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Owls, Otters & Deer

A program for adventuresome homeschoolers

Explore your world and discover in yourself...

the playfulness of otters, the awareness of deer and the wisdom of owls.



Do you know any 7-13 year old homeschoolers who want to deepen their relationship with the natural world and with each other and have fun?

If the answer is yes, this program is for you!

Where will it be held?

In beautiful Bolton, Massachusetts. Explore 40 acres of lovely trails, beaver ponds, meandering streams, vast fields, furry forests, mysterious hardwoods and majestic white pines. Wildlife surrounds us at every turn.

When is it?

Thursdays, January 31 February 28 March 27. This program will meet once a month for three months. Children may come for a half day or a full day. The morning session begins at 10:00 and go until 1:15. The afternoon session begins at 12:45 and run until 4:00. **between 12:45-1:15 there will be a potluck lunch and "storytime" for all children and their families.**

What will we do?

This is an experiential program that teaches children and families how to begin to live with nature in a way that works to benefit the environment and ourselves. Through knowledge and appreciation, we begin to understand the concept of stewardship. Surrounded with wildlife we learn about tracking, bird language, edible and medicinal plants, the gift of trees, insect's lives and so much more.

Immersing ourselves in the earth, making fire without matches, building warm natural shelters, creating crafts that enhance our connection to our hearts and our hands, we share our stories with each other about our own journey. On a path of learning real skills of survival, naturalist training and stewardship we become part of an extended family. Some of the things we will learn are:

Mammal Studies & Tracking, Plant Identification & Uses, Wilderness Living Skills, Lostproofing, Aidless Navigation, Conflict resolution, Bird Language & Awareness Training, Community Building, Naturalist Skills, Earth Philosophy and Deep Ecology.

Who are your Instructors?

Frank Grindrod is the founder and director of Earthwork programs. He is a graduate of Greenfield Community College's Outdoor Leadership Program. He utilizes a 'hands-on' approach and is currently working as a lead facilitator and mentor for camps, museums, conferences, schools and environmental education centers throughout New England. He continues his education through studies with Tom Brown, Jon Young, Paul Rezendes and others and he is a certified First Responder. Frank has been doing programs since 1999 throughout the Northeast.

Lisa Thibault, MEd, is a naturalist with years of environmental and science teaching experience. She taught in the Florida Keys, Orcas Island Washington and the San Gabriel Mountains and also uses "hands-on" and discovery learning methods. She loves to share the beauty and magic of nature and the joyfulness of being with kids.

How much is it?

for full day session \$45.00-\$60.00 (sliding scale) or for half day \$25-\$35, either morning or afternoon. Please consider paying a little more, if you can, to help support scholarships for others.

To Register: Download registration and medical forms from the Earthwork Programs website <http://www.earthworkprograms.com/register.html> and send with \$50.00 deposit to Lisa Thibault 165 Harvard Rd, Bolton, MA 01740 by January 25 to reserve your space.

Bolton is roughly at the intersection of Route 495 and Route 117, about 20 minutes from Fitchburg, Worcester and Lowell and 45 minutes from Boston/Cambridge.

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### **About Earthwork Programs:**

Our vision is to offer people experiences in nature that will introduce them to a new awareness of themselves and the natural world around them. We achieve this by immersing people in nature through **Adventure Experiences, Wilderness Living Skills, Nature Awareness, Tracking, Communication and Community Building Skills**, and by bringing forth **Native teachings from Elders around the world**. It is our hope that these experiences act as a reminder of how beautiful and sacred nature is and how good it feels to be connected to it and to the people around us.

*What Earthwork Programs aims to create are not just naturalists, trackers, and primitive skills experts, but also "...powerful, centered, self-motivated young adults, able to think critically for themselves, with the confidence and inspiration to dream a vivid dream of their own future, and the skills and enthusiasm to pursue that vision."* (Excerpt from Wilderness Awareness School, of which Earthwork Programs is affiliated with and part of an international movement.)

For more information, please visit the Earthwork Programs Website [www.earthworkprograms.org](http://www.earthworkprograms.org)

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