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# EARTH KNACK

## Stone Age Living Skills

**Earth Knack** has been offering primitive skills courses, wilderness treks, and sustainable modern life skills teaching to people of all ages since 1990. The Earth Knack school site is near Crestone, Colorado, and the Great Sand Dunes National Park.

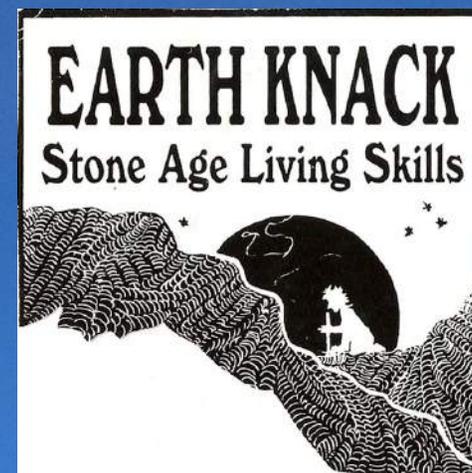


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In 2015, Earth Knack will host interns from June 1 to October 31. Interns are expected to stay at least a month, and pay a monthly rate of \$495 to stay and learn on the Earth Knack site. This includes instruction six days per week (Sundays are free days), campsite, solar shower, outdoor kitchen, dinner each night, and attending Earth Knack courses tuition-free.



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## 2015 Class Schedule

Braintanning Buckskin • Willow Basketry • Bow-making • Archery • Wild Plant Intensive • Animal Processing • Footwear • Fibers Intensive • Primitive Pottery • Spring Survival Course • Earth Kids Spring Break Camp • The Inaugural Central Colorado Cattail Festival • and much more!



Register online at [www.earthknack.com](http://www.earthknack.com)  
Check often for new class offerings!

## MARCH

**Footwear** • Saturdays in March • \$115 per class  
In this series, you will use natural, local materials to create comfortable and durable footwear, including raw-hide sandals (3/7), yucca sandals (3/14), buckskin moc-casins (3/21), and buckskin outsoles/felted insoles (3/28).



**Earthkids Spring Break Camp** • March 23-27  
\$50 daily/\$225 for the week • Ages 7-12 • Salida, CO  
Perfect for working parents and kids who love to be outside. Join us each day from 8-3 to learn the skills you need to survive in the wild—and have a ton of fun, too!

## APRIL

**Basketry** • April 11-12 • \$175  
Learn to sustainably harvest and process willow and cattail, and weave beautiful baskets of all shapes and sizes.  
**Bow-Making** • April 17-19 • \$235  
Make your very own hunting-weight, Euro-Neolithic bow and a matching set of arrows, all from local, wild materials!

## MAY

**Braintanning Buckskin**  
May 8-10 • \$235  
Learn the ancient art of braintanning deer, elk, and antelope hides into golden, soft buckskin.  
**Surviving the Lean Season of Spring** • May 16-17 • \$175  
Learn the skills you need to survive through thick & thin during this weekend backcountry course in the Arkansas Hills near Salida, CO. Will you make it?



**The Inaugural Central Colorado Cattail Festival**  
May 30 • Salida, CO  
A celebration of *Typha latifolia*, our most useful wild plant!

## JUNE

**FREE OPEN HOUSE** • June 6  
Kick off the summer at Earth Knack with a family-friendly day of demonstrations, including fire by friction, natural fiber cordage, archery, blacksmithing, and more!  
**Braintanning Buckskin**  
June 12-15 • \$235  
**Wild Plant Intensive**  
June 20-21 • \$135  
Spend time outside learning to identify, harvest, and prepare edible & medicinal plants of the Rocky Mountains.



**The Earth Knack 25th Annual Gathering**  
June 25-30 • Happy Dog Ranch • Littleton, CO  
\$265/adults, \$175/8-15, \$95/4-7, Free/3 and under.  
Join Earth Knack staff and guest instructors for a fun-filled five days of top-quality classes in a variety of stone age & pioneer skills! Hosted jointly with Sargit Outdoor Living School.

## JULY

**Friday Fun Series** • Fridays in July • \$35 per class  
We don't call it 'fun' for nothing! Bring the whole family to discover the magic of stone tools (7/3), friction fire (7/10), natural fiber cordage (7/17), and hunting & trapping—including archery, atlatl, and paite dead falls (7/24).  
**Wild Plant Intensive** • July 11-12 • \$135  
**Fibers Intensive** • July 17-19 • \$185  
Make cord, yarn, and felt using fibers from our furry and leafy neighbors. Includes a meet-and-greet with yaks at Crestone's Cho Ku Rei, and a few friendly alpacas, too!  
**Animal Processing** • July 24-26 • \$235



## AUGUST

**Braintanning Buckskin** • July 31-Aug. 2 • \$235  
**Green River Family Canoe Trip** • August 4-9  
\$635/adults, \$285/12 and under.  
Paddle the cooling currents of the Green River through spectacular canyon country scenery. Learn to make willow baskets, tamarisk bow and fishing arrows, river stone axes and knives, and pottery from hand-dug riverbank clay.  
**Harvesting & Processing Wild Berries & Herbs**  
August 15-16 • \$120  
Identify, harvest, and preserve our local, delicious, and plentiful wild berries and medicinal herbs at the height of summer.  
**Primitive Pottery**  
August 21-23 • \$185  
Mix natural clay bodies with local temper to form pottery suitable for hearth cooking and home use.  
**Braintanning Buckskin** • August 28-30 • \$235



## SEPTEMBER

**Wild Plant Intensive** • September 5-6 • \$135  
**An Apple A Day...** • September 26 • \$85  
Prepare for winter by preserving the bounty of fall! Learn dehydration and water-bath and pressure canning techniques. Return home with delicious homemade holiday gifts!

## OCT. & NOV.

**Braintanning Buckskin**  
October 16-18 • \$235  
**Animal Processing**  
November 6-8 • \$235  
**Wild Game Processing**  
November 21-22 • \$235  
Prepare for Thanksgiving by learning to process this season's meat, whether it be elk, deer, antelope, turkey, rabbit, or raccoon!

