RABBITSTICK Primitive Skills Conference

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Thank you for your registration, and welcome to the Backtracks family of primitive technologists. We have planned a great event for this year, and anticipate another exciting gathering of friends and colleagues. We look forward to having you join us. We know that any event is only as good as the chemistry created by those who attend, and so far we have managed to attract only the best. Rabbitstick is the original primitive skills gathering, and we're excited that you have become a part of this amazing *tradition*.

Registration is going well. We host guests from around the world; they come with unique stories, skills, and histories to share. Staff members are also checking in to let us know they will be here. Many of our former teachers will be with us to instruct you in a wide variety of primitive, traditional and survival skills. We also have a number of staff returning on "sabbatical" – that is, they aren't teaching but want to come as a participant. This should give you an idea of the quality of instruction you are about to experience, when staff want to return as students.

We realize you are anxious to know what classes will be offered. Frankly, so are we, but the schedule will not be finalized until opening day. To help you plan, we will make the instructor class planning site open for you to view when it becomes available. Go to *rabbitstick.com* and click on the "Classes" link. This will allow you to view the scheduling tool as it develops. The class schedule site will be open for instructors after August 1st. The final schedule will be posted on Sunday - opening day.

The enclosed information is provided for you to get ready for a great week. **Check-in and gate registration will take place on Sunday morning starting at 10am** followed by the **Blanket Fair**– our opening event that will introduce you to the staff and the classes they will teach. This will be a display time where staff will have trade items, class sign-up sheets and program information available for you. Please plan on arriving either Saturday during the day or Sunday morning to take advantage of every part of the opening events. Consult the attached event calendar for special activity days and times during the week. **Our event opening will begin at 1pm**.

The enclosed map, camp guideliness, packing list, and class information (expanded versions are available on line) are to help you plan and arrive without incident. If you plan to fly, take the bus or otherwise use the Backtracks shuttle, we need to know that ASAP as well as your travel schedule. We suggest arriving and departing between 9 AM and 8 PM on Saturday (at the beginning and end of the event) so you have adequate time to set up or say good-byes. There are no Backtracks shuttles available on Sundays.

NOTE: We will be camped at the event site from the start of Instructor Camp on Friday thru Opening and Closing Days, and will not be in the office. If you need to contact us the emergency number will be 208-351-3799. Please make all arrangements early enough to avoid problems.

Plese refer to the website- rabbitstick.com for additional / expanded information. Your hosts, David and Paula Wescott and The Backtracks Team

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Camp Guides and Standards

CHECK-IN - Begins 10am Sunday

- Please follow the printed event schedule you receive with this packet, and do not arrive until Saturday.
- All fees must be paid prior to opening of the event.
- All participants must check-in and obtain an ID wristband. This will be your meal ticket and class access badge; don't lose it.
- Please complete the registration form noting the meal preference for each person.
- Everyone who registers must submit a signed Release Form, and will be maintained on a private Backtracks mailing list. ***Return both forms to Backtracks to complete your pre-registration.

FOOD - Our food service may change as Covid protocols develop - please stay tuned.

- We have an open-hearth / family-style kitchen and we'll need you to lend a hand at meal-times - serving and helping with clean-up afterword. Volunteers will be solicited daily.
- Meals will be a simple, common menu. Backtracks cannot accept responsibility for allergies or medical conditions that require a special diet. A vegetarian meal is the only alternative we provide.
- Meals for participants will be served from dinner on Sunday to breakfast on Saturday. If you arrive early or stay late, plan to provide your own food.
- Bring extra food and beverages as needed. Lunch items are occasionally available on site or at nearby (6 miles) grocery stores or restaurants.
- You need to provide your own utensils Cup, bowl, plate, fork, spoon, etc. A dish washing venue is available.
- We make efforts to provide locally sourced and high quality foods when available.

FIRE - Fire policies may change with seasonal fire restrisctions.

- Ground fires are permitted in camps. A fire pan is required. Limited pans are avilable on site.
- No fires are allowed inside the tree line or outside the designated camping area.
- Do not gather natural firewood from the site. A central pile of wood will be provided.
- Do not leave charcoal in campsites. Remove all residue to the central fire pit when breaking camp.

GARBAGE

- Please take responsibility for your own trash as much as possible by taking it to recycling or otherwise disposing of it yourself. Trash recepticles are not provided in camp.
- The Kitchen dumpster is for the kitchen and event garbage only.

CAMP

 Our camp is a primitive site. There are no RV hook-ups. Plan to camp in tents, tipis, trailers or vehicles that will remain parked during the event.

- Our camp is held on private land. Please respect this fact by keeping the site clean and orderly. Please keep your camp clean, and remove all trash and signs of fire when you leave.
- Please keep camps within designated areas and well away from the Weapons Range.
- · Do not cut local plants for temporary needs.
- Please respect our policy regarding pets by leaving them at home. Service dogs are allowed - Please refer to our "Dog Policy". If you must bring your dog, local kennels are available, or a dog-owners camp is provided outside of the main gate.
- Most staff camp in the central instructional area, but some prefer the outback quiet of the main camp. Participants will camp in the main camping area.
- Respect other campers. Quiet time will start at 10:30pm in the main camping area. The central fire pit will be open for late-night conversation and music.
- Electronic sound is by permission and limited to specific areas of the instructors camp only.
- · Cell phone service is available at the site.

VEHICLES

- Cars are allowed in the camping area if needed for camping. Otherwise park outside the gate in the main parking area. Do not run vehicles in camp to charge batteries or use accessories.
- To eliminate traffic through the teaching area, the main gate will be closed from 9am to 5pm daily.
- Please do not park cars and trucks in the instruction or kitchen areas. This detracts from the primitive flavor of the site. Please unload and park in the designated parking area.

ACTIVITIES

- Make sure that you follow all safety rules and use protective gear as recommended during any events that might require it. Parents please keep children away from or properly supervise them in hazardous areas.
- We will announce class sites at opening circle and each morning.
- Sunday morning will be a display, sales and sign-up time. Instructors will sign up limited enrollment classes at their blanket.
- Please make a point to support evening events. Campfires, presentations, conversation and music are available each night.
- •Support the camp economy by bringing items for sale or trade and adequate cash to pay for classes that have a materials fee.
- Saturday is our last day. Please stay and clean up your site prior to leaving the property.

STAFF

• To qualify as staff, you must be invited and scheduled in advance. Instructors teach approximtely 20 hours (including campfire activities) during the week. Do not show up at the gate expecting to be scheduled as a teacher. Notify us of your intent to attend in advance by returning an application card. We will contact you if approved.

NO PETS	NO FIRE ARMS	NO BOOZE	NO DRUGS	NO EXCUSES	

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Backtracks, LLC PO Box 905 Rexburg, ID 83440 208-359-2400 backtracks905@gmail.com Registration Form
Contact Information - Fill out one per adult - Please Print Clearly
Name: M F Age (We ask this to help plan only. If it offends you, don't answer it.) Address:
City: State: Zip: Country:
Phone: E-mail:
Kids Names and ages:
 Meal Preference (M-Includes Meat, V-Vegetarian): (See Info section for pending changes) Do you have any medical conditions we should be aware of ? (See Info section) If yes, what? (Bee allergies, etc.) Emergency Contact if needed?
Do you have an organization or school affiliation?
Make checks payable to Backtracks, LLC - PO Box 905, Rexburg, ID 83440 Adult - \$340 Early Bird - \$425 after Aug. 15 Youth 13-15 - \$185 Youth 9-12 - \$160 Youth 4-8 - \$70
Credit Card # Exp. Date
Security Code on Back: Signature:
Please do not mail forms after Sept. 1st. Please bring them with you to the event.
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The Small Print - Liability and Indemnification

Insurance and Indemnification - Backtracks does not carry a huge liabilty policy to protect you in case of an accident; you need to provide for that yourself. Paying out huge sums to a third party to transfer risk will add considerable cost to the event. Our policy is that you can either retain the risk yourself, or make arrangements for your own third party coverage - this includes travel, trip cancellation, medical, etc. We do all in our power to make this an affordable, safe and fun event. Supervision of anyone under 18 is a parental responsibility. We remind you that we will be playing with sharp, hot toys in a wild outdoor setting without guardrails and warning signs. The kitchen is provided as a service to you. All instruction and services are provided by volunteers. We do everything in our power to keep the event a clean and healthy place to learn and socialize.

Agreements of Release and Indemnity

I hereby agree to release and discharge BACKTRACKS, LLC, its owners, agents, employees, directors, trustees and officers, contractors, land owners and all other persons or entities associated with it (individually and collectively referred to herein as "Backtracks and/or its associates") from all claims, liabilities and losses whatsoever asserted by or on behalf of me, in any way arising from or connected with my enrollment or participation in a Backtracks activity/event or the use of its equipment, facilities, or properties. This Release includes loss or damage claimed to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of Backtracks and/ or its associates.

I understand that in signing this document, I surrender my right to make a claim or file a lawsuit against Backtracks and/or its associates for personal injury, property damage, wrongful death, products liability (including strict liability), breach of warranty or contract or under any other legal theory.

I agree further to hold harmless and indemnify (that is, protect and pay or reimburse) Backtracks and its associates from any claim and from any liability, loss, damages or expenses (including attorneys' fees) resulting from a claim, brought by a co- participant, rescuer or any other person for loss or damage caused by my conduct.

I agree further to hold harmless and indemnify Backtracks and its associates from any claim and from any liability, loss, damages or expenses (including attorneys' fees) resulting from a claim brought by any member of my family for loss or damage in any way arising out of my enrollment or participation in Backtracks activities or use of its equipment, facilities or properties. This indemnity includes loss, damage or expense claimed to have been caused in whole or in part by the negligence of Backtracks and/or its associates.

I hereby grant Backtracks LLC the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish photographs of me, in which I may be intentionally or incidentally included, for editorial, trade, advertising and any other purpose and in any manner and medium; to alter the same without restriction; and to copyright the same, and release Backtracks LLC from all claims and liability relating to said photographs.

For Minor Participants, Their Parents And Guardians:

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian:

If the Participant is a minor, they, and a parent (preferably both parents) or guardian, must sign above on behalf of the minor who acknowledges their awareness and assumption of the risks related to Backtracks activities - space is provide below for additional signatures. Parents or guardians, for themselves and on behalf of the minor, acknowledge and assume the risks described above, agreeing to release and indemnify Backtracks and/or its associates as provided above, and agree to the Additional Provisions hereof. Backtracks volunteers cannot/do not assume responsibility for minors. Parents/Guardians are responsible for all minor participants even while engaged in Kids Camp activities. Children under eight (8) must be accompanied by an adult while in Kids Camp. Adult supervision is required for anyone attending under the age of 18, and are responsible for the safety and actions of this minor, and assumes liability for any damages or injury resulting from their behavior during the event.

Date: / /

Camp Information

The Rabbitstick Site-

The home site of Rabbitstick is a privately held preserve on the banks of the historic Henry's Fork of the Snake River. Over 400 acres surround us with land that is held in trust to remain as natural habitat for birds, waterfowl and wildlife, including deer, moose and bear.

The site is located 80 miles from West Yellowstone, Montana, 90 miles from Jackson Hole, Wyoming (The Tetons are visible from the site), and 60 miles from the Fort Hall Indian Reservation. We are bordered by a unique sand dune feature to the north and a massive lava flow to the west. An elk ranch shares our southern border.

The site address is 2850 North 4000 West. Driving into the site, one is misled to think that we will be camping in a "spud field." But once you pass through the gate, you enter a beautiful natural park-like retreat that has been the home of Rabbitstick for over 30 years.

We are very lucky to be able to assemble a large group at this site. Natural raw materials that are needed for some classes are harvested by permission, and others are brought to the site. We make every effort to leave the site as beautiful as we find it. A service staff works hard to mitigate all impact, but we ask all participants to share our concern for this fragile site and care for it in every way possible. Please limit fires and vehicular traffic, remove all trash, and refrain from impacting local flora and fauna.

The surrounding area has gradually seen impact from urban growth, but the overall feel of the site maintains its pristine nature. Spend some time walking the property and wandering out of camp. The property is an amazing learning lab for primitive skills. Visit the permanent outpost camp where some skills are taught during the event, or $simply \, observe \, the \, abundant \, wildlife \, display.$

On Wednesday night, there is usually a small pilgramage from camp to the local hot springs for a shower and swim. Green Canyon Hot Springs was a historic stop-over for pioneer travelers and is still used to this day. Travel east on Hiway 33 about 20 miles from camp. You will pass the home offices of Backtracks in the small town of Teton as you travel along 33.

• **Refund Policy** - Because of transaction fees charged by Paypal, \$50 of each tuition is a non-refundable deposit. Refunds can be obtained by contacting the office 30 days prior to the start of the event. After that date, arrangements can be made to hold the tuition for one year or transfer it to another participant. No refunds or transfers are available after the event begins.

Packing List

Shelter - Bring some type of bug and weather-proof shelter. It is generally good weather, but we have had wind, snow and heavy rains. Temps may range from 80 degrees to freezing. Mosquitoes may still be out in the fall and Yellow Jackets can be a problem during hot, dry years, so be prepared with a secure home. Common shelters are canvas wall tents and tipis, yurts, backpack tents, motor homes, and even improvised shelters make up our camp.

Clothing - This is not a "period" event, so "dressing-out" in period dress is not required. You will, however, see an abundance of traditional dress and regional/period costumes, but much of this is everyday dress. Classes in tailoring, footwear, and sewing are regular topics of interest. Bring clothing that will keep you warm, shelter you from the sun, keep you dry in the rain, and tell us who you are. This is **not** a "clothing optional" event. **No nudity, please.** Eating - You will need basic utensils for eating - that's a fork, spoon, cup, bowl and plate. There are no tables and chairs for meal time, so folding furniture is a good idea. Coolers for breakfast and lunch items are a good idea as well. Dish washing facilities will be available at every meal, so please use them. Please do not contaminate the site with food waste.

Water Containers - Potable water is available at the site. Please limit it's use to drinking and cooking. Do not drink directly from the tap - use a cup. Dishwashing water is provided at mealtime. Drink regularly, especially in the heat.

Light Sources - The main camp area will be lit at night with torches. Bring a flashlite, headlamp, candle lantern, or kerosene lamp for your own use. Please avoid bright lights and lanterns.

Bedding - Once again, temperatures can vary wildly, so plan accordingly. A warm

bag and extra blankets are a good idea. Get a good nights rest with a proper ground pad.

Tools - A good, sharp knife and sharpener are a must. Classes in tool use, care and maintenance will be available. If you plan to do woodworking, a good wood rasp, scraper and/or spokeshave would be good tools to have. For flintknapping, tools will be available for your use. If you have a knapping kit, be sure to bring it.

Some tools will be made available by instructors. Please take care of their tools, and follow directions. Please make sure that they have all their tools back prior to leaving a class.

Toiletries - You will need to supply all of these. A solar shower or dip in the river may be a good idea for a mid-week rinse. Try to keep yourself and utensils clean. Diseases spread quickly in an unsanitary camp, so be on guard. A mid-week convoy usually makes a trip to the local hotsprings 20 miles away (See above).

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Getting To Rabbitstick

Flying

Flying to Idaho Falls - Contact the Backtracks office as soon as you have your travel schedule. We provide a \$20 round-trip shuttle service for Saturday arrivals and departures only.

Flying to Salt Lake City – For travel to Rexburg from Salt Lake City, contact Salt Lake Express (*saltlakeexpress.com* or call 800-356-9796). Shuttles are available about every 2 hours. Contact them for exact times and rates. We will pick-up shuttle travelers in Rexburg at the *AmericInn* at no charge on Saturdays only. Please let us know your arrival time no less than 2 days in advance.

Greyhound to Rexburg - Same as above. Notify us at 208-359-2400.

Driving to Rexburg

From The South – Travel on Interstate 15 to Idaho Falls. At Idaho Falls, exit on Highway 20 and drive to Rexburg. Exit at the North Rexburg exit and drive north to the first intersection (3000 North). Follow the map below.

From The West – Travel on Interstate 80 to Pocatello and then north on 15 to Idaho Falls. In Idaho Falls, exit on Highway 20 and drive to Rexburg. Exit at the Rexburg/ Salmon exit (Highway 33). Follow the map below.

An alternative route may be taken by leaving Interstate 80 and traveling north at Mountain Home on Highway 20. Follow 20 past Arco and then turn on to Highway 33. 33 will take you directly to Rexburg. Turn on 2000 West and follow the map to camp – 2850 North 4000 West. *From The East* – Take Highway 33 from Jackson Hole. When you reach Highway 20, travel south to the North Rexburg exit. Follow the map below.

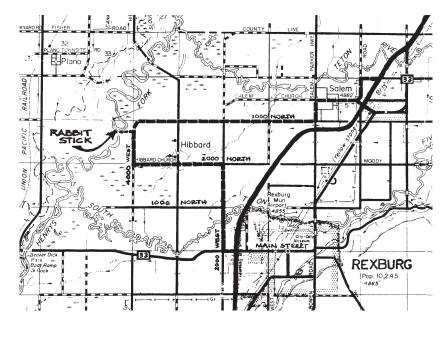
From The North – Travel south from Dillon, MT on Interstate 15 to the Rexburg exit (Highway 33). 33 will take you directly to Rexburg. Turn on 2000 West and follow the map to camp – 2800 North 4000 West.

Or travel south from West Yellowstone on Highway 20 to the North Rexburg exit. Follow the map below.

Trailer/Motorhome - Large vehicles must use the north route in order to get thorough the gate. Anything over 30' may have problems getting through the gate.

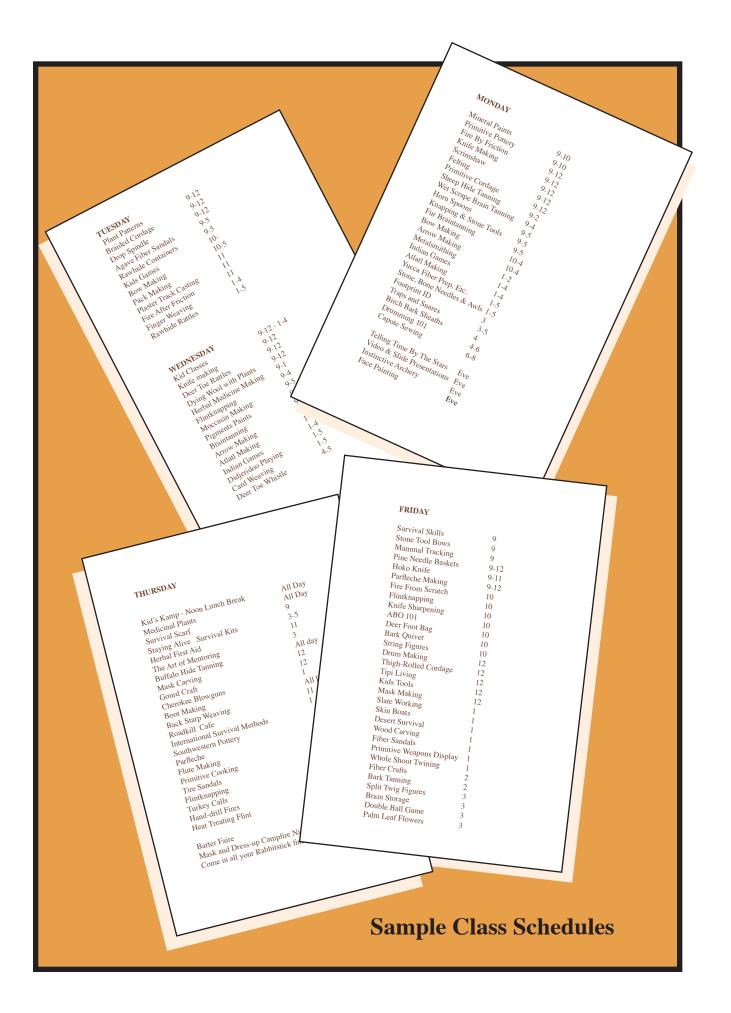
The route from Rexburg to Rabbitstick. After you get off Hwy 33 there are signs at the turns. Keep your eye out for the Rabbitstick logo; It'll point the way.

From Rexburg, proceed west on Hwy 33. About 1/4 mile west of Hwy 20, turn right (north) on 2000 West.

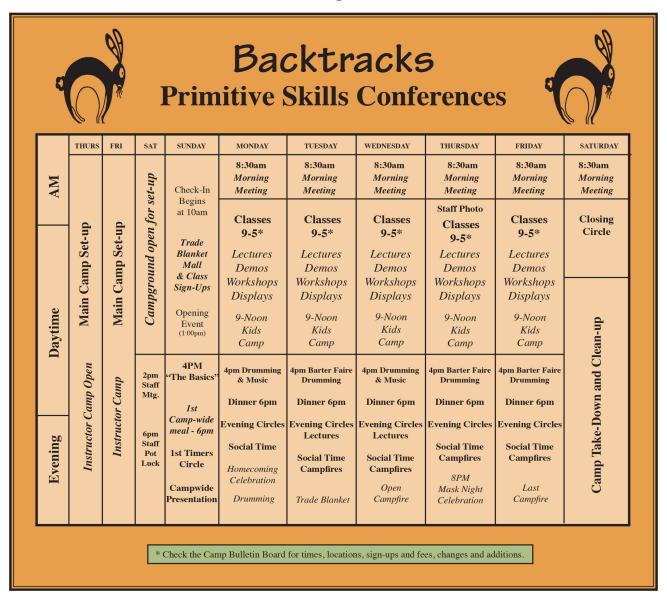


Head north on 2000 West for 2 miles. At the roundabout, enter 2000 North or proceed to 3000 North which is a straighter route. Head west on 2000 North for 2 miles - continue west thru the intersesction at the church. Turn right (north) on 4000 West. Head north on 4000 West for about 3/4 of a mile. Turn left into the gate, and you're there!

Site address is 2800 North 4000 West. An interactive Google map is available on the Backtracks website.



Please refer to current information prvided on the website - rabbitstick.com



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