

## **Session I**

**A. Fly Tying:** Spring is just around the corner...and that means fly fishing! Let us show you how to tie a fly that is guaranteed to catch fish! You'll have a chance to tie several flies of your own, and learn a bit about fishing for Brook Trout and salmon as well.

**B. Ice Fishing:** Learn the basics of ice fishing. You will learn how to use a power auger, set traps and use different types of fishing equipment, and most importantly how to hook and catch a fish! You'll also learn fish I.D. and bait selection. There will be plenty of time to try different equipment, and maybe even toast a marshmallow on the fire because let's face it...this is ice fishing!

**C. Snowmobile Safety:** Learn the basics of snowmobile travel. This will include proper layering and outerwear for long trips on a snow machine. Our instructors will also cover snowmobile safety, emergency preparedness, and basic operation...along with plenty of time to ride on various terrain.

**D. Wild Game Cooking (Indoors):** "Got my deer!" (Moose, bear, etc.) Now what? Step into the camp kitchen where you'll turn wild game into an amazing meal! Learn cooking and seasoning techniques, and prepare a meal that will be served later for all to try.

**E. Wildlife Tracking:** There's nothing better than hitting the powder on snowshoes in the Maine woods in February! But once you've begun your journey, you soon realize that other living creatures have already been there...What crossed my path? Who was here before me? Learn tracking and wildlife identification along the way, and see some amazing forest features too. Bring the camera, because you may just catch a glimpse of just who left those tracks ahead!

**F. Safe Pistol Shooting** In this workshop, we'll cover handgun safety and safe shooting practices. Pistol shooting is growing in popularity, and was recently added as a 4-H Shooting Sports discipline in Maine. You'll spend time covering the basics with plenty of range time and a chance to discuss firearms safety in the home or vehicle.

## **Session II**

**G. Shotgun Sporting Clays:** Breaking clays over fresh snow is a great way to spend the day! We'll work on safe gun handling and basic shotgunning and then we'll take it to the sporting clays range for some highflying clay target shooting! Learn proper stance, follow through, and point and shoot techniques from certified instructors, and have a chance to shoot different types of 12 and 20 gauge shotguns. Ear and eye protection is supplied.

**H. Map and Compass:** GPS use is on the increase, but basic map and compass skills are the key to navigation in the back country. Learn how to read topographic maps and put a compass to use. Orient a map, find a bearing, and set a course... soon you'll find out how much fun it is!

**I. Snowmobile Safety:** (See Session C )

**J. Archery:** Hit the bullseye with this workshop and learn how to shoot safely and accurately! Our certified 4-H instructors will get you on target quickly and by the end of this session you'll become a proficient archer, and possibly a better bow hunter! We'll cover equipment, shooting form, and how to choose your first bow.

**K. Rock Climbing:** Whether it's your first time at an indoor rock-climbing wall or you're an old pro, let our trained staff belay you up our 35' wall! We'll cover gear, safety basics, and different techniques to give you the best advantage at tackling this vertical challenge. All the equipment is provided. However, if you have climbing shoes feel free to bring them, all other equipment used must be ours.

**L. Turkey Hunting-** As the snows melt and spring arrives, so does Turkey season! Hunting this wary bird takes patience, skill, and know-how. Learn how to dress, set up or construct a ground blind, set decoys, and practice the art of bringing them in with various calls. Participants will leave with all of the basics to get started in this growing sport, and each will take home their own turkey call!

## **Session III**

**M. Fly Tying –** (See Session A)

**N. Winter Survival:** Are you prepared to survive an unexpected night in the wilderness? Lost in a snowstorm after what was to be a short snowshoeing hike or trip in the woods? Learn how to be prepared for the unexpected, including how to dress, take shelter, build fire, signal for help, assemble a survival kit, and

more.

**O. Safe Pistol Shooting:** (See Session F )

**P. Wild Game Cooking (Indoors):** (See Session D)

**Q. Mt. Christopher Snowshoe Hike-** Enjoy the crisp beauty of hiking in the winter woods. We will strap on snowshoes and go over some techniques for making your snowshoe hike a successful one! As you hike up Mt. Christopher your guide will add in plenty of ecology tidbits and fun facts to enjoy.

**R. Bowhunting Skills:** Bowhunting has steadily grown in popularity in Maine and to be successful there's many things to consider. In this workshop we'll cover equipment selection and proper shooting form, use of tree stands and even ground blinds. We will focus on shot placement, judging distance, blood tracking and even laws and regulations. By the end of the workshop, you will be ready to begin preparations for your next season!

## **Session IV**

**S. Ice Fishing:** (See Session B)

**T. Turkey Hunting Basics:** (See Session L)

**U. Maple Sugaring-** Have some Maples in your backyard and not quite sure if they're Sugar Maple (*Acer saccharum*)? Or just looking to see what happens in the process of making maple sugar? You've got it with this workshop! We'll cover tree ID, collection techniques, how to boil, and how to tell when your syrup is ready!

**V. Archery (See Session J)**

**W. Fire Cooking-** Have you ever tried getting that smoky fire-cooked taste, only to wind up with a charred mess? In this class we will teach you the art of fire cooking. We will introduce cooking directly in the coals with foil, dutch ovens and cast iron skillets. This primitive backcountry skill isn't quite as hard as it may seem; with the right direction from our experienced teachers you will be baking up some tasty cobbler or stew in no time!

**X. Intro to Muzzleloader-** Join us for one of our newest statewide 4-H Shooting Sports discipline! We will familiarize you with this primitive firearm. Whether you are looking for a new challenge or want to extend your deer season, muzzleloader shooting is fun! You'll learn about the equipment, how to load/shoot and how to clean traditional and modern muzzleloaders. Be sure to dress warm as we will be practicing our marksmanship out on our rifle range!