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**Ice Fishing:** Learn the basics of ice fishing. 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 learn specific tactics on catching fish. This year, we'll actually be cooking lunch right there on the ice, because let's face it, eating is the best part of fishing on the ice! (Heated ice shacks provided.)

**Intro Snowmobiling:** Learn the basics of snowmobile travel and soon you'll be riding on our course designed to challenge new riders. The workshop will include proper layering and outerwear for long trips on a snow machine. Our instructors will cover snowmobile safety, emergency preparedness, and basic operation...along with plenty of time to ride on various terrain.

**Wildlife Tracking/Snowshoeing:** 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!

**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.

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

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**Deer Hunting Intensive:** This workshop takes the new deer hunter to the next level! Maybe you're new to hunting, or simply want to learn how to be more successful in the Maine woods. The
focus will be on judging distance, shot placement in realistic scenarios, and shooting from a ground blind and tree stand. This will be a live fire workshop that will emphasize making ethical shots and how to blood trail and recovery game. Also covered will be scent control, use of calls and lures, as well as other tactics. This workshop will be taught by a Master Maine Guide that specializes in hunting.

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**Winter Camping 101:** Camping is one of our favorite pastimes, but in Winter, there's several things to consider to be comfortable and safe. In this workshop we'll focus on gear and equipment, meal planning, and how to stay warm and dry. By the end of the workshop, you'll have the confidence to pack your backpack for an overnight stay in the Maine woods!

**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. You will be shooting Genesis compound bows.

**Session III**

**Introduction to Crossbow Hunting:** The popularity of crossbow shooting continues to grow and has become a mainstream activity, alongside archery and firearms. The crossbow allows for folks with physical limitations to shoot successfully and adds a level of challenge for folks that are simply looking for a new method of pursuing game. By the end of this workshop you'll have a complete understanding of the equipment, functionality, and enjoyment that makes crossbow so unique. Participants will leave with a Crossbow Safety Course guidebook and the information needed to enroll in a safety course in the future (Required if one chooses to hunt with a crossbow)

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**Winter Survival-Shelter & Fire:** 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, make shelter, build fire, signal for help, and more.

**Wild Game Cooking:** “Got my deer!” (Moose, bear, fish 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.

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**Snowshoe Trek to Mt. Christopher:** 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.

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**Session IV**

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**Camp 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!

**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!

**Reaching New Heights: Climbing Wall/Rock Climbing Intro:** 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.

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**Firearms Cleaning and Maintenance:** Many of our BOW workshops have focused on firearms shooting. This workshop will give you a comprehensive look at cleaning and maintaining rifles and shotguns which will protect your investment and keep your firearms in great working condition.