

Training Opportunity at the Winnipeg River Learning Centre: Non-timber Forest Products Certificate – Career Opportunities in the Forest

Looking for a way to earn a living or supplemental income from plants and other non-timber forest products (NTFPs) that can be sustainably harvested from the forests around you? NTFPs include a wide variety of products including wild edibles (berries, fiddleheads, mushrooms, jams, jellies and fruit leathers), crafts such as balsam fir and dogwood wreaths, diamond willow furniture, driftwood art, and personal care products (soaps, salves, ointments and essential oils). This is a growing industry that is already putting hundreds of millions of dollars into the pockets of individuals and small entrepreneurial businesses in Canada. Get involved in the industry at a variety of levels: harvesting, processing, marketing.



The Winnipeg River Learning Centre, in partnership with the Manitoba Model Forest and Royal Roads University (Victoria, BC) is pleased to offer an intensive two-week training course on NTFPs. The course is modeled after a similar successful training program that was offered in northern Manitoba several years ago. Participants ranged in age from 17 to 73. You are never too young or old to get involved in this sector. Topics covered during the course include: an introduction to NTFPs, safety, regulations and ethics in the bush, harvesting equipment, sustainable harvesting practices, determining opportunities in the Pine Falls region, business development, and marketing (from local to international). There will be plenty of short field trips to the forest and hands-on, practical training on topics such as herbal tea processing and packaging, evergreen twig making, as well as personal care products, rustic furniture and birch bark crafts.

Dates: April 12 – 23, 2010

Tuition: \$1,200.00.

Textbooks and tool kit (yours to keep): included in the tuition

Space is limited to 20 students, so register early!

A more detailed course brochure is available from the Winnipeg River Learning Centre. Please contact us to receive one.

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