



WILDERNESS AWARENESS SCHOOL

Greetings!

Thank you for registering for the Bushcraft Basics weekend course with Wilderness Awareness School in Duvall, Washington. This course is a powerful and engaging introduction to the skills and knowledge of how to use natural and modern materials to create functional works of art! We are excited to meet you at Linne Doran, Wilderness Awareness School's 40-acre campus.

Please see our website for detailed information about our [Cancellation and Transfer policy](#).

This confirmation letter contains information that you will need to prepare for this program. **Please read it carefully.**

If you have any questions regarding your registration, please contact Wilderness Awareness School at (425) 788-1301; our office hours are 8:00-4:00, Monday through Friday.

We are looking forward to a fabulous weekend together exploring the skills and ancient knowledge of wilderness living and survival. Safe travels!

Sincerely,

Jared Archbold
Adult Program Manager

Sam Bowman
Lead Instructor

Bushcraft Basics Weekend

When: Saturday and Sunday, November 14-15; 9am-5pm;

Please arrive by 8:30 so you can get settled for the day and be ready to start at 9am.

Where: Linne Doran, our 40-acre campus, is located about fifteen minutes outside of Duvall (where our office is located) in the foothills of the Cascade Mountains. You can find a map and directions on our website:

<https://www.wildernessawareness.org/resources/maps>

Here is our Campus address:

**20410 320th Ave NE
Duvall, WA 98019**

What to Expect:

We will be spending time outside in the woods as well as some covered structures. Be prepared to dress in layers so that you can adjust easily. Expect that you may get muddy and dirty!

We will be spending significant time outside regardless of the weather. We encourage you to be prepared for all types of weather and bring several layers so that you can be comfortable throughout the class.

We strive to balance theory with hands-on practice in a safe learning environment. Our goal is to push the edge of your knowledge and comfort zones for maximizing learning and enjoyment.

We'll cover many topics including

- Safe and efficient knife use and maintenance (including sharpening)
- Making and using a bow drill kit
- Carving and coal-burning your own spoon
- How to make strong utility cordage out of natural plant materials
- Creating containers out of bark and/or gourds
- The art of cooking over an open fire
- Plant identification and use for bushcraft
- And more!

*Please note that some of the above activities will be choice based; not everyone will be able to do all skills sessions listed.

Facilities:

Our Linne Doran campus includes Cedar Lodge, our indoor classroom and meeting space, as well as several outdoor classrooms including a large yurt and our outdoor classroom. There are also several Port-o-potties on the property. Linne Doran has limited cell reception and no internet access. To get the most out of your course, we recommend you plan on being out of communication during your course.

We are not able to offer camping on our campus at this time due to the impacts on our operations as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. If you are traveling in from afar I recommend finding a hotel room in Monroe or Redmond, or looking for Airbnb/VRBO rentals in the area.

Food:

Food is not provided for this course. **Please bring a lunch and snack food for each day.** Instruction will end by 5pm on Saturday, and for those choosing to camp at Linne Doran overnight, you may cook a meal on the property—please bring your own stove and cooking utensils (pots, pans, etc). There are also great restaurants in town, your instructors can give you their recommendations.

How to Get There:

There is no public transportation available to get to our Linne Doran campus. *We are unable to provide transportation for this course.*

Non-Local Participants: If you are going to be traveling from afar to attend this course, please let us know what your travel plans are. This helps in the event that something goes wrong during your travels. Please include any details like flight or train arrival and departure times, etc.

Required and Recommended Gear List for Bushcraft Basics

Please bring the following items. This list is designed with your comfort and safety in mind, and takes into account the variable weather possibilities in Western Washington.

- o 1-2 liters of water (Platypus, 1L Metal bottles, etc.)
- o 4"-fixed blade knife with sheath (**quality knives will be available for purchase**)
- o Work gloves
- o Notebook and pen/pencil
- o Your own mug
- o Daypack (to carry lunch, water, notebook, and extra layers)
- o 25' of parachute cord (1/8" diameter rope)
- o Clothing that can get dirty, etc. *appropriate to the weather. This could include:*
 - Light weight pants and long-sleeved shirt (for bug/sun protection)
 - T-shirt and shorts
 - Synthetic long underwear top and bottom (not cotton)
 - Wool or fleece pants (not cotton)
 - 2 wool or fleece sweaters (not cotton)
 - Rain jacket (or poncho) and rain pants
 - Socks, *including some that are not cotton*
 - Warm hat
 - Gloves
 - Appropriate footwear