

## Crooked Knife Workshop

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Give me an axe, an awl and a crooked knife and I can make you a life in the woods. Or you can learn how to make and use those tools and you can make that life for yourself. The crooked knife has been used for generations by traditional craftsmen to make everything from birch bark canoes to bows to spoons. This wood carving tool is deceptively simple- a bent metal blade tied to a curved piece of wood, but just like anything in life, the devil is in the details. A poorly made crooked knife will skip over the wood without cutting in and will tire you wrist and hand while a well made crooked knife will shave wood like an angry beaver with very little effort.

Join us for this one day workshop where we will transform worn out old files into one of a kind crooked knives. You will learn all the steps of low tech blacksmithing needed to anneal, shape, harden and temper steel in order to make it soft enough to work and hard enough to keep a keen edge. You will also learn the traditional way of lashing your new blade to a hand made cedar crooked knife handle. All skill levels are welcome and we recommend all participants be over the age of 14 due to the level of work involved in the process. This is a very hands on workshop so bring your elbow grease and a good pair of work gloves.

We will begin class at 8 and end at 4. Please plan on attending the full day as this is a labor intensive project. Bring your own lunch, snacks and any other goodies you may want throughout the day.