

# 2025 NCR SUMMER ADVENTURE

## WARRIOR CLINICS

### Fire 101

*"I HAVE MADE FIRE!!"*

Ever make a fire with a handmade bow drill? Would you like to learn how and practice doing it while you're here? Well this is your chance to learn to do just that! Come join Eric, one of our staff bushcraft pros and start a fire 'old school'. This is a hands-on workshop, and you will be working to make a fire. Not everyone succeeds in making a fire with a bow drill given the high level of skill and patience involved.....will you?

### Knots 101

*NO MORE MONKEY PAW FOR ME!*

Never met a rope-work guy that didn't know at least 15 knots you never heard of, were difficult to learn to tie, and you were never going to need to use throughout your life. Well this is your chance to learn some basic knots that are practical and you can and might well use every day. Come join Frank Ratcliff, Superintendent of Pipestem Resort and State Park, and learn to do rope work, tie knots, and explore their everyday practical application.....like the kind that might be needed in the Warrior Race.

### Rope Making 101

*FINALLY !! SOMETHING I CAN USE!*

Come join World Famous David Chada, Regional Field Service Executive. David will use ancient technology to teach participants the old world skill of rope making and help each participant make a length of rope they can take with them for use later.....maybe in the Warrior Race.

### Search and Rescue

*SAVE ME !!!*

Come join our friends at K9 Search and Rescue of WV as they demonstrate the skills they use to recover those who wonder too far off the path in their adventures.

### Advanced Land Navigation

*SO I WON'T NEED K9 SEARCH AND RESCUE TO FIND ME!*

Join our friends from K9 Search and Rescue of WV and learn the advanced skills you need in conjunction with map and compass to avoid needing their services.....or during the Warrior Race.

### Commando Bridge

*"WE CALL IT PRIMITIVE ENGINEERING SIR"*

Come join our Chief Engineer Dale Holden, as he teaches you the skills needed to cross one of the countless numbers of draws, valleys, and/or gorges located throughout the Mountain State. You never know when you might need to use these skills to get across an obstacle.....like maybe during the Warrior Race. **You must wear pants to this workshop. No shorts please!**

### Fishing 101

*"FISH ON!"*

We are honored to have legendary angler John Hawkins join us for this event. John is President-Emeritus of the Frankford Fisherman's Club, a Certified Master Angler of the Cripple Creek River Pickers Association, Nine-time recipient of the Big Money Angler Award issued by the Dedicated Trout Poachers' Guild, and a Bonafide Angler with the Olcott Fish On Society. John will be demonstrating how to tie the knots, set up rigs to target different local species, spin-casting techniques, fishing rod physics, and offering assistance and coaching as you attempt to catch a few fish. There will be 30-45 minutes of instruction and the remainder of the time will be practical exercise.

### Fly Tying 101

*"AND THAT'S ALL THERE REALLY IS TO IT"*

Join our staff fly-tying expert, Dan Starkey, to learn the skills needed for constructing your own natural fishing tackle. Dan will be guiding participants to tying their very own "wooly bugger". Each participant will leave this workshop with a fly they created. Space and equipment is limited in this clinic, so sign up early, but only sign up if you are truly interested in learning this skill. Limit 6 per session.

### Primitive Trapping

*"HEY MOM, LOOK WHAT I CAUGHT!"*

Come join Boedy, another one of our staff bushcraft pros, and learn how to build simple, effective traps using natural materials. Learn primitive trapping skills including the use of deadfalls, snares, and primitive trigger systems. No animals will be harmed during this warrior clinic!

### Survival Skills (wild plant ID)

*"SHOULD I EAT THIS OR NOT?"*

Join our First Officer, Elijah, and learn the plants you can use to survive on in the event of being lost in the WV wilderness. Elijah will help you know how to identify plants you can use, and plants you should absolutely avoid in a survival situation.

### Primitive Building Skills

*BUILD IT AND THEY WILL COME!*

Yet another one of our staff bushcraft pros. Come join Deputy Camp Director Chris Richards and learn to make tools and structures from all natural materials. You never know when you might need to construct a tool or other item in order to survive, or even to advance to the next leg of the Warrior Race.

### Dutch Oven Cooking

*YUMMY !!*

*“Never turn down barbecue from a fat guy with a beard, and never refuse cobbler made by someone’s Grandma”,* (old WV saying). Well you can add to that never turn down anything made in a Dutch oven at a Trail Life event. Join John Holder, Regional Field Services Director, and learn the basics of Dutch oven cooking. Remember, you get to enjoy what you learn to make as a bonus.