Fire Course 1 & 2



The ability to start a fire if and when in need is a fundamental skill, and one of the most versatile tools in outdoor recreation and wilderness travel. ON, Canada.

Courses details:

- Fire Course 1: FC1 = spring, summer and fall conditions.
- Fire Course 2: FC2 = winter and deep snow conditions.
- Courses duration equals 2 days. *
- Aimed at the individual or a small group.
- No prior adventuring experience needed.
- Focused on fire starting skills in a natural environment.
- All course materials and field supplies are provided.
- All food and non-alcoholic beverages are included. *
- Participants camp out using personal camping equipment. *
- Conducted on private property or Crown land in the Burks Falls, ON area. *

Course content: FC1.

Exploring different fire starting methods from a modern, present day approach to the old fashioned and primitive ways. Topics include:

- First contact & significance today
- Route to mastery & independence
- Preparation & 5P's
- Situational awareness & fire safety
- Fire triangle & principles
- Three components & fire starting
- Cutting tools safety & principles of use
- Fire wood selection & processing
- Matches, lighters & ferrocerium rods
- Artificial & natural tinder
- Fire in damp, cold & wet environments
- Fire lays & applications
- Twig bundles & feather sticks
- Keeping fire & carrying embers
- Old fashioned & primitive fire starting ways
- Extinguishing & leave no trace principles

Course content: FC2.

Focused on how to reliably start and efficiently use a fire for warmth, cooking and survival in a (deep) snow covered forest, with temperatures below freezing and long periods without light. Topics include:

- Foundational topics of FC1
- Winter tool selection & use
- Fire wood selection & hauling
- Fire wood processing
- Cooking fires on deep snow
- Long lasting & self feeding fires
- Winter survival & fire/shelter use



Melting snow for a hot drink with a Raappanan fire in late winter. ON, Canada.

Pricing details:

- Pricing in Canadian dollars with tax included.
- FC 1 = \$300
- FC 2 = \$300

Additional info:

- * Course days are from 8am to 6pm with lunch and snack breaks. The final day is from 8am to 3pm to allow for return travel times. Participants who have a commute of 2 hours or more are welcome to arrive on the evening before the course starts.
- * For safety reasons, participants with food allergies are required to be completely self-sufficient in regards to food and its preparation. Any and all personal medications need to be present. Some special dietary requests can be catered for. Bring extra snacks or any specific non-alcoholic refreshments if preferred.
- * Participants are required to bring adequate camping gear (tent, mat, sleeping bag, warm clothes, headlight, etc.) for the duration of their stay. If and when available, participants may be able to occupy a spike camp or cabin instead, at no extra cost.
- * A 'release of liability waiver' has to be completed upon entering private property and before starting the course.

Cancellation & re-booking:

- Upon expressing interest and prior to booking, any questions or further inquiries can be discussed by email and/or phone.
- Deposit equaling 50% of the course fee is to be transferred upon reservation.
- Deposit is non-refundable but can be transferred to new reservation dates should the participant's initially selected dates become inconvenient and therefore canceled.
- Total course fee or final balance is to be transferred not later then 14 calendar days prior to the scheduled course date.
- Cancellations for any reason within 14 calendar days of the scheduled course dates are subjected to a 25% non-refundable fee.