



Wilderness Skills Institute – 2020 Training

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Brevard, NC (January 16, 2020) – Longstanding protectors of wilderness announce continued effort to provide stewardship training for those committed to the wild places of the east. The Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC), Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards (SAWS), and the USDA Forest Service have launched the 2020 application process for the 10th edition of the Wilderness Skills Institute, a two-week training held each May at the Cradle of Forestry near Brevard, N.C.

Wilderness work requires a special set of skills. This training is designed to provide volunteers, agency and partnership staff, opportunities for growth within these unique skill sets. Each year, courses are selected to provide skills training for all levels of experience, from those new to stewardship, to those who have been caring for wilderness for decades. Training through the Institute is provided for free to students and free camping is available on site for those wishing to take advantage of the facilities. The Institute is an excellent opportunity to connect with wilderness stewards from across the region both in and out of the classroom.

Applying for the 2020 Wilderness Skills Institute is available now at wildernessskillsinstitute.org. From theory to implementation, the Wilderness Skills Institute can be a resource for every level of wilderness steward.

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