

THE HAWK CIRCLE TIMBER FRAMING INTENSIVE APRIL 20-24, 2020

Hawk Circle
Apprentices
after the
successful
raising of the
Spruce Cabin.



Traditional Joinery, Hand Tools, Design & Raising Skills

This is a **five day** timber frame skills program that gives participants a **hands-on** experience cutting all the parts of a traditional timber frame.

We will work in our barn and outside, cutting and sawing and working together each day. Our days will also include time in the forest identifying trees, or studying different styles of timber frames and how they are built. On our last day we will raise our cut frame and see its completion.

The focus in this class is giving you the skills you need to

design and cut your own frame, and have a great time with creative, fun people who care about the kinds of spaces we create for our families and our communities.

Skills Shared Include:

Beam Sawing Skills
Using the Framing Square,
Angle Finder and 'Big Al'
Mortise Cutting
Tenon Cutting
Rafter Cutting
Floor Joist Cutting
Sill Beam Cutting
Knee Brace Cutting

Plate Beam Cutting
Post Beam Cutting
Girt Beam Cutting
Tie Beam Cutting
Dovetail Mortises
Scarf Joinery
Chisel Sharpening Methods
Hard Wood Peg Carving
Assembling/Raising Frames
Safe Beam Moving & Transport
Tool Repair and Re-Handling
Beam Layout & Square Rule
Tree Identification
Work Safety & Gear
and more!

Logistics & Equipment

Housing:

While you are part of the timber framing intensive program, you will be provided a space in one of our rustic cabins. The farmhouse has a fully equipped kitchen, pantry, and freezer/refrigerator. The house is heated by a wood stove. We do have a washing machine and dryer available with a clothes line for drying.

You may also stay at a local hotel or inn if you prefer, or bring a tent or camper.

Program Meals:

Our meals are hearty and homemade foods that are served family style. We offer breakfasts, lunches and dinners with a vegetarian option, with a menu of Mexican, Italian and modern American foods that are flavorful and varied. We serve soups, stews, sandwiches and fruit and salads, too.

We encourage you to bring your own preferred snacks for in between meals, or any items that works with your personal diet. Sorry, we don't offer a gluten free or vegan menu for this program.

Equipment List:

Bring clothes for warm days and for the colder weather to, as we live in the mountains:

work boots/comfortable shoes
clothing for layering
warm winter jacket
hats, gloves, scarf, gloves
WORK GLOVES & SAFETY GLASSES
head lamp or flashlight
blankets/sleeping bag/pad
notebook, journal & camera
biodegradable soap/shampoo
laundry detergent
sunscreen
daypack
good rain gear
bath towels
toothbrush/toothpaste
alarm clock, watch, knife
water bottle
any tools you would like to bring
(see attached list)

Right:

Noah guides the plate beam onto the post during the raising of the Aspen Cabin.

Far Right:

Ben makes wooden pegs on the shavehorse.





"The thing I love about timber framing is building with real, honest wood, that still actually looks like wood, like a tree. I love the smell of the beams, and how hammering the pegs in feels so solid and 'right'.

Timber framing connects me to builders from my ancestors, and cutting things by hands with tools they used gives me a window into their world, every day."

-Ricardo Sierra



Program Cost & Travel Information

Program Cost:

The Timber Frame Skills Intensive includes housing, tool use, all instruction in timber framing, and meals throughout the week. We only take seven students for this program.

The course fee is **\$879**, but participants that sign up **before January 31st, 2020** can get our **Early Bird Registration Price** of **\$779**. Just fill out the application and return with a deposit of \$400. **The balance is due prior to the first day of the program.** This can be paid online, through **Paypal, MC/Visa** or **check**.

Public Transportation:

If you are arriving by plane, train or bus, you will be coming into Albany which is about 1 hour and 15 minute drive from Hawk Circle. **Round trip transportation from Albany to Hawk Circle is \$75.** Please let us know your travel plans as soon as possible. Please check with us before making your reservations so we can be there to pick you up.

GPS Address:

**3496 State Highway 166,
Cherry Valley, NY, 13320**



Above: The Eagle House Rafters are complete.

Left: Raising the Jessup Frame.



Timber Framing Sustainable Building & Traditional Skills

This program takes place at our Retreat and Wilderness Camp facility, and the projects that we will learn on are ‘non-commercial’ in nature, meaning that they aren’t contracted structures for clients that have deadlines, pressure and stress. They are for the growth of our small non-profit nature center, and this allows us to learn without the pressure of ‘learning on the job’, which is a difficult way to start this journey.

We allow each person to learn at their own ability, pace and interest. We intersperse our hands on work with discussions in timber framing philosophy, design, tool study, sharpening, etc, to round out our full days. I’m excited for you to experience it! -Ricardo Sierra





Hawk Circle Timber Frame Skills Intensive Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Home Phone #: _____

Work Phone #: _____

Cell Phone #: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Please list all known allergies to any foods, insects, or medications, or any medical concerns :

How did you find out about us? _____

What is your main reason for attending this program? *Please feel free to write on the back of this application as well.*

The Fine Print: I understand that the **\$400 deposit** is **non-refundable, due to your policy of not overbooking your programs.** If you are unable to attend your program as scheduled, **half of the deposit** can be transferred to another session if desired. The balance of the course fee is due two weeks prior to the start of your program. I understand that Hawk Circle may dismiss a student from the program if the community guidelines and safety policies are not followed or there is behavior that negatively effects the community.

Community Policies Understanding, Liability and Media Release

I agree by my signature indicated below, that I have read and agree with the community policies as well as the fine print above. I understand that the program offered by Hawk Circle can expose myself to activities that have inherent risks, and that the staff of Hawk Circle will make every effort to keep each activity as safe as possible. I further understand that Hawk Circle is not responsible for safety or medical issues that were not disclosed to the staff prior to the start of the apprenticeship. I also give my consent for Hawk Circle to use video or photos that I am involved in for their non-profit website, blog or other social media accounts.

Signature: _____

Name (please print): _____

Date: _____

Visa/ Mastercard CC# _____ EXP ____ / ____ / ____ Security Code (Three Digit) : _____

Thank You!

We are looking forward to meeting you!

Mail Completed Application to:

Hawk Circle, P.O. Box 506, Cherry Valley, NY 13320

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