

AN AMAZING ADVENTURE AWAITS...

Wow! This past year has seemed especially long. So many difficult times for so many lives here and abroad. It's easy to be overwhelmed and apprehensive in today's world however, if you need a respite...

Rabbitstick is your solution!

Rabbitstick is always an adventure that never disappoints and exceeds expectations in learning and experiences for your mind, body and soul!

Where else can you find such an amazing community of caring friends who are like family? Come to learn ancestral skills, but remember the biggest "take-aways" may be a feeling of camaraderie, support and acceptance.

Rabbitstick 34 is coming and already many of our fantastic instructors have said they will be teaching. They drive or fly from all over the nation as well as Europe, offering you at **Rabbitstick** the best comprehensive instruction in primitive, survival and pioneer skills available.

As you may remember from past gatherings, on many nights there will be seminars and we'll have a "**Trade Blanket**", probably on Tuesday night, so bring something to trade. Thursday is our "**Mask Night**" party with a roaring fire, lots of drumming and dancing. Think about bringing a costume, mask, or paint for your face. It's always more fun if you participate, even if it's just one time around the fire! Oh, and usually on Wednesday night many of us are off to the **hot springs** so bring a bathing suit for the springs or the adjacent river.

Once again, children that attend will go to "**Kids Camp**" for half-day programs.

Rabbitstick is a place to be outdoors, perhaps be physically challenged and develop a relationship with nature through hands-on-experiential learning. It's well recognized that our youth programs inspire confidence and positive self-esteem through youth-oriented learning activities.

I asked one of our first-time participants, Richelle, to send me a note with her biggest take-aways, lessons learned or messages. This is what she wrote:

"I saw people from every walk of life sharing knowledge and skills to help each other. They were being kind and caring, sitting without judgment or expectations. Looking out for one another by offering a smile, a hug, a trick of the trade.

***Rabbitstick** seems to promote giving and receiving in one way or another, by sharing.*

*A child was born in camp during my very first time at **Rabbitstick**, in a school bus converted to a home, to a beautiful young couple, without a sense of fear, although we were close to a hospital if there was a problem. They were parked in the outskirts of camp when their beautiful baby girl was born. This baby was introduced to generations of people that, in my eyes, are "family" regardless of bloodlines or status.*

What a beautiful and heartwarming experience I was blessed with, and will forever hold near and dear to me. It was, and I believe, it will forever be a place that many call "home" and will always return with a full heart and a smile."

You might be thinking, what about all the primitive skills that I want to learn and become proficient in at **Rabbitstick**? Yes, you'll find that in abundance with so many classes that you'll have difficulty choosing! However, many of us also have a yearning for community that's collaborative, generous and through shared knowledge, makes us less fearful in this complex world. That too, is **Rabbitstick**! Here are a couple of online links that will refresh your memory of **Rabbitstick**:

bpprimitives.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Backtracks-Keeping-Traditions-Alive->

"Leave no trace" is a phrase I'm sure you've heard relating to camping and hiking. I was taught to leave a place better than I found it. I want to leave a trace, in a way that by my presence, has left a place or person, better for my being there. I sincerely hope that's true for all of us.

Come experience again, or for the first time, our incomparable staff, community, caring and camaraderie at **Rabbitstick this September 11-17, 2022!** I can't wait to see you!

Virtual Hugs, Janet Snyder, a.k.a. "Camp Mom"

P.S. Is hugging politically incorrect now? Good grief, how depressing! OK, you'll just have to tell me when you want a hug!