents by skin and boot. Challenge your endurance, speed, and quickness in the transition zones on the Kingdom's only night-skiing terrain. Prizes, fun, and games. Registration at 6pm. Race at 7pm.

Ice Fishing Demo at Newport's Winter Carnival

Saturday, February 11, 1-5pm, \$10/family

The frozen waters of Lake Memphremagog provide the perfect ice fishing grounds for new and old fishermen.

Game of Logging Chainsaw Safety Training - Levels 3 & 4

Saturday-Sunday, February 11-12, 8-4:30pm, \$150 per level
Building on the skills learned in Levels 1 & 2, these advanced levels delve into safe and efficient limbing and bucking (including oversized and/or dirty logs), as well as difficult situations such as back and side leaners, hung trees, extreme spring poles, using ropes and mechanical advantage, and more. Register early!

Ties to the Land - Transitioning to the Next Generation

Saturday, February 18, 9:30am-5pm, \$10

Lisa Sausville, Executive Director of Vermont Coverts, will offer landowners valuable guidance on passing land to the next generation. The program covers setting goals, discussions with family members, and strategies needed to make a smooth transition. Come prepared to complete sample exercises and receive a workbook to take home. Attending with multiple generations will be helpful. Please bring a lunch - coffee and tea provided.

Ski Touring the Kingdom: Westmore Backcountry

Saturday, February 18, 9am, \$10

A gladed hillside on recently logged terrain includes both intermediate and steep slopes and a beautiful tour. For intermediate and advanced backcountry enthusiasts - an opportunity to check out some of the less traveled hills of home.

Kingdom Coffeehouse: The Sky Blue Boys

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

Banjo Dan & Willy Lindner have been playing traditional music around the Northeast for years. Reviving the "brothers duet" format that dominated rural music before the emergence of bluegrass and other band styles, they offer a lively show full of variety, humor and wonderful old songs, along with some originals and a few curveballs.

Winter Day Camp

Monday-Thursday, February 27-March 1, 9am-3pm, \$125

Welcome Kids Ages 6-13. Winter wonderland awaits during school vacation! We'll explore the snowy habitat, making tracks as we follow those of other winter creatures. Winter ecology, survival skills, crafts, games and a homemade lunch.

March 2012

Snow Pack & Track

Saturday, March 3, 10 am—noon, \$10

Join NorthWoods Staffer Ben Matthews and explore the art and science of the snow pack and learn tips for identifying the tracks found on it. Be prepared for a short snowshoe trek—snowshoes available.

Bald Mountain by Moonlight

Thursday, March 8, 7pm, \$10

Northwoods staff will lead a tour under winter's full moonlight to the summit of this iconic Kingdom peak, home to a fire tower and an expansive view. The tour is four miles round trip and gains nearly 1500 feet in elevation on the ascent. Meet at Long Pond Trailhead.

Kingdom Coffeehouse: Dana & Susan Robinson

Friday, March 9, 7pm, \$10 includes refreshments

Join us for a wonderful evening of blazing fiddle and banjo tunes, harmonies, and poignant songs about the American landscape as Dana and Susan return for a "hometown gig" at the Kingdom Coffeehouse after a six-year hiatus spent touring the folk music circuit.

Oxen and Horse Logging Clinic

Saturday, March 10th, 9:30am-2:30pm, \$20

Longtime horse logger Marc Farrow (featured in a 2009 *Vermont Life* edition) and self-taught oxen logger/homesteader Lee Cooper will lead this clinic. See first-hand the benefits and drawbacks of working with bovines vs equines in the woods. Warning-this program may take your life in a new direction!! Please bring a bag lunch and dress warmly. There will be some walking in the woods. Meet at NWSC and carpool roughly 10 miles to the demonstration sites.

Ski Touring the Kingdom: Sleepy Hollow Cabin

Saturday-Sunday, March 10-11, 8am-6pm, Huntington, VT

This expedition is marked with rustic luxury - a one-mile approach brings the crew to the cabin where we'll laugh at the idea of winter camping as we warm by the woodstove and enjoy hearty food prepared by Northwoods staff. Appropriate for beginner and intermediate skiers on xc/bc skis able to ski with a pack. Optional backcountry tours with telemark/AT gear.

March 2012 (continued)

Tree to Board - Lessons of a Landowner/ Sawyer

Saturday, March 24, 9am-1pm, \$15

Witness first-hand the steps of converting a standing tree into boards, and simple methods for measuring volume of trees, logs and boards. Allen Yale purchased his woodland in 1973 and has since acquired an inspiring array of forestry skills and equipment- including a bandsaw mill he designed and built himself. Learn from this self-taught landowner/sawyer that -rumor has it - will soon be recognized as Vermont Outstanding Tree Farmer of the Year.

April 2012

Organic Apple Growing and Care

Saturday, April 7, 9am- 1pm, \$25

This informative clinic will be led by teacher and arborist Ben Applegate, Orchard Manager at Eden Ice Cider in West Charleston. Ben will provide an overview of holistic apple care with useful tips for all levels of apple growers. Topics will include choosing the best varieties for disease resistance/cold tolerance/taste and storage, nutrient management, pruning, thinning for increased fruit production, high-density planting, and organic pest control. The program will also include hands-on practice with pruning and a tasting & tour of Eden Ice Cider.

Game of Logging Chainsaw Training - Levels 1 & 2

Saturday-Sunday, April 14-15, 8-4:30pm, \$160 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. More information about specific course content is at

www.woodlandtraining.com.

Register early—courses fill quickly!

Ski Touring the Kingdom: White Mountain Tour

Saturday, April 21st, 7 am—5 pm \$15

NorthWoods Staffer Cody Sayers grew up in the White Mtns. We'll take her expertise on tour, as we look for corn snow in alpine terrain. Appropriate for intermediate and advanced skiers. Exact location tbd.

Earth Day Upcycling

Sunday, April 22, 10am, \$5

If you have old pants/shirts/tablecloths/towels or sheets that you don't know what to do with...we do!! Come and learn to make crafty woven rugs and discuss a multitude of other ideas for upcycling that you can use every day.

3rd Annual Mud Season Groove

Saturday, April 14, Doors 7 pm, Music 8 pm, \$10

Get into the Groove at Parker Pie in West Glover. There will be dancing music in Village Hall, food and beverage specials, old & new friends, a slideshow, and raffle prizes.

The Steelhead Rainbow Trout of Lake Memphremagog and its Tributaries

Thursday, April 26, 7pm, Cost \$5, Location- Hebard State Office Building Suite 250 (2nd floor) in downtown Newport VT Department of Fish and Wildlife will present this new program on the past, present, and future of the steelhead rainbow trout that annually migrate up the Barton, Willoughby, Black, Johns and Clyde Rivers. Learn about the history, the current population status, and recent monitoring and management activities.

Contra Dance & Kroka Expeditions Presents

Saturday, April 7, 7:30 pm, \$10 includes refreshments Share stories and lessons learned while skiing, paddling and honing traditional skills on Kroka's incredible 600-mile journey through VT and NH. Following the presentation, dance to the foot stomping sounds of Mountain Folks - music of the mountains and backwoods.

May 2012

Game of Logging Chainsaw Training - Levels 3 & 4

Saturday-Sunday, May 5-6, 8am-4:30pm, \$160 per level

See February Description (on back). Register early!

Green Up Day: Charleston

Saturday, May 5, 9 am, FREE

Green Up is an annual statewide event held on the first Saturday in May. Meet for coffee and a Green Up Route at NorthWoods on Saturday morning. Then, get outside and Green Up your town by picking up roadside litter. Free bags and disposal info available in late April from NorthWoods or the Town Clerk's Office. Find out more at greenupvermont.org.

Sapsucker Sunday Birding Series

Sunday, May 20th and 27th, 7-9am, \$10

Whether you're hoping to improve your ID skills or just want to share the pleasure of bird watching, these outings will start your Sunday off right! We'll visit new habitat types each week (May and June) - exploring the rich diversity of warblers, thrushes, and other species that enrich our Northeast Kingdom biodiversity. Binoculars and field guides available. All are welcome.

Hummingbird Havens

Saturday, May 19, 10am-noon, \$5

Come learn about hummingbirds, the jewels of the sky. Discover the incredible journey these little marvels take, their unique physiology, and what you can do to bring them into your garden and your life. Topics include feeder maintenance and placement, non-invasive nectar producers and strategies for meeting hummingbird's needs throughout the season.

Spring Programs TBA :

Paddle Making and Poling Clinic with Ray Reitze

Spring Paddling Series

Wild Edibles