

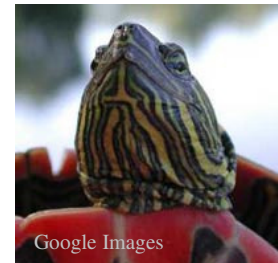


EARTHWORK PROGRAMS PRESENTS: OUR WILDERNESS LIVING SKILLS AND NATURE AWARENESS SERIES Wilderness skills for adults and families

This is an experiential program that teaches participants how to live with nature in a way that works to benefit the environment and us. **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, insects' 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.**

May 18: Reptiles and Amphibians of the Pioneer Valley

Local Naturalists Frank Grindrod and Bart Bouricius lead a family-friendly excursion exploring the emerging spring world of reptiles and amphibians in the lakes and ponds of the Pioneer Valley. This is a time when the ponds and lakes are teeming with turtles, frogs, snakes, and other exciting wildlife. Baby turtles have finally hatched and most of this year's polywogs have become young frogs, while Water and Ribbon Snakes stalk fish and frogs.



Program starts **promptly at 9am** to get an early start. Full Day 9am -3pm Limit 15 participants

Pre-registration is required. Program fee for each program is \$50 per Family rates available. For more information and location for each program please contact Earthwork Programs at: 413-522-0338. www.earthworkprograms.com



Bart Bouricius is a local naturalist who builds tree top canopy walkways. He has taught at the University and Middle School levels, and has made presentations on rainforest ecology and conservation to all age groups. He worked on the Mass Audubon Herp Atlas Project documenting species of reptiles and amphibians throughout the state. He is particularly concerned with helping kids connect to the natural environment while experiencing the thrill of learning.



Frank Grindrod, founder of Earthwork Programs, is dedicated to teaching people earth skills such as nature awareness, tracking, wilderness living skills, and earth philosophy. He is a graduate of Greenfield Community College's Outdoor Leadership Program. He 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. Frank is a certified First Responder.