Looking for some deep summer learning experiences with...

- Small Groups
- Individual Attention
- An Experienced Mentor
- Topics You Won’t Find Anywhere Else
- Hands-On Experiences (That Lead to ONGOING Experiences)
- Encounters With Nature
- Practical Skills
- Lots of room for wide-ranging adventures?

Summer learning experiences are filling up right now! Choose from:

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**Tracking and Observation I, II (Ages 8+)

Learn to read the stories in, and gain insight from, the natural world all around. Starting by training the senses, we will work out into the identification of birds, mammals, and plants of Virginia through sound, sight, and spoor. We will explore the foods and medicines, habits and patterns, tools and even technologies we can find in or draw from the woodland environment. By the end of the experience, students will have a firm foundation in the basics of observing, but more importantly, they will have the tools and resources to take their skills to the next level.

Cost: $150/first child, $100/sibling

Materials Needed: Woods clothes, backpack, Student Kit*, water bottle. Be prepared to get muddy. We will run this course rain or shine, so prepare rain gear for the rainy days.

**Investing I (Ages 10+)

Many young people are living in the world without a deep understanding of finance. Money shows up, money goes, but what is money, and how can it be made and managed well to our service, but also the service of others? In this experience, we will explore the basics of finance and investing, with an eye towards understanding how our financial system works. Basic principles of economics will be mingled with practical knowledge of bank accounts, stock markets, and the principles of disciplined personal finance.

Cost: $150/first child, $100/sibling

Materials Needed: Student Kit*, laptop/tablet/smartphone if desired

**Philosophy I (Ages 12+)

Philosophy means ‘the love of wisdom’. Come get an introduction to the Big Questions, those perennial questions that each generation of thinkers must engage! We will wrangle with the foundations of ethics, epistemology (how we know), metaphysics (what’s ‘behind’ reality as we live it), and logic through engaging readings and discussions, thought exercises and journaling. Total beginners are welcome!

Cost: $150/first child, $100/sibling

Materials: Student Kit*
Astronomy: Summer Sky Star Party (ALL AGES)

Join us at the Hall Farm for a Star Party! Get a grand tour of the summer sky, including major constellations, planets, nebulae, and other deep sky objects. Bring your binoculars and telescopes, or take a look through one of ours!

Cost: $30/individual, $50/family

Self-Defense I (Ages 10+)

Learn the principles and practical techniques for self-defense at any age, any ability level. This course will be centered around awareness and avoidance, in addition to basic techniques for dealing with common self defense situations. Techniques will be focused on quick, efficient, and effective ways to manage the situation, as well as the most effective ways to get help before, during, and afterwards. We will also practice basic physical and mental exercises to keep the skills learned in this course fresh and in practice for years to come.

Cost: $150/first child, $100/sibling

Quarterstaff (Ages 10+)

The staff has been a staple hiking stick, farm implement, and self-defense tool for millennia. Come to this course to learn why (as well as how!) this humble, easy-to-find tool has had such a long, successful history. Across a week we will learn the basics of defense, utility, and application. We will practice basic strikes, blocks, partner drills, and situational drills to increase proficiency. By the end of the week, students will know not only how to use this implement effectively, but also how to find one in the woods or at home.

Cost: $150/first child, $100/sibling

Roving Archery (Ages 10+)

Starting with target time, where we will hone the skills of posture, aiming, and release, we will take our archery out into the field! Hunt stumps, straw bales, milk jugs, and other targets over hills and valleys. Walk the archery course and try your hand at some tough shots at distances long and short. Learn to fire from the knee or from cover, as well as how to take an instinctive shot.

By the end of the week, you will never look at archery the same way again....

Cost: $150/first child, $100/sibling

Farm Apprenticeship (Ages 10+)

A week-long, full day immersion in the life of a working farm. Be prepared to work, but also to wonder: students will participate in the chores, rhythms, tasks, problem-solving, and even the leisure side of small farm life. Students will have take-home artifacts, including farm fresh eggs and produce that they have harvested themselves, plus a plant (or three) for a fall container garden. Individualized apprenticeships specific to projects you may want to start at home are available, including gardening, chickens, rabbits, and road/train maintenance.

Cost: $350

Supplies Needed: Work clothes, work gloves, water bottle. Food will be provided. We will run this apprenticeship rain or shine!

*Student Kit: pencils, eraser, pen, highlighter, writing paper, drawing paper, clipboard

Contact Information and Reservations

Please contact Chris Hall directly with questions or for reservations: chall@alwayslearningeducation.net

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