

Community News

ENC establishes Primitive Skills Society

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NEWPORT BEACH...The Environmental Nature Center (ENC) will be hosting the first meeting of the Primitive Skills Society on December 2, 2017 from 4:30 – 7:30PM. During each monthly meeting participants will gather to learn and work on different primitive skills, led by ENC Executive Director Bo Glover. Afterwards, the group will cook a light meal over the campfire.



"I started this group because I genuinely enjoy teaching and practicing primitive skills like fire making and tracking," said ENC Executive Director Bo Glover. "It's also a great way to meet and develop friendships with great like-minded people."

Throughout the year, Primitive Skills Society members will learn skills including building primitive shelters, collecting, purifying, transporting and storing water, finding food, making fire from friction, building a proper fire, tracking, stalking, camouflage, native plant uses, and how to observe nature more deeply.

In the past, people knew how to find and utilize raw natural materials using traditional methods to stay alive and prosper. In our modern world, the knowledge and proficiency of these skills has largely been forgotten.

"Learning primitive skills can literally save your life and those of your loved ones in a crisis situation," said Glover. "Learning these skills also builds confidence and self-esteem, and enhances awareness and appreciation of the landscapes around us. Primitive Skills Society members will feel a deeper connection to the land and to the plants and animals around them, just as their ancestors did."

Founded in 1972, the ENC is a fascinating combination of 15 California native plant communities, wildlife habitat, walking trails, and sustainably designed, LEED Platinum certified learning center. For over 45 years, the ENC has been shaped and caressed into a 3.5 acre landscape for learning, a sanctuary from life's pressures and a place of preservation and instruction. Serving over 28,000 students and thousands of visitors annually, the ENC is recognized as a leader in science and social science education providing opportunities for increasing our community's knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the natural world.

The ENC is poised to begin construction on our community's first nature based preschool and nature play area. With a mission of providing quality education through hands-on experience with nature, the ENC inspires all generations to protect the natural world by serving as our community's foremost authority on ecological responsibility, sustainable practices and environmental education. The ENC is a non-profit 501(c)-3 public benefit corporation. For more information call [949-645-8489](tel:949-645-8489), or visit ENCenter.org. The ENC is located at 1601 16th Street in Newport Beach.

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