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## Old School Survival Boot Camp Presenters And Demonstrators



**Colonel Dr. Drew Miller - Threat Assessment and Survival Communities Classes**



The [Fortitude Ranch](#) founder is a nationally recognized expert on prepper retreat building and mutual assistance group forming. Miller is a retired United States Air Force Reserve Colonel, CMA, CFP, and CM&AA.

After graduating from the Air Force Academy with honors, Drew Miller earned a scholarship to Harvard where he went on to earn a Masters Degree and Ph.D. in Operations Research. He extensively studied underground nuclear defense shelters and field fortifications for troops.

[Colonel Dr. Drew Miller](#) has spent many years researching threats that could bring about a societal collapse - especially ones that involve bioengineering. He believes man-made disasters of this type could lead to genetically modified viruses that would spark a worldwide pandemic.



Fortitude Ranch is a large survival community that can keep members spread out (virus protection) have sufficient size to deter/defeat marauder attacks and raise crops/livestock. It is fully equipped and manned by full time staff (not dependent on volunteers or votes by members). Fortitude Ranch memberships are affordable because of large numbers of members and economies of scale. Fortitude Ranch is attractive to join because it is a recreation/vacation facility as well.

The best approach to reliable, effective, affordable survivability is to join a survival community that is large and well prepared to deal with viral pandemics, marauder threats, and long-term collapse conditions. Fortitude Ranch locations are also a great, low cost vacation and recreational site for our members since they are located in remote, beautiful forest, mountain areas.



A big new 7,000 square foot shelter and lodge has been built at Fortitude Ranch West Virginia. Log buildings on both ends are connected by buried, underground basement rooms. The 120 foot long basement has over a dozen rooms to protect members from radioactive fallout.

There are also member rooms in the log homes, plus kitchen, bathrooms, and a beautiful upstairs living room with fantastic elevated view of the neighboring George Washington National Forest. A large wrap around elevated deck is a great for both enjoyment in good times—and a guard platform for bad times. The center basement is covered with three feet of earth.



Fortitude Ranch offers a two-day survival and preparedness class covering threats, key survival principles, bug out bags, tactical movement, starting/managing fires,

AR-15s/shooting/weapons/safety, defending a house or compound, chickens and animal care, radiation detection, chemical detection and decon, solar systems and power, food storage, growing food in a collapse, trade and barter in collapse, survival hunting/fishing/traps, body disposal, survival communities, early warning of threats, and staying ready.

The first day is classroom training, second is conducted in the field and firing range. This course is taught by former military experts and Fortitude Ranch recreational and survival community staff.



**Hakim Isler - [Elite Guard](#) President**



**Hakim is a modern survival expert and is known as ["The Black McGyver"](#) and is an American Ninja as well as a combat veteran.**

Isler is the nation's premiere, professional African-American survival expert. He is most notably recognized for his appearances on Discovery Channel's *Naked & Afraid*, *Naked & Afraid XL* and FOX's *Kicking & Screaming*.

A man of many skills, Hakim is a decorated combat war veteran, Ninja fifth degree black belt, certified close-protection specialist and professional self-defense & combat weapons instructor. A business owner, published author, motivational speaker, TV host/personality and inventor – holding several patents and trademarks.



Hakim is a primitive outdoor survival expert beginning as a student in the U.S. Army [Survival, Escape, Resistance and Evasion \(SERE\) School](#).



After the military, he went on to receive advanced survival training at [Earth Connections Survival School](#) (VA) and has since been honing his skills around the world. He is now recognized as a world-class survival expert, the first professional-level African-American survivalist in the country – specializing in survival, defense and escape tactics within both wilderness and urban environments.

**Old School Survival Boot Camp newest additions to the class schedule - [Practical Primitives](#) with Eddie Starnater and Julie Martin.**



Eddie Starnater is one of the top Primitive and Survival Skills experts in the United States, and has been practicing and perfecting Primitive and Survival skills since childhood. Over the past 40 years Eddie has become a Master Flintknapper, and an expert bowyer, tracker, primitive potter and maker of all types of primitive weaponry. He has spent years living in the woods and off the land, learning edible and medicinal plants and perfecting his wide range of Wilderness Survival skills — both on countless Survival Outings in many eco-systems around the country, and while living for months at a time in a long-term shelter in the Pine Barrens of New Jersey.

As a teacher and instructor of all aspects of Primitive and Survival skills, tracking, hunting, fishing, traditional living, self-reliance and awareness for over 20 years, Eddie has been a major influence on the current generation of primitive skills instructors. It is because the majority of Primitive and Survival Schools in the United States, many in Canada and a select few in England, Australia, Germany and Taiwan all employ instructors that were taught by Eddie that he has become known as “The Instructor’s Instructor.”





Practical Primitives has been featured in The New York Times and Eddie has been featured in multiple television segments for local and network news programs, including ABC 7 in Philadelphia. He was a consultant on the 2003 feature film, The Hunted, for which he provided many of the stone tools used by Tommy Lee Jones and Benicio del Toro.

Eddie is also a former Hunter Safety Education instructor for the State of Texas. He spent over 10 years conducting workshops in Texas prior to becoming an instructor for, then Director of, Tom Brown Jr.'s Tracker School.

Eddie left Tracker and founded Practical Primitive together with Julie Martin in January 2007. Julie Martin has been practicing Primitive & Survival Skills full time for the past 12 years and teaching for the last six. She was raised on a farm in the Mennonite region of Southern Ontario, where wild edibles, organic gardening and traditional methods of food preservation were a regular part of her everyday life.



After 15 years of traveling, and pursuing a career as an actor/singer/writer in cities throughout Canada and the United States, a serious car accident caused Julie to re-evaluate how she wanted to spend her time on this earth and she left the urban world without looking back, to once again focus her life around the earth-centered skills of her youth.



She attended some classes at the Tracker School, which led to an internship there, followed by full-time employment. Julie is the author of the most comprehensive book ever published on making fire using the bowdrill. *Secrets of Bowdrill Success: Your Comprehensive Guide to the Secrets and Science Behind Rubbing Two Sticks Together*.

Julie is also the co-author of *Acorn: Recipes for the Forgotten Food* and the newly published *Nature Notebook*, and she co-stars with Eddie Starnater in the acclaimed and highly-rated *9 Step Knapping: Flintknapping Made Easy* DVD.



**Justin and Brittany Sandlin of Honey I'm Homestead**



Last year Brittany and Justin Sandlin cut the cord and left modern society behind in late 2020. They, along with their three adorable young boys, are now living entirely off grid in a camper in the beautiful hills of southern Ohio. As Brittany puts it, they "said goodbye to life as we knew it and said hello to a hopeful, yet uncertain future!"

This young couple grabbed each other's hands and took a massive leap of faith. They launched the [Honey I'm Homestead](#) YouTube channel and [Facebook page](#) to document their inspirational journey.

"Although we've never traveled the roads ahead of us, we knew for certain staying on the roads we already knew were only taking us to a dead end or at best, a round-a-bout of stress and grief.



Life is messy, I'm not saying the answer is as simple as packing up and moving into a camper off-grid with your family. The healing starts with bringing your problems to the forefront, acknowledging them for what they are, and then working through them.

What makes us different than everyone else? NOTHING! We had plenty of excuses to not sell out. We could have stayed in our comfort zone and everyone would have said we did our best.



Ultimately it came down to survival. We could not and would not have thrived in life if we wouldn't have taken this chance. And chance it may be, but the alternative was inevitably doomed. We would rather go down giving it hell than sit down and settle. What's stopping you? Grab the one you love and forge ahead! Brittany and Justin Sandlin chose a life that many folks dream of, but are not sure they have the knowledge, skills, or stamina to embark upon successfully.

They feel the financial freedom paired with a minimalistic lifestyle has allowed them to really focus on what's important to their family.



They find great value working closely with the land, growing nutritious food, and having quality family time. We gave up luxuries like television, high speed internet, and long hot baths, but we've gained a new life changing perspective and a whole new appreciation for each other!

Justin and Brittany are passionate about raising heritage breed livestock. Brittany truly possesses the ability to look at a blank canvas and see what could be. She gardens on a large scale, serves as the butcher on the homestead, and is studying various methods of tanning.

Tad Lockard of [Locked and Loaded Outfitters Limited](#)



Course - Reloading

Course details to come soon!

**War-X**

Learn about [War-X](#) training and events and what it will take to successfully complete one of their experiences.

War-X is a veteran owned and operated adventure company based in southern Ohio. War-X creates next level, one-of-a-kind events and team building challenges designed with adrenaline, exhilaration, and adventure.

All events are designed by military veterans who know first-hand what it takes to push through adversity. Operating on over 700 acres of private land, War-X is able to create an exciting atmosphere of a live combat zone across unmatched terrain. Our mission is to provide true life-changing experiences that help test, push and re-define an individual's physical and mental limits, regardless of their athleticism or preparedness.



War-X is the official training site for Operation Enduring Warrior and their masked athlete team. The objective of any War-X event is to give each participant an epic War-Xperience. Real world missions, **unique obstacle course races** and **customized survival events** are just a few things that help make War-X a preferred destination for adventure seekers everywhere. Operating on private land allows us the ability to create an amazing atmosphere that encompasses our events. Imagine running an obstacle course race while explosions and gunfire rage around you, or trying to rescue a hostile while an opposing force is literally trying to hunt and capture you.



**Alpha Sixx Foster from [SHTF Prepping and Survival](#)**

**Classes - Preparedness Basics Class and SHTF “Ladies Only” Preparedness**



Sixx’s patriotism, enigmatic personality, and passion for helping others become more prepared is why she has become such a Facebook and social media sensation.

## Donn Wagner of [Lightning Creek Forge](#)



### **Beginning and Advanced Blacksmithing Classes**

A blacksmith is a metalsmith who creates objects from wrought iron or steel by forging the metal, using tools to hammer, bend, and cut. Donn is a Master at his craft and offers Blacksmith Courses from Beginner to Journeyman level.

Donn Wagner trains in the age-old craft of Blacksmithing as seen on The Game of Thrones and Vikings and most medieval shows and pre-1840's household items. From young to old Donn has a gift of teaching his craft to them.

He teaches his blacksmith skills in a simple and concise manner. Donn is safety oriented which is extremely important to follow instructions considering we work with high temperatures and tools. He is respectful and kind, but is not afraid to tell it like it is if someone is doing something wrong or dangerous.





Donn will have his forge roaring all day long. In his classes you will see not only how a forge and the blacksmithing tools used work, but watch touch and learn as an item is made from start to finish.

### **Scott Phelps -of On Guard Defense**



### **Constitution Class and Firearms Classes**

Scott is a USCCA Certified Concealed Carry Instructor, an NRA Range Safety Officer, and is certified to teach NRA Basic Pistol & Basic Rifle courses.

He is also a NASP-certified Basic Archery Instructor (BAI)

Scott honorably served in the U.S. Army as a Fire Control Systems Repairer (45G), a squad leader, and Company Training NCO where he was responsible for ensuring that each soldier in the Company qualified annually with their respective firearms.



**Mike Francis - [Kage Dojo](#) Owner and a Marine Corps veteran**

At the Kage Dojo Mike Francis teaches Ninjutsu, among a myriad of other self-defense disciplines. He teaches realistic and practical self defense techniques, to empower and equip people to deal with dangerous and potentially life threatening situations.

His system incorporates all aspects of fighting such as stand up striking, joint manipulation, grappling, throws, weapon techniques and defense measures. Principles behind every technique and situation are never ignored for a deeper understanding of what we do and why.

[James Boggs of Burning River Bushcraft](#)

## **Carving Fishing Lure Class**



**James, was raised in an outdoor lifestyle. He grew up shooting, hunting, fishing, camping and trapping at every opportunity. After 20 years as a competitive shooter, in multiple disciplines he retired from competition after winning an IDPA State title in the last match he shot. He continues to teach firearm classes as an NRA instructor.**

**Diving deep into Wilderness Survival rekindled his love for the woods. James has attended classes from major survival schools on short and long term wilderness skills, urban survival, wilderness first aid, herbal medicine, botany and wildcrafting, green woodworking, knapping, blacksmithing, bladesmithing, bow making and trapping. He is passionate about learning, testing and developing new skills. He enjoys passing on these skills either in person as an Instructor at Campcraft Outdoors, through YouTube or Online courses.**



**If he is not working on a new skill or sitting silently in a tree stand watching a game trail, he is probably spending time with his wife of over 20 years and their two children.**

### **Carving a Fishing Lure Course Description**



In this class you will be carving and painting a fully functional fishing lure. You will be provided wood, a pattern and taught several carving techniques to help you carve the perfect lure. You will learn how to attach the supplied hooks to the lure body. Paint and varnish will be supplied to give your lure a custom look.

This class is fun for all ages but children should be old enough to safely handle a knife or have an adult to assist them. There will be a materials \$5 fee for this class that will be paid to the presenter as you enter his event tent. Items to bring to class: pencil, and either a knife or folding saw.

### **Building a Natural Fork Slingshot Course**



In this course we will be crafting a flat band slingshot from a tree fork. Starting with a precut fork you will carve the fork to fit your hand. You will also be provided with a precut leather pouch and cut latex bands. With the supplied materials we will assemble the bands and attach the bandset to give you the perfect draw length.

Learn shooting grips and practice with your new slingshot on a reactive steel target range. This course is fun for all ages but children should be old enough to safely handle a knife or have an adult to assist them. There will be a \$5 materials fee for this class paid to presenter upon entering his event tent.

#### **Connect with James on Social Media**

[Facebook](#)

[YouTube](#)

[Instagram](#)

#### **Jamie Schmotzer of [JW Apothecary](#) - Herbalism Classes**



I grew up camping from a young age. It's how I was raised. We went camping as a family since I was a baby, and as soon as I was old enough, I started Cub Scouts. As a teen and young adult,

I kept up camping as a way to connect with people and relax. It wasn't until a few years ago that I heard of this new word: Bushcraft.

After being introduced to the world of Bushcraft, I took the Basic Class at the Pathfinder School in April of 2015 and became friends with the man, the myth, the legend, and my friend – the one and only Jamie Burleigh,

who was Dave Canterbury's right hand man for so many years and now is the co-owner and co-founder of the Old World Alliance,

a subscription based online source of bushcraft goodness and more. At the Pathfinder Basic Class I also met Jason Hunt, owner of Campcraft Outdoors, and now, years later, I'm a Brand Ambassador for his family owned & operated business. Late 2019, at its inception, I was brought on as one of the founding instructors of the Old World Alliance, along with Jason Hunt, where I focused on family herbalism and the home apothecary.



As I wrote in my contribution to the book, ***Fire Cider!***, published last year and written by rockstar herbalist Rosemary Gladstar & Friends (including me!), perhaps my herbal journey all started when I watched the pilot episode of the television series called Kung Fu back in the 1970's and saw the main character, Kwai Chang Caine, pull herbs out of his haversack after walking across a desert to help him recover from the journey. Somehow that made an impact on me that still reverberates within me to this day.



It wasn't until I delved deeper into bushcraft, however, that I began realizing that making plant medicine is simply an extension of being a woodsman, and so I gradually learned methods of preparing herbs and making home remedies. After learning how easy it really is to get the basics down, and after gaining lots more experience, I became eager to share what I had learned with other people, and that brings us to where I'm at today - helping people get started in the world of herbalism and setting up their very own home apothecary by founding JW Apothecary LLC and being an affiliate for The Herbal Academy and also for Rocky Mountain Oils.



Besides camping, bushcraft, herbalism, and being a novice Civil War reenactor (Union civilian), I'm also a musician. I started playing the piano at church when I was 12 years old, and eventually I became fascinated with Blues guitar. Up until the Covid-19 pandemic struck I could be found jamming the Blues at a local bar every Thursday night, which I found to be quite therapeutic. You can find some of my playing on my YouTube channel, which is linked below.

Additionally, I'm an ordained Anglican clergyman. I started seminary in January of 2010, graduated with an M.A. in Ministry in 2012, continued on to earn M.Div equivalency and have nearly completed a D.Min in Ascetical Theology from Nashotah House Theological Seminary in Wisconsin. I also completed the certificate program in Spiritual Direction through the Ignatian Spirituality Institute at John Carroll University in 2015. After four years of being the Vicar of All Saints Anglican Church in North Canton, Ohio, I began a sabbatical in November of 2019 to focus on building JW Apothecary LLC.

I created [www.JWapothecary.com](http://www.JWapothecary.com) so that people who dig what I do have a single place to go to connect with everything that I'm up to. Thanks for coming along on the ride with me!

Links to my social media presence can be found on my website!

Check out my YouTube channel, where you'll find videos related to camping, bushcraft, herbalism, and even some Blues!

<https://youtube.com/user/jamieschmotzer>

## Herbal Courses and Descriptions

### **How to Make "Folk Method" Tinctures – Basic**

This is a BEGINNER class that will discuss what a tincture is, why they're useful, and the basics of how to make a "folk method" tincture. In this class I will prepare a tincture, discuss how long tinctures generally take to macerate, and show relatively inexpensive tools that I use to strain tinctures. Finally, I will discuss using tinctures and the matter of determining doses.

### **Understanding Tincture Ratios – Intermediate**

In this INTERMEDIATE class, I will quickly review the basic tincture class described above, and I will expand on it by giving a lecture on understanding tincture ratios – both the ratio of herb to menstruum and the menstruum ratios, most commonly water to alcohol (though also mentioning other menstrooms, such as vegetable glycerin and apple cider vinegar). Students should be able to understand the basics of solubility and why understanding that is important when making plant medicine, including understanding teas, infusions, decoctions, syrups, elixirs, and such.

### **Simples & Compounds and Herb Formulas - Advanced**

In this ADVANCED class, I will discuss the differences between "simple" and "compound" tinctures and infused oils, including blending simples to make compounds and making compounds from the start, and I will also discuss the way that I approach the matter of herbal formulas – how to think about combining herbs, determining parts, and giving sample formulas to understand. Students are encouraged to bring a notebook and writing instrument to take notes, but I will also offer a link to the information on my website.

### **Fire Cider!**

As one of the contributors to the book, Fire Cider!, published in 2019, I will discuss how to make this powerful antibiotic and antiviral tonic using common grocery store and/or garden ingredients. I will discuss what Fire Cider is, what oxymel's are, and some of the health benefits of each ingredient in Fire Cider. I will discuss common recipe variations and discuss how Fire Cider is made, strained, and stored. Finally, while I am not a medical doctor and cannot prescribe the use of Fire Cider, I will discuss my own way of using Fire Cider for me and my family. As a bonus, I will have some homemade Fire Cider on hand for people to sample for a nominal suggested donation to help cover the cost of the samples.

### **"Herbal Bactine"**

Geared toward "Preppers," in this class I will discuss how to make a powerful disinfectant liniment with herbs and rubbing alcohol (or moonshine) for topical use. I will discuss what a liniment is and why they're useful, as well as what ingredients I use in this particular liniment – and why. I will make a case for why this liniment is cost effective and a good thing to have on hand in bulk for long term storage. Finally, I will discuss how to make, strain, and store the liniment. As a bonus, I will have some bottles of this homemade liniment for sale exclusively after this class.

**Matthew Justice of [Beaver Creek Woodcraft](#)**



### Tree Felling And Wood Processing With An Axe Course And Woodcrafting Demonstrations

Matt is a highly accomplished wood crafter who is known nationally for not only his axe making skills but also for the highly skilled vintage American and Finnish/European axe restorations.

Justice uses a variety of quality wood species in his axe projects, including ash, birch, hickory, and Osage. The Beaver Creek Woodcraft owner/operator will be teaching how to fell a tree and process the wood with an axe. He will also have a workstation set up offering informal demos where attendees can drop in to watch and ask questions while Matthew teaches as he works.



Eric and Shawn Seitz of [Pioneer Survival Company](#)

### **Class - Fire Procurement and Hypothermia Prevention**

Eric and Shawn will demonstrate the key components to building sustainable fires for survival situations. They will also discuss the importance of maintaining core body temperature, signs of

hypothermia/ hyperthermia and how to address these emergencies in the outdoors.

In August of 2016, brothers Shawn and Eric Seitz, formed Pioneer Survival Company. For years, the Seitz brothers shared a passion for learning and sharing knowledge of the outdoors. By harnessing skills learned through the Boy Scouts of America, and gaining certifications at various outdoor survival schools, they use this knowledge to aid and teach others about the wonders of the outdoors.



Their certifications and skill sets include:

- Experience in Travel and Safety curriculums (basic 72 hour survival skills up to long term emergency capabilities).
- Demonstrates fundamentals of hunting, fishing, wood crafting, camping, and homesteading.
- USCCA Certified Instructors (CCW).
- National Association for Search and Rescue (NASAR) certified as a Wilderness First Responder (WFR) • American Safety and Health Institute (ASHI) certified in Blood-borne Pathogens and Basic Life Support, CPR certified, and Wilderness First Responder

**Check out the [Pioneer Survival Company on YouTube](#).**





## **Joe Blystone- Constitutional Conservative Ohio Governor Candidate**

Joe Blystone, an Ohio farmer running against Mike DeWine for governor in 2022 is going to visit Old School Survival Boot Camp and will speak to the crowd on Friday evening.

Joe Blystone is a true Ohio native, born East Liverpool, Ohio. He is happily married to Jane Blystone. They've been blessed with 3 children; Joe has one son, and Jane has two sons. They brought their families together in 2010. Family, faith, and freedom have always been foundational to the Blystone family.

Joe believes in the American Dream; hard work, prosperity, freedom for all, and the opportunity to build your path to success. He believes every Ohioan has a birth right to this path leading to the pursuit of happiness.

Joe founded the Blystone Farm in 2004 and his nonprofit, Blystone Agricultural Community, Inc. in 2019. For more than a decade he has dedicated his time to serving the community and helping young adults and children learn the importance of hard work and living a happy and healthy lifestyle. The Blystones care deeply about their community and provide many agricultural classes to kids and

their parents. Joe and Jane are freedom loving patriots, who have encouraged many to value and practice their God-given freedoms.



### **Survivalist Gardener Rick Austin and Survivor Jane**



Old School Survival Boot Camp is proud, honored, and generally entirely pleased to announce that Rick Austin and his lovely wife Survivor Jane will be the keynote speakers at this year's event.

Rick Austin- the Survivalist Gardener, is one of the world's premier survivalist, preparedness, and off grid homestead living experts. He lives with his wife Survivor Jane, and they have been featured on numerous national and international television shows and

magazines, about their life for the past 12 years on their off grid homestead, where they grow all their agriculture in a sustainable camouflaged food forest, without fertilizer, pesticide, or weed killer.

They also raise discrete sustainable livestock, and raise 90 animals on less than two acres, that provide them with all their protein needs. Both Rick and Jane are authors of several books, as well as the founders of the largest national preparedness and homesteading event in the nation each year, Prepper Camp. The event teaches others how they can live off grid on a small amount of acreage, and produce all the food and medicine that they and their family need, the way nature has been doing so for millions of years, without chemicals or pesticides.



They will not be able to make the journey from their home in the mountains to the Hocking Hills, but will be zoomed in to the stage at the fairgrounds so they can share and interact with Old School Survival Boot Camp attendees virtually.

Rick and Jane have not only been my self-reliance mentors, but dear friends who have taught me and countless others so very much about survival homesteading - Tara Dodrill



**Michael Moran, Esq. and General Counsel - Staff Instructor at On Guard Defense**



**CCW And After The Bang Class**

Mike has a passion for teaching a variety of firearms, self-defense, tactical and wilderness emergency care courses for which he holds multiple certifications.

As a private practicing attorney with a firearms/self-defense focus for over two decades, he has also held a variety of roles including:

Chief Bailiff/Court Constable, Licensed Private Investigator, Security Supervisor, Special Deputy, State Investigator, Special Prosecutor, Protective Detail Team Leader, Special Counsel, Off Duty Law Enforcement (ODLE) Site Manager, OPOTA Guest Instructor, Judge Advocate, and Inspector General.

**Tara Dodrill - [New Life On A Homestead](#), [HomesteadSurvialSite](#), [Survival Sullivan](#), [Ask A Prepper](#) writer and Old School Survival Boot Camp Operator.**



Tara will be teaching a homeschooling on the homestead class and a salve making course. In the salve making class attendees will learn what common wild plants can be foraged to make herbal salves and then watch and help as a salve is made from start to finish.

Tara will be teaching a homeschooling on the homestead and how run an interactive homeschool class. She wrote the Homestead Heritage Explorers curriculum for preschool through high school senior curriculum to help teach children to be more independent, self-reliant, and to think for themselves.

Dodrill will also be teaching a make and take natural salve making course - with a side of livestock home remedies you can easily create at home. In the salve making class

attendees will learn how to make a salve for sore muscles and dry skin - and take a tub that they helped make home with them.

Tara has written and co-authored seven homesteading and self-reliance books. She operates [A Homestead Homeschool](#) shop that offers interactive learning theme units for preschool through high school children. Dodrill believes education should be an adventure and not looked upon as daily drudgery where children are confined to a chair completing worksheets. Turning common homesteading and self-reliance chores and skill building activities with academic standards involves not just the mind, but the body in daily learning.

She has been a guest on some of the top survival homesteading radio shows, such as the [Survival Medicine Hour](#) with Dr. Bones (Joe Alton) and his wife, nurse Amy, James Talmage Stevens' show on the [Preparedness Radio Network](#), as well as playing host on *Common Sense Prepping* and chatting with the likes of [Survivor Jane](#) and [Rick Austin](#).

She has also had the distinct pleasure of meeting and interviewing [One Second After](#) author, Bill Forstchen.



**Randy Yates -Butcher**



Randy Yates has been butchering livestock and wild game for more than three decades. This dedicated local firefighter's butchered hog roasted over an open flame is legendary in these parts.

Yates will be butchering a hog from start to finish in his class, teaching the attendees how to complete the process before roasting what will be delicious pork prepared over an open flame right before their eyes. Randy will be assisted in his butchering class by Sarah Rodriguez, Shana Gambill, and Dave Natcher.

**Sarah Rodriguez of Rod Ridge Farm, [New Life On A Homestead](#) Writer**



**Rendering Lard and Tallow - And Their Many Uses Class  
As well as a Poultry Husbandry and Butchering Class**

Sarah Rodriguez is a homesteading wife and mother of five living in the southern Ohio region of Appalachia. She grew up in a homesteading and logging family. She and her husband Arnie work their 10-acre homestead together alongside their growing family. Sarah honed her self-reliance skills through 4-H and FFA at an early age and is now teaching her children to live off the land, raise livestock, and the importance of both sustainability and frugality.

**Poultry Husbandry Class** - Sarah will teach you about hatching, raising, and butchering chickens, ducks, and turkeys. She and fellow presenter Donna Dailey will be butchering a turkey during the class. Sarah's poultry class will be as informative as it will be charming. She will surely be peppering all the knowledge she shares with hilarious critter tales from life on Rod Ridge Farm over the years. Be sure to ask her about the goat and swing set incident - it is my rolling on the floor and laughing favorites!

**Shearing and Dying Wool** - In this make and take class you will learn about shearing fiber animals and processing the wool that you collect. Attendees will help dye wool that can be used for fiber arts, needle felting, wet felting, or spinning to use for crochet and knitting projects - and take some of the fruits of their labors home with them to use.





**David Jones – Pandemic and Biological Warfare Survival; NBC (Nuclear, Biological and Chemical) Warfare Survival**

A 24-year veteran of the U.S. Army and retired Army Chemical Officer, David Jones taught nuclear biological and chemical warfare defense to military personnel all over the world.

Being recognized as a weapon of mass destruction expert, six months after 9/11 occurred David was recalled to active duty. He spent the next 22 months in the Middle East traveling to 16 different countries conducting vulnerability assessments on US interests in the area.

David is now an emergency management specialist working for the Federal Government and has worked with Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, NASA and US Air Force Global Strike Command where he was the only civilian on a nuclear weapons accident response team.

David has a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice, a Master's degree in Security Management and has numerous awards from the military and civilian organizations. His most amazing accomplishment to date was that he became a father for the first time at age 50.

**Jay M. Hercules of [Opossum Pouch Soft Goods](#)**



Jay is the fourth generation of professional sewers in his family. He learned at his mother's knee like she did and the rest before her. However, he's the first TAILOR in the family since back in the day since the others were ladies and were called "seamstress." Hercules has been sewing for 30+ years. He has done everything from upholstery in aircrafts to tents. Jay jokingly says "if I can't sew it you don't need it." He is not afraid to try on almost any sewing related task.

**Course 1: UNDERSTANDING WOOL & Caring for it well.**

**2: CANVAS, What gear makers don't tell you but should be!**

**3:FIELD REPAIRS, You, your repair kit and your skill level.**

**Description: 1 UNDERSTANDING WOOL & Caring for it well.** - In this course I will dispel the myths about wool and its care. I will leave attendees with enough understanding to properly care for their wool and do it so well it will last for generations to come.



**Description: 2 CANVAS,** What gear makers don't tell you but should be! - Most people have little real knowledge of the variety of canvas types and are often being somewhat taken advantage of as a result. I will explain the nature of canvas and its variants and participants will go away knowing the truth about the canvas goods they are buying.

**Description: 3 FIELD REPAIRS, You, your repair kit and your skill.** - A detailed demonstration on building a repair kit that is effective. How to properly repair gear in the field. How to repair without causing more damage.

Connect with Jay Hercules on [Facebook](#).

**Donna Dailey - Canning Over An Open Flame - Off Grid Living 101**

**Brea Miller - When You Can't Call A Vet - Herbal Home Remedies For Livestock And Pets**



Brea lives on a 56-acre survival homestead with her family and helps raise, breed, and naturally treat all of the livestock and domesticated pets. Both her veterinary technician training and good old-fashioned farm smarts helped her to cultivate natural home remedies to treat and prevent common livestock illnesses on the family farm.

She will be assisting fellow presenter Tara Dodrill in the salve making and livestock remedies class - focusing on how to naturally treat and prevent common livestock issues on the homestead.

**Tom Coelho - Former Emergency Management Director and HAM radio expert  
Randall Lynch**

### **HAM Radio 101 Class**

Lynch, Coelho, and their crew will be setting up a mini field day exercise to demonstrate the ability of HAM radios and how to use the equipment. Learn about this emergency communications method and how it can be useful both now and during a SHTF event - as well as the training required to get licensed.



Learn how you should be engaging in medical prepping from this seasoned nurse. In addition to being a fully qualified nurse, Chuck is also a patriotic prepper who lives on an off grid homestead with his wife, Donna.

### **Chuck Dailey - Medical Prepping And First Aid Basicc and Advanced**

Chuck has been a respiratory therapist for over three decades.

He will be teaching a first aid basics and advanced first aid and medical prepping class.

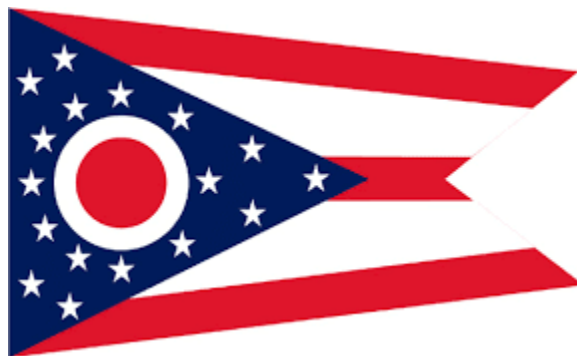
Attendees will learn what potentially deadly health concerns they would face when society breaks down and how to prepared and combat them in the basic class. In the advanced class attendees will learn the importance of being prepared of how to stop bleeding and the supplies they will need to have and know how to use to do so.

### **Donna and Chuck Dailey**

#### **Aquaponics Class**

This experienced off grid living couple will be teaching OSS Boot Camp attendees about growing using aquaponics and the yield they can expect from planting crops in this manner.

They will be setting up an entirely off grid solar powered aquaponics system to teach attendees how to use this vital type of food production.



### **Heartland Defenders**

The Heartland Defenders is a volunteer organization founded to honor and protect the constitutional values of this great Nation. We strive to accomplish this through education, training, activism (social and political), preparedness, and protecting our founding fathers vision for all Americans.

**Course Name:** Preparing the Modern-Day Patriot to Protect our Constitutional Values. A brief discussion on our group. To share a common hope derived out of love of country. This is where we draw our strength. James Michener said "America is a nation with many flaws, but hopes so vast that only the cowardly would refuse to acknowledge them." To go over what we study, how and why we train, prepare, and involve others.

### **Dave Dietrich of GetReady! Emergency Planning Center**

David Dietrich is a retired US Air Force officer. He was a military pilot, intelligence officer, and strategic planner. David is a life-long prepper and survivalist.

David was a Boy Scout and a leader in the Boy Scouts of America for over fifteen years. He taught wilderness survival, first aid, fire and emergency preparedness.

David has taken military Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape (SERE) training.

He is a certified first aid instructor for Basic, CPR, AED, and Wilderness First Aid.

David also presents seminars and courses on trauma treatment, water treatment, bartering, emergency kits, land navigation, food planning, foraging, and scavenging.

David provides his services and products through GetReady! Emergency Planning Center. His business focuses on first aid, water treatment, food, and survival gear. GetReady! is located at 11 West Mercury Boulevard, Hampton, Virginia, in Langley Square Shopping Center.

### **Class Description Trauma Tools Workshop**

This is a hands-on presentation of the primary life-saving tools used by military members and professional first responders in the field. These purpose-built devices will provide you with the ability to stabilize serious bleeding and breathing injuries before trained responders arrive on the scene. Without oxygen, a bleeding/breathing victim has about ten minutes to live. Since the average EMS response time is seven minutes, he has at best a 30% survival rate under normal conditions. Therefore, every step you take immediately could dramatically increase

someone's chances to live. The main point is that you don't have time to wait for someone else to respond and take action. If you choose to accept it, that responsibility falls on you.

During the workshop, we will discuss the importance of blood to the human body and the impact of serious bleeding on bodily functions. Then we will consider types of bleeding and the methods of addressing each. Several tourniquet options will be demonstrated. We will consider other applications as well, including pressure dressings, chest seals, and clotting agents. Finally, we will discuss breathing trauma and how to effectively address conditions arising from obstructions and disruptions. Your take away from this workshop will be an increased understanding of your role as a first responder. And combined with complete trauma kits, as well as the components found at the GetReady! booth, you will be confident in your basic lifesaving ability.

[www.getemergencyready.com](http://www.getemergencyready.com)



### **James Scott - Foraging Edible and Medicinal Herbs, Plants, And Roots**

James has a lifetime of experience foraging for wild edible and medicinal herbs, roots, and flowers. In his Wild Edibles class attendees will go on a mild hike at the main event venue seeking (and finding) an array of plants that are often right under our feet which can be eaten.

In James' wild medicinals course he will once again take attendees on a mild hike to find wild plants, herbs, and roots which can be used in natural home remedy making or consumed right out of the ground to help prevent and health common ailments.



### **Pat Hellman - How to Build A Rocket Stove Class - Building On The Cheap Class**

In his class, Pat will show you how to make sturdy and highly effective rocket stove for mere pennies even if you have only modest skills.

Don't let that frown on Pat's face scare you away from taking his class and learning how to use tools and supplies to make what you need yourself for a fraction of the price of store bought goods. He is a big sweet teddy bear ... he just really REALLY hates to have his picture taken!



Hope Duff [Prepper.com](http://Prepper.com) writer - is one of our Old School Survival Boot Camp vendors. She will be selling patriotic and self-reliance inspired clothing and gear from her booth - along with paracord projects.

#### **Adam Hellman - Making Survival Gear With Paracord and Spiders and Snakes**

In the snakes and spiders class attendees will see live native snakes and learn how to identify venomous ones, how to avoid them, and how to treat a bite. Hellman will also share his knowledge about common Midwest spiders that can cause a substantial health issue if bitten by them - and which spiders you want to have around your homestead. Depending upon what Adam is able to catch before boot camp, there may be live spiders to view, as well. Adam is teaching both an adult and child version of this course.

#### **Paracord Make and Take**

In both the child and adult classes, attendees will learn how to make and take their own survival paracord bracelet.

## **Ohio Militiamen Southeast**



Members of the Ohio Militiamen Southeast group will be talking with attendees about what militias are, what type of training, commitment, and gear are required to participate, as well as detailing the screening and training process.

Connect with Ohio Militia Southeast on [Facebook](#) via the Patriots of Southern Ohio page and on [MeWe](#).

***Madison Poole of Bombproof Bushcraft***





*Madison Poole grew up in rural Ohio and is the owner and operator of [BombproofBushcraft.com](http://BombproofBushcraft.com) and the Bombproof [Bushcraft Youtube Channel](#). She is an avid outdoors woman that has a passion to teach and share the knowledge she has obtained from attending several prestigious survival schools and from her own experiences in the woods. While not claiming to be an expert in anything she is well versed in outdoor living. Her skill sets cover a wide range of topics. Madison is a 4 year veteran of the US Army (1993-1997) where she served in Colorado and Alaska. There she honed her skills in cold weather survival, mountaineering, land navigation and cold weather shelters. If you know anything about Madison you know she is high energy, entertaining and keeps the good information coming.*

About 2014, Madison started her journey into learning the art and science of being outside. Her mind was blown and her life's path was forever changed when she started attending classes given at the Pathfinder School and The Appalachian Bushman School. She started attending gatherings, networking with people, and constantly learning new skills.

**Making a Maul Class** - It is important to preserve your steel tools as much as possible when in the woods. One of the best ways to do that is to build other tools to use instead of your steel tools. One of the most useful tools is the hammer. So instead of using your ax, make a maul instead. This class will walk you through the steps needed to make a maul. Logs will be provided for people to make their own maul. You will need to supply your own saw (6" minimum preferred) and your own knife (full tang is preferred). At the end of the class you will have the knowledge to make one of the most useful tools around camp.

**Knot Class** - Knots can be intimidating. It doesn't help that there are hundreds of knots you can learn. BUT this class will teach you some very useful knots around camp. Believe it or not (see what I did there!) you can learn about 10 knots that will cover most of your needs. AND THEY ARE NOT COMPLICATED! In this class you will follow along step by step with cordage and learn some knots to impress your campmates next time you are setting up camp. In this class you will learn the following: overhand knot, square knot, marline spike hitch, bowline, truckers/truckees hitch, taunt line hitch, prussik, larkshead and the clovehitch.

## The Sodbusters



The [Sodbusters](#) are a unique acoustic blend of American musical genes ranging from crooning country to twangin' rock & roll, swingin' jazz to rootsy folk; singer/songwriter originals to traditional standards.

They approach their music with an exuberant energy, a spontaneous attitude, and a novel freshness.



Hailing from Southeastern Ohio, and fronted by multi-instrumentalist/vocalist, Dan Daly, harmonica virtuoso, John K. Victor, and upright bassist, Mark Lewis.

Their music invokes their rural surroundings, traditions, folklore, and convictions.

**Chad Ousley** - Musician



This sweet and talented local boy will be delighting the Old School Survival Boot Camp crowd with his guitar and singing skills from the stage in the evening after everyone has enjoyed an engaging day of self-reliance skill building classes.

## Rick "Herbie" Herrold and Tami Dougan



Old School Survival Boot Camp is proud and honored to announce that Rick "Herbie" Herrold and Tami Dougan will be the entertainment headliners during Saturday evening festivities. Camp attendees will be able to relax and enjoy some amazing live music after an eventful day of hands-on self-reliance classes.

Herbie has been delighting crowds in the region for decades with his classic rock and a little bit country guitar playing and singing. When Herbie and members of his old band got together for one last time in a Zaleski bar a few years ago, they played to a standing room only crowd in what surely felt like 100 degree heat - yet none of the sweat-drenched fans wanted to leave even when the lengthy show finally ended.



Herbie and Tami are long-time friends and make great music together across several genres. The Old School Survival Boot Camp attendees are in for a real - and very rare treat when they take a public stage together to play for the crowd.

Chris Bethel of Eastwood

Chris will be entertaining the crowd with his amazing musical abilities on Saturday night. This singer songwriter will be playing both covers and his own country-rock style of music.

**Jennings R (Jake) Leeson - Mixed Martial Arts Fighter**



Jake has been training in Jiu Jitsu since he was a young teen. He is ranked among the top 5 Lightweight Amateurs. He specializes in kickboxing and Jiu Jitsu. Leeson has trained with UFC legends such as Jorge Gurgel, Justin Edwards, and fighters from the PFL and WXC.



Jake will be teaching both an introduction to Hand to Hand CQB/Jiu Jitsu and an advanced immersion course in the mixed martial arts discipline.





**Ryan Cain - Vinton County Sheriff**

### **CCW Laws Class and After the Bang**

**Sheriff Cain and attorney Michael Moran - and perhaps Ohio's Gun Gal Judi Phelps will be teaching attendees about existing CCW laws and requirements, discussing the Second Amendment, and learning what happens from a legal perspective after the bang.**

### **Old School Survival Boot Camp Add-On Experiences Via Our Event Partners**



Mark Wood Fun Show by Mark Wood - The Cowboy Magician

**Mark is a true variety artist. He combines comedy, magic, juggling, lassoing and balloon sculpturing for super fun performances. Mark has more than 45 years of experience performing for children and adults. He started performing magic in the third grade and has never stopped.**

**For the past 27 years, it has been his full-time job. Most of his performances are in Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, Pennsylvania, and recently expanded to Maryland, with performances at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and the Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia.**

**The Mark Wood Fun Show will last 45 minutes and the cowboy magician will make balloon animals for the children afterwards. The show will be held inside of the Fern Kruger building. The cost of the show is \$2 per child age 4 and up. There is no charge for adult or children younger than four years old**



**\$2 per child age 2 and older attending will be collected upon entering the building before the show. There will be no charge for adults accompanying their child or children to the show.**

#### **Secrets of the Amish Farm Tour**



#### **Ezra Petersheim - Countryside Stables**

Ezra and members of his community will be offering a [Secrets of the Amish Farm Tour](#) as a part of the Old School Survival Boot Camp. Attendees will spend some time in the indoor horse ring watching horse handling and training demonstrations, watch horse-powered farm machinery work, learn off grid gardening techniques still used by the Amish, learn how to milk a cow, and sample some delicious homemade biscuits after watching them be made and cooked on an Amish cook stove.

Sample some Amish grown and raised food in the concession area of the venue, and perhaps even take some farm fresh eggs back to your campsite to enjoy during a campfire breakfast.

There will be two Secrets of the Amish farm tour sessions. The first will occur from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday. The second will be from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. on Saturday. Lunch prepared by the Amish will be available on-site in between the sessions.

The cost of the Secrets of the Amish tour will be \$5 per adult and \$2 for children age 2 and up - payable as you enter the farm. The Amish farm is located about five minutes from the Vinton County fairgrounds. The address to the farm will be included in the Old School Survival Boot Camp welcome and schedule packet that will be posted to the Lodging and Schedule page of the Old School Survival Boot Camp website the week of the event.

**Dustin and Bobbi Hoy - [Raccoon Creek Outfitters](#)**



A small Hocking Hills Region family-owned business with a premier kayak shop. In our world, if you are a friend of ours, then you are family. Our goal is to get as many people as we can to love the water as much as we do. We have over 20 years of experience in the paddling industry.

Raccoon Creek Outfitters will use the pond at the fairgrounds venue to teach some basic boating and watercraft skills and showcase quality gear and equipment you would need to use for using a kayak or canoe for fishing, water collecting, or bugout boat purposes.



Camping and a snack shop will be available at the Raccoon Creek Outfitters venue. Paddling adventures range from one and a half to three hours.

**Raccoon Creek Outfitters Excursions** - Add-on Experience Ticket Required - Book in advance with [Raccoon Creek Outfitters](#) to avoid all excursions being full on Old School Survival Boot Camp weekend.

1. Bring your own vessel - \$15
2. Raccoon Creek Outfitters 1 1/2 Hour Kayak Excursion - \$21
3. Raccoon Creek Outfitters Kayak Excursion 3 Hours - \$31
4. Raccoon Creek Outfitters 1 1/2 Hour Canoe Excursion Up To 2 Per Boat - \$32
5. Raccoon Creek Outfitters 3 Hour Canoe Excursion Up to 2 Per Boat - \$42

**Judi Phelps of [On Guard Gun Range and Training Center](#) - Situational Awareness, Gun Safety for Kids, Archery, And Firearms Courses**



**Judi holds various certifications including USCCA Training Counselor, NRA Chief Range Safety Officer, Commando Krav Maga Level 2 Smart Safe Instructor & more. As a personal protection & self-defense enthusiast, Judi is passionate about sharing her knowledge and skills with others.**

She is especially focused on teaching other women ways to prepare and defend themselves against violence and uses her ladies club “Lead & Lace” to teach them to do so.

Nestled in the beautiful Hocking Hills region of southeast Ohio, On Guard Defense Training Center and Shooting Range is a one-stop shop for your unarmed self-defense, firearms and archery training needs.

They currently offer a 65-yard Tactical outdoor shooting range with covered firing line that supports pistol, rifle and shotgun enthusiast. Side berms and rear back stop are in excess of 20 feet. This allows shoot and move exercises, drawing from a holster, and to shoot from a variety of positions while engaging paper, steel, swinging targets and more!





The outdoor Pistol range measures 35-yards and is just a shorter version of our Tactical range without the covered firing line. A covered sitting / prep area is on range for readying your gear and having a place to relax when not shooting.

If you're into sporting clays or just want to give it a "whirl", we've got you covered! They offer a Whirlybird target thrower that launches the clays that shooters engage with 12- or 20-gauge shotguns from five different shooting positions. Gun rentals available.

**On Guard Defense Firearms Training and Krab Maga Intensive Course**

Please contact the excellent team at On Guard Defense to check out class offerings and space availability.

- Add-on Experience Ticket Required For Any Of These Courses. Book in advance via [On Guard Defense and Training Center](#) to avoid all spaces being filled during Old School Survival Boot Camp weekend.