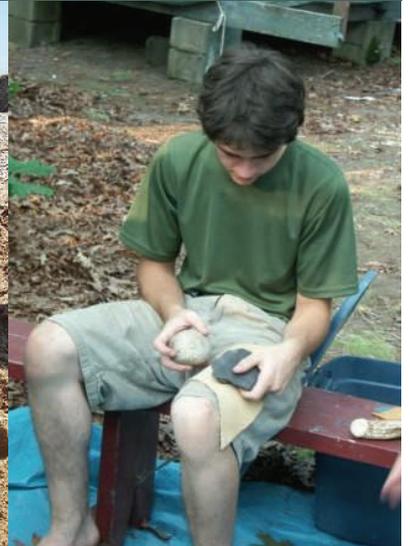




The Children of the Earth Foundation

# COYOTE TRACKS PROGRAMS 2009



Ensuring the survival of future generations by  
guiding youth and community to a pure connection  
with the Earth

[www.cotef.org](http://www.cotef.org)





## Our Goals

Our goal is to create a profound respect for the Earth and all of its inhabitants. We seek to support and nurture the personal growth and self-esteem of our participants through survival skills, animal tracking, nature awareness and storytelling. Our teaching is infused with a philosophy of oneness with nature as taught by Stalking Wolf to Tom Brown, Jr. We hope to instill and awaken a new connection to the Earth as true caretakers of the land, passionate about learning and excited about becoming our future leaders as Children of the Earth. To learn more about us, view our program video at [www.cotef.org](http://www.cotef.org).



## History

Tom Brown, Jr. founder of the Tracker School, has been exploring the wilderness since he was 7 years old. It was at this age when he met his teacher Stalking Wolf, an Apache Elder, affectionately known as Grandfather. Tom spent his youth venturing into the Pine Barrens with Stalking Wolf where he learned the arts of survival and tracking, the way of nature and the skills of awareness Stalking Wolf had learned during his life's travels.

In 1978, Tom published his first book, *The Tracker*, an autobiography of his life. Since then he has written 16 other books. In 1999, the Tracker School added another dimension to its educational offerings—the Coyote Tracks Programs. Created for families, youth and teens, the Coyote Tracks Programs emphasized many of the same skills taught in Tom's adult classes. In 2001, Tom initiated the creation of the Children of the Earth Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to passing on these skills to children and families everywhere.



Tom Brown

Dear Parents, Children, and Teens,

The Children of the Earth Foundation and the Coyote Tracks Children's camp are now in their 11th year. The results of the children's programs have been nothing short of stunning, reaching beyond my wildest expectations. It is so good to know that we are reaching children with a message that takes them away from the common place events of their lives and takes them to higher levels of achievement, awareness, and confidence.

The Coyote Tracks Teen and Family Experiences are similar in many ways to our Standard Course, although there are variations due to the age differences.

The children are finding that Grandfather's message is far more important to them than TV programs, video games, and all the other false gods that clutter their lives. They have found a new adventure in life, full of exploration, wonder, and excitement, found deeply in the foundation of wilderness. To see these children track, stalk, camouflage up in mud, start a bow-drill fire, or build a shelter is to realize Grandfather's Vision is becoming reality.

All Good Medicine, *Tom Brown* 



## General Information

This brochure contains descriptions, dates and general locations for our scheduled programs throughout the year. To obtain details including program specific fees, specific locations and registration information and materials, please visit our website at [www.cotef.org](http://www.cotef.org) or contact us at the office, (609) 971-1799.

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### CONCENTRIC RINGS PROGRAMS

In addition to our scheduled programs, we run personalized programs with schools, tribes and scouting, homeschool and other groups throughout the year. For more information on how to set up a program for your group contact the office at (609) 971-1799.

# Summer Programs



## Family, Youth + Teen Experience (prerequisite course for all other week-long programs)

This is a week-long adventure in learning about nature and the art of survival. You'll experience the wonder of making fire without matches, creating a shelter that's warm and safe, moving through the woods and silently approaching an animal. This is an amazing experience in which you'll connect with nature in a new and powerful way. All skills are taught entirely through hands-on and experiential learning techniques. This transformative experience is something treasured by the whole family.

The program is designed for families to attend together or for youth and teens, age 10-17 to attend without an adult. Children are divided into age group learning teams and some activities are done with the entire group. In addition to having their own adventures, adults engage in a week long workshop in the basics of "Coyote Teaching"-the methods behind what is being taught.

- June 28-July 3 New Jersey Ages 4-17 and Family
- July 5-10 New Jersey Ages 4-17 and Family
- July 19-24 California Ages 7-17 and Family
- August 2-7 British Columbia Ages 7-17 and Family
- August 9-14 New Jersey Ages 4-17 and Family
- September 13-18 New Jersey Ages 7-17 and Family
- September 13-18 California Ages 7-17 and Family



## Family, Youth + Teen Philosophy- Jedi Training (Family, Youth , Teen Experience Prerequisite)

In this class we will be bringing some of the philosophy skills Tom teaches at his adult Tracker classes to parents, youth, and teens. We will spend the week learning about Grandfather's worlds, and our ability to walk within them. We will explore the Sacred Silence, uncover methods for increasing awareness and learn techniques for becoming one with the Earth. Tom has tailored these teachings to the way Grandfather taught him as a child. This will be a very hands-on course with many games to cultivate awareness and imagination.

- July 12-17 New Jersey Ages 7-17 and Family
- July 26-31 California Ages 7-17 and Family



## Family, Youth, and Teen Quest (Family, Youth , Teen Philosophy Prerequisite)

NEW

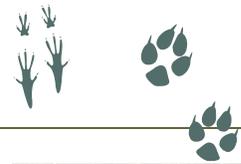
For the first time we are offering a unique quest experience for parents and children. This quest, designed for the entire family, will offer a profound rites of passage experience for children and parents alike. We begin as a group and then journey alone for 2 to 4 days in nature. After, we will gather together and celebrate this passage and share how we will integrate this experience into our everyday lives.

July 12-17 New Jersey Ages 10-17 and Family

## Youth + Teen Way of the Woods (Family, Youth , Teen Experience Prerequisite)

This ten day course helps you delve deeper into the survival skills and craft work that were introduced in the Family, Youth and Teen Experience. We will teach advanced shelter, flint knapping, quickie bow making, bark baskets, advanced fire making, brain-tanning hides, advanced stalking and movement, coal burning bowls, pottery and much more. As we create from nature we build our relationship with it and really start to experience living as one with the Earth.

- July 19-28 New Jersey Ages 10-17 and Family
- September 13-18 New Jersey Ages 7-17 and Family (week-long homeschool program)



## Youth + Teen Way of the Hunter (Family, Youth , Teen Experience and Way of the Woods Prerequisite)

Ten days totally devoted to learning the ways of the Hunter as a true caretaker of the land. During this 10 day class students will study and experience all the steps in making a self-bow from tree selection and harvesting to design layout, shaping, tillering and shooting. The students will also learn to make their own bow strings. Each individual will be making a bow from a raw stave and will also create a complete arrow, from the shaft to knapping the point. We will also cover hunting techniques, philosophy, and the arts of camouflage and invisibility. It is important that you have practiced your skills from the Way of the Woods as this will be an intense course.

- July 19-28      New Jersey      Ages 10-17



## Teen Scout (Family, Youth , Teen Experience Prerequisite)

Are you ready to dive into the world of the Scout? This advanced week long course for teens focuses on the lives of the Apache Scouts. Here, we begin to understand what it means to become the eyes and ears of the people as Grandfather and his people taught. This encompasses learning more advanced shelter and fire techniques, animal forms, martial arts study, tracking, invisibility, physical and spiritual workouts, group dynamics, and most importantly, awareness.

- August 2-7      New Jersey      Ages 13-17

## Advanced Scout (Family, Youth , Teen Experience and Teen Scout Prerequisite)

There is so much to learn and experience living as a scout. We build on the skills learned in Scout class. This course will be an intense week long adventure in scout living and training. It is important that you have practiced your scout skills and are in good physical shape. We will be moving as a scout tribe, learning nature's laws of concentric rings, counter tracking, and the art of invisibility, among many other skills.

- August 2-7      New Jersey      Ages 14-17



## Family, Youth, and Teen Tracking and Awareness Adventure

(Family, Youth , Teen Experience Prerequisite)

This class dives into Tracking and Nature Awareness. We will be doing wisdom of the marks and learning more of the ancient Lipan Apache "pressure release" studies in a fun and exciting way. Many tracking adventures await young trackers, learning how to read the "oldest" language that is written on the ground. Spending days on lost person scenarios, trailing animals, mapping projects, concentric ring studies, bird language, sign tracking, scat analysis, journaling, and many tracking and awareness games. Join us in preserving and learning these most valuable skills of survival.

- July 5-10      New Jersey      Ages 10-17 and Family



## Prepare for the ultimate Children of the Earth Adventure in 2010!

Every few years we offer the ultimate COTEF experience—the Teen Survival Quest. This program is for teens age 15-17 and requires the Teen Experience, Way of the Woods and Scout. Plan ahead so you're prepared for this once in a lifetime experience!



# Advanced Teen Programs

## Teen Wilderness Survival – St. Croix

NEW

(Youth or Teen Experience Prerequisite)

An all new survival program on the beautiful Caribbean Island of St. Croix. Teens will be making shelters, fire, finding edibles, spear fishing, and exploring around the island. Come join us in this all new adventure in the tropical paradise. Class limited to 10 students. Class will be lead by Matt Corradino, aka “Tofu” with help from Zollie Harper and Molly Nadler.

- March 22-27 St. Croix Age 15-17

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## Teen Wilderness Survival – British Columbia

NEW

(Youth or Teen Experience Prerequisite)

Survival for teens in the Pacific Northwest! Similar to the Teen survival in NJ, this program will push students in testing their survival skills. Depending on timing we may have the opportunity to make fish spears to catch salmon! Due to travel time, this course will run Sunday to Sunday. Class limited to 10 students. Program will be run by Director Rick Berry, with help from David Krieger.

- August 9-16 British Columbia Age 13-17



## Teen Wilderness Survival – New Jersey

(Youth or Teen Experience Prerequisite)

This program is for those who want to get out for a week and live close to the earth. Build a shelter to sleep in for the week, go fishing in the lake, make pottery from the local clay and most of all let go of time and destination by fully immersing yourself into nature. We will be going out with a small survival pack of smoked fish and meat you prepared, a gourd water bottle, and a knife. This course can be taken in conjunction with Way of the Hunter and Scout for an awesome three and a half week experience.

- August 9-14 New Jersey Age 13-17

## Intern Program

NEW

All new seven week Intern mentoring program! This year’s Intern program involves one on one mentoring, skills workshops and evaluations, journaling projects, a Vision Quest and survival challenge. We’re very excited about this unique opportunity to take the internship program to the next level. The program will be overseen by Octavio Laranio, a long time Instructor who has tons of experience with teens and teaching survival skills. Limited to 8 Interns. Applications will be available December 19<sup>th</sup>. Interns will still assist in camp operations and a fee of \$995 will be charged for instruction and program activities. Please note regular interns will still be accepted for a limited two week engagement and their experience will not include the instruction or mentoring offered through this program. Join us this summer and take your skills and teaching ability to the next level.



# Teacher Trainings

## Teacher Training Weekend

We have designed a weekend course to train people how to teach wilderness skills to children. We will go over the four elements of survival, the arts of tracking and awareness and how to get kids motivated and excited about learning these skills. We will have discussion around many Coyote Teaching points as passed down from Grandfather Stalking Wolf to Tom Brown Jr.

- May 15-17 California



## Teacher Certification

As Children of the Earth Foundation grows we have a great need for more Instructors and Program Directors across the country. This course will be tailored to certify instructors to lead programs for COTEF. Everything from how to present the skills to youth to registration, administration, logistics and leadership will be covered and participants will be certified through COTEF to run programs. If you want to be part of bringing Grandfather's teachings to the children your community, this is the class for you!

- April 26-May 1 California
- September 20-25 New Jersey

## Family Survival Weekends

Our weekend programs introduce the family to the wonders of survival. We will cover the basic skills of shelter, water, fire and food as well as increase enjoyment and comfort in nature through awareness activities. All of our programs are very experiential and incorporate hands-on activities, games, storytelling and fun! Join us for this fun family adventure!

- April 17-19 California Ages 7-17 and family
- May 22-25 New Jersey Ages 7-17 and family (four day program)
- September 25-27 New Jersey Ages 7-17 and family
- October 9-11 California Ages 7-17 and family (four day program)



# Holiday for the Animals



During the holidays, we like to remember our animal friends. Join us for our 10<sup>th</sup> annual event as staff and volunteers (along with Tom Brown Jr. in NJ) assist the children in preparing and presenting tasty holiday gifts to the local animals, including birds and deer. Nature stories will be told and other activities are planned. Refreshments will be available for the children. Make this a part of your family's holiday traditions!

- December 12 New Jersey and California



## Registration and Acceptance

All programs have limited enrollment and registration is taken on a first come, first served basis. We have a very low ratio of students to instructors, with 1 to 4 as the average, and we enjoy working in small learning groups to provide many one-on-one mentoring experiences. Upon receipt of your completed application and deposit, you will receive notification of acceptance along with pertinent information including directions and travel information and equipment lists. Please note any cancellation after registration will result in forfeiture of at least 50% of your deposit.



## Scholarships

Scholarships are available for all Children of the Earth programs. For more information or to receive our confidential one-page application, please visit our website or contact the office. Please note, scholarships are limited to two programs per year for any participant.

## Cancellation Policy

If notification of cancellation is received at least two weeks prior to the first day of class you will receive a 50% refund of your deposit. If cancellation occurs within two weeks of the first day of class, you are eligible for 50% of your deposit to be transferred one time as a credit for up to one year. Failure to notify of cancellation or you lose your position due to failure to pay the balance, your deposit for this class will be forfeited.

## Fee Information

General Fee Structure: Please note, these are fees for regular programs, some programs may have varied fees depending on location, length and additional costs. Please visit the website for detailed fee information on each program.

### Week-long Programs

- 1st Parent/Child \$1315
- Additional Family \$600
- Single Youth \$795

### Ten-Day Programs

- Way of the Woods \$1350
  - Way of the Hunter \$1400\*
- \*includes materials fee

### Weekend Programs

- 1st Parent/Child \$495
- Additional Family \$240

### Teacher Programs

- Weekend \$250
- Week-long \$550



\* Late Registration– please note fees increase \$30 if registering after the one month Early Registration Deadline

“Teaching a child to become a child of the Earth, where they can survive, where they can look at the mysteries of the Earth through the tracks, where their level of awareness is far superior than anyone around them; this is what we are trying to achieve. To awaken that excitement, that spirit in children. What we teach at the children’s classes is not only applicable to the wilderness, it’s applicable to everyday life. The values that they learn there are brought back to their schools, back to their homes, and back to society.”

Tom Brown, Jr.

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