

TANNING AND SHAVING TRAINING

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If you have ever had the desire to take your in shop tanning to the next level, here is your chance.

There are untold numbers of video's out there on the web that are produced by people who teach you all they know about tanning, Unfortunately, most of these people have no clue how the tanning, which in our case is actually dressing, as in a fur dress process, actually works. They know how to make a video and load it to the internet. Most are either looking for 15 minutes of fame or trying to sell a product. Sadly enough, most of the print media is not much better. Articles are written by people who just know that if you use this and do this it works, no clue why.

After 32 years of operating a commercial dressing plant, geared primarily toward taxidermy skins, but also producing garment dressed furs. We will be offering instruction tailored to different levels of experience and desire. Space will be limited.

All courses will include proper adjustment of a round knife, how to stand, hand position, shaving angle and blade honing.

Course #1

A one day course that is just shaving. You will need to bring up to six capes, whitetail deer, mule deer, pronghorn antelope or any combination of the three. Your capes will need to be pickled and ready to shave. Pickling with any of the safety acids, citric acid or formic acid is acceptable, no other methods. We will be glad to advise you on proper pickling ahead of time.

This will be a one on one course. It doesn't matter if you are completely inexperienced or a round knife veteran, we will adjust to training to meet your needs.

The cost is \$750.00, about half of which you will get back by saving tanning cost on your six capes.

Course #2

A five day course that will give you hands on experience from start to finish doing swab type tans on capes. Skin type and quantities the same as course #1. Capes will need to be either salt dried or wet salted. Monday will be rehydrating, Friday will be drumming your finished capes. Because of the short pickling time we wont be able to do heavy skins such as elk.

This may be a two on one course. If we do not have a second student booked, and you want to bring a partner or employee of your own business that is fine, but it will still be a six cape limit. We will supply a swab tan, or you can bring whatever brand you are currently using.

The cost of this 5 day course is \$1500.00

Course #3

A two week (ten day) course that will cover everything in courses #1 and #2, but we will do heavier skins, such as elk and skins that need to be degreased such as bear and fur skins. We can do either a swab or immersion process, whichever you prefer. With the extra days we can cover proper degreasing and immersion tanning if desired. You will need to bring salted skins, the quantity will depend on the size and type. Plan on up to 100 pounds of skins, we will determine that with you before hand.

This may be a two on one course, again you may bring a partner or employee from your business.

The cost of this 10 day course is \$2500.00

Full training is available if you want to start your own tannery, call and we can talk.

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