



## STUDY of ANCIENT LIFEWAYS and TECHNOLOGIES

### S.A.L.T. MISSION STATEMENT

S.A.L.T.'s primary goal is to understand, practice and share all life skills and arts of the ancient world. This is accomplished by regular Skills Meetings and informing the public through various Events.

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APRIL 2019

### S. A. L. T. CALENDAR

#### NEXT S.A.L.T. MEETINGS & EVENTS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20<sup>th</sup>**

10 am – 2 pm

#### **SKILL #20 BOWS & ARROWS**

Make an Arrow with a Stone Point  
with Charlie Tadano & Bob Sizemore

**at Charlie & Tamara Tadano's House**  
**12840 N. 45<sup>th</sup> Drive, Glendale, AZ 85304**  
**602-524-6910**

*(Please bring a dish to share for the potluck Brunch!)*

#### UPCOMING 2019 MEETINGS & EVENTS:

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> SKILLS MEETING at PGM 10am-2pm  
All Skills – Show & Tell  
Quarterly Board Meeting follows

Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup> SKILLS MEETING at PGM  
S.A.L.T. SKILL #23 TRACKING with Al Cornell

3rd Annual S.A.L.T. CAMPOUT 7/25-28/19  
at Woods Canyon Lake Spillway Group Campsite

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR S.A.L.T. SHIRTS  
TO ALL MEETINGS AND EVENTS!



*The APRIL S.A.L.T. SKILLS Meeting will be at*



*Charlie & Tamara Tadano's House*

*The MAY S.A.L.T. SKILLS Meeting will be at*



### PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM

4619 E Washington St, Phoenix, AZ 85034  
[\(602\) 495-0901](tel:6024950901)

**"Unless there is CONTEXT,  
it's all arts and crafts." Steve Watts**



**DON'T MISS THE APRIL 2019  
S.A.L.T. SKILLS MEETING!**  
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SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
20. Bows / Arrows	Take a Bow class and an Arrow class	Make a primitive Bow and Arrows on your own	Demonstrate how to use the Bow and Arrows proficiently



**"Knowledge is not complete until  
it is passed on." Steve Watts**

**LEVEL I of SKILLS 1, 2 and 3**  
**INSTRUCTION PROVIDED AT EVERY SKILL**  
**MEETING DEPENDING ON THE WEATHER...**

SKILL	Apprentice Level I	Apprentice Level II	Apprentice Level III
1. Cutting Tool	Make a flake and Discoidal Blade	Make flakes from three different rocks and refine the tools	Demonstrate a use or project with the tool
2. Cordage	Make a uniform 3 foot length of cordage	Process three different fibers and make cordage	Demonstrate a use or project with the cordage
3. Friction Fire	Demonstrate one method of primitive fire starting	Forage for materials, construct hand drill or bow drill and make fire	Make a complete Fire Kit to use and display

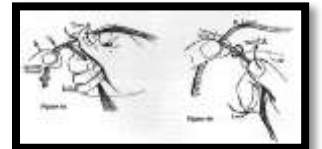
**SKILL #1 CUTTING TOOL: Level I**

*Make a flake and discoidal blade.*



**SKILL #2 CORDAGE: Level I**

*Make a uniform 3 foot length of cordage.*



**SKILL #3 FRICTION FIRE: Level I**

*Demonstrate one method of primitive fire starting.*



(Beads will be given out to new members when Level I of all three of the above Membership Requirement Skills are completed and dues are paid.)

**Remember to bring your own primitive tools and materials to the Monthly Skill Meetings, if you have them. Materials for the Membership Requirement Skills are provided at each meeting for guests and new members.**

*Also, you are responsible to sign in at meetings and events to be included in the newsletters, etc. and note on the sign-in sheet each level of each skill you complete to be awarded your beads. You need to make a Personal Bead to receive the leather thong for your Skill Beads. Thanks!*



# MARCH 2019 S.A.L.T. SKILLS DEMOS HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, March 16, 2019  
Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve



Albert displayed Textiles      Jennifer worked on a pine needle basket



Laura displayed several skills and played the primitive flute



Ron & Donna Moses displayed and demoed several tools



Thomas displayed several skills and demoed cordage



Charlie had a large display of tools



Albert and Tamara







Aiden and Jesse



Tom displayed and demoed friction fire



***We will miss the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve!***

## S.A.L.T. SKILLS DEMOS AT THE SPUR CROSS RANCH CONSERVATION AREA EVENT ON MARCH 3<sup>rd</sup> HIGHLIGHTS

S.A.L.T. Members Charlie & Tamara Tadano, Albert Abril and Ron & Donna Moses displayed their primitive technology at the event.



Ron Moses



Charlie and Albert



**Spur Cross Ranch Conservation Area**  
44000 N. Spur Cross Road, Cave Creek, AZ 85331  
(480) 488-6601

## S.A.L.T. SKILLS DEMOS AT THE PUEBLO GRANDE MUSEUM ANCIENT TECH DAY EVENT ON MARCH 9<sup>th</sup> HIGHLIGHTS

S.A.L.T. Members Charlie & Tamara Tadano, Albert Abril, Esther, Jesse and Ariel Diamondstone, Jennifer & Luis Ahumada, Laura Robins, Lynn Marks and Gary Alves were at the event.



Jennifer, Tamara and Luis



Albert started on Thursday with the Agave Roast and provided everyone with delicious, sweet agave root to taste!



The S.A.L.T. Display Box and Tom





Esther explained the Primitive Tech Display



Tamara and Gary



Tom Wax demoed 21 Hand Drill Fires



Esther and Laura had everyone who wanted to throw an Atlatl sign the Safety Advisory and then provided them with a Mammoth Hunting License!



Charlie teaching how to use the Atlatl



Jesse on the Atlatl Range



Ariel on the Atlatl Range



Lynn and Luis also helped out on the Atlatl Range



## May 27<sup>th</sup> - June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Primitive Skills for Self-Sufficiency

**Between the Rivers Gathering** is a week-long workshop for learning skills that originate in the stone-age all the way up to modern homesteading. We will have a multitude of instructors offering a broad-range of classes all week long. Included will be wilderness survival skills of all kind, primitive and homespun living, basic preparedness and skills of a practical and archeological nature. We offer **hands-on classes in primitive living and survival**, and we also focus on the skills of self-sufficiency and sustainable living to minimize our impact on this planet we all share. Come join our community and experience for yourself what a primitive skills gathering is all about!

**Warning:** *Attending Between the Rivers Gathering may change your life!*

Many times the old legends say it best:

*"We do not go to the green woods and crystal waters to rough it, we go to smooth it. We get it rough enough at home; in towns and cities; in shops, offices, stores, banks—anywhere that we may be placed—with the necessity always present of being on time and up to our work; of providing for the dependent ones; of keeping up, catching up, or getting left. "Alas for the life-long battle, whose bravest slogan is bread." I am talking ... to those of the world's workers who go, or would like to go, every summer to the woods. And to these I would say, don't rough it; make it as smooth, as restful and pleasurable as you can." - Nessmuk*

**That is our hope and dream that we can help all who attend to be able to make meaningful life changes that increase their skills, intensify their connection with the Earth, and improve their relationships with others. It is all about deeper connections!**

"Primitive skills are our shared inheritance. It is the shared thread which links us to our prehistory and binds us together as human beings." -Steve Watts

[Link to Classes](#)

**Come and experience the entire week with us!**

To register click [here](#).

Day registration click [here](#).

Other [Primitive Skills Gatherings](#)

[BtR T-Shirt](#)

Day rates available, too!

Burning questions that can't wait? Contact

us: [patrickf@bridgestothepast.org](mailto:patrickf@bridgestothepast.org)

# EARTH KNACK

## Stone Age Skills

for the

## 21st Century

Robin Blankenship  
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PO 508 Crestone, CO 81131

### 29th Anniversary

### Primitive Skills Camp

### Families Welcome

### June 6 -11

(Thursday - Tuesday)

\$265 adults (\$68 daily)  
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\$95 kids 4-7 (\$25 daily)

[www.earthknack.com](http://www.earthknack.com)  
to register and info

Hope you can join us this year!  
All the best! Love, Robin

**The Earth Knack Gathering**  
June 6-11, 2019 29th Anniversary  
To register:

<http://www.earthknack.com/registration/>

Robin Blankenship, Founder, Owner and Instructor of Earth Knack School

Author: [How To Play In The Woods](#) (Gibbs Smith, Publisher 2016)

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**Saskatoon Circle**  
Primitive and Traditional Skills Gathering  
June 17-23, 2019

Held in the  
Cethow Valley of  
Washington...  
Our 10th Year!  
Tickets go on sale  
March 15 at  
[www.SaskatoonCircle.com](http://www.SaskatoonCircle.com)

Classes and Community  
to help build a  
Resilient Future!

Teaching positions, work trade, and Native Scholarships still available!  
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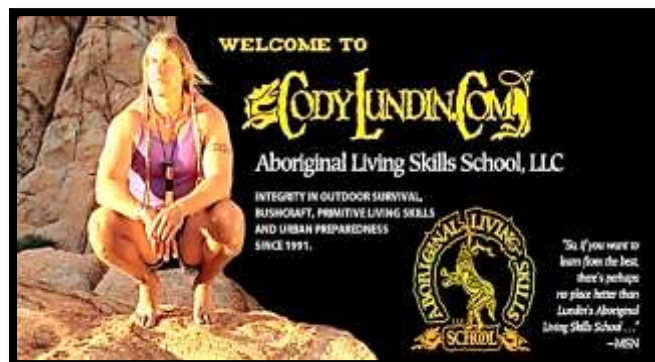
**32<sup>ND</sup> RABBITSTICK**  
**SEPTEMBER 15 - 21, 2019**  
in Rexburg, Idaho

**"Rabbitstick is the Mother Church of Primitive Technology"**  
-Steve Watts, Past President of the Society of Primitive Technology

Rabbitstick Primitive Skills Gathering, held the 3rd week of September in ID, is the premier Backtracks event. Rabbitstick is the oldest of all of the modern primitive skills events and has been the model for most of the events currently running worldwide. Each year we host nearly 150 instructional and support staff who provide a camp with hands-on classes that run 9am-5pm for 5 days for about 400 registered participants. This is an unparalleled opportunity to learn skills and get to know teachers that you can trust. Visit our new website - [rabbitstick.com](http://rabbitstick.com) - for complete event and registration details. Backtracks has assembled one of the largest and most complete rosters of primitive skills teachers and practitioners available anywhere. Backtracks is your source for the best instructional staff you'll find at any event. Join Us!

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### Our Farm and Sanctuary

Reevis Mountain School began in 1980 as a community focused on self-sufficiency and the teaching of survival skills. Today it is a more quiet place: a sanctuary, organic farm, and off-grid homestead. Nature has endowed this remote canyon with paradise-like features: a year-round creek, two underground springs, and an altitude (3,300 feet) that takes much of the misery out of Arizona summers. Human effort has added an orchard of one hundred fruit and nut trees, a one-acre garden, a flock of some fifty chickens, a greenhouse, a community house, a beautiful native stone shower house, a solar power house, and shelters including a teepee, cabins, and yurpees (Bigfoot's design, a combination of teepee and yurt).

Our first-rate "Nature's Classroom" is enjoyed by a permanent staff of two and a varying number of interns and retreat seekers. It is cherished by those wishing to experience a place free from most modern-day pollutants (including cell phones!) and to reconnect with Earth, Self, and Spirit. Visitors rave about the wholesome, nourishing, and tasty meals, featuring fresh, organically home-grown ingredients prepared with love.

**What to bring:** Camping gear or, with yurpee reservation, a sleeping bag or bedding; water bottle; sun-protective hat; flashlight or headlamp; battery-powered lamp (optional); sunglasses; towel and toiletries. Also: openness, appreciation, and desire to learn. The temperature at RMS is usually about 12 degrees cooler than Phoenix, and nights can be cool in the spring and fall—bring warm clothing.

**What to leave at home:** Drugs, alcohol, firearms, smoking materials, electronic equipment, pets, junk food, and negative attitudes.

### Registration

Visit [www.reevismountain.org](http://www.reevismountain.org) to register online. Or mail your name, phone number, postal and email addresses, and a 50% deposit (check or money order) to RMS, 7448 S. J-B Ranch Rd., Roosevelt, AZ 85545. Indicate whether you will need our free shuttle service from Roosevelt and/or wish to stay in a yurpee or cabin instead of camping. Balance due prior to class. *Deposits are nonrefundable unless RMS reschedules or cancels the class.*

**Early Registration:** 10% discount if you register with full payment 30 days prior to class date.

### Important Information

**Classes held at RMS include:** meals (arrival night meals are a potluck party—bring a healthful, natural dish to share!), class supplies, hot showers, and campsite. Camping is free, or stay in a yurpee (shared, \$10/night/pers.) or cabin (single \$25/night or double \$50/night).

**Class fee includes shuttle service** from Roosevelt—or caravan in your own 4X4. Shuttle pickup is at 4 p.m., first day of class (note exception for Stone Masonry), at M&S Marine, Hwy. 188, Roosevelt (between mile posts 233 & 234). Further details will be provided after registration.

**For more information,** please contact us—see below.

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# S.A.L.T. STORE

*T-SHIRTS & PATCHES will be available at all  
S.A.L.T. Skill Meetings*



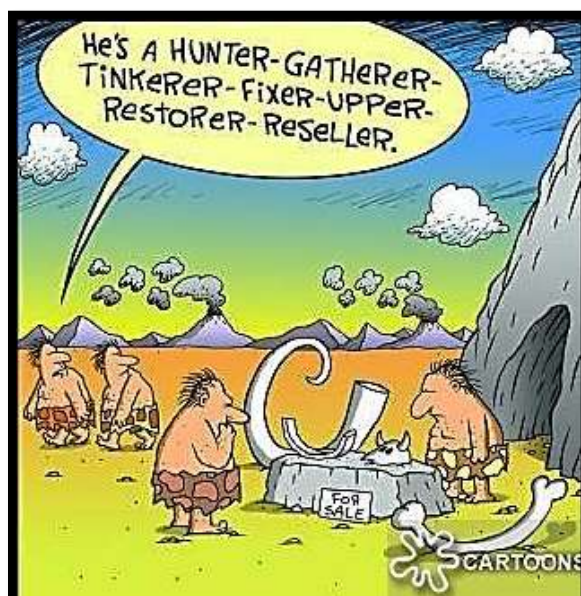
**S.A.L.T. T-SHIRTS** are available in all sizes at  
\$20.00 each *(Special pricing for Members)*



**S.A.L.T. PATCHES** \$5.00 each  
*(Memberships receive one free)*



**Have a place to store and carry all of your S.A.L.T.  
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*(Special price for members)*  
Call Charlie for availability on Totes  
**602-524-6910**





## ATTENTION

**S.A.L.T. Members and Associates!**

Please send in pictures and articles for this newsletter! Send in information on projects you are working on, information you have found on primitive skills, pictures from trips to archaeological sites, etc.

Send it to [saltskills@gmail.com](mailto:saltskills@gmail.com)



STONE AGE TECHNOLOGY FROM PRIMITIVE WAYS



**ALSO, THINK ABOUT TEACHING ONE OF OUR SKILLS CLASSES!**

Contact Charlie Tadano at 602-524-6910

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## 2019 MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE DUE!

**SINGLE \$12.00 & FAMILY \$24.00**

*(New memberships are pro-rated throughout the year)*

*Please bring it to the next Skills Meeting or mail them to S.A.L.T. Treasurer,*

**TAMARA TADANO**

**12840 N. 45<sup>th</sup> Drive  
Glendale, AZ 85304**

Please make the check out to  
**Tamara Tadano**

## S.A.L.T. MEMBERSHIP ITEMS

The Tan "Fishing Shirt" Style S.A.L.T. Membership Shirts are available by pre-order. Please contact Charlie Tadano to order your Shirt at **602-524-6910**

**NEW S.A.L.T. T-SHIRTS  
and S.A.L.T. PATCHES  
are now available!**

**There may be some Tote Bags, too.**

The S.A.L.T. "Sonoran Desert, Sorting out the Weak" T-SHIRT is available to anyone interested for \$15.00 each. They will be available at most S.A.L.T. Monthly Skill Meetings and Events until they are gone. (Only a few left!)

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