



THE BETHEL HORIZONS NATURE CENTER PRESENTS

# SNOWSHOE MAKING

Join us for an immersive weekend dedicated to exploring the design, construction, and historical significance of the traditional Ojibwe snowshoe. This workshop offers participants a comprehensive experience in crafting a unique, functional artifact to take home, suitable for display or practical use during the winter months. All necessary materials will be provided.

DATE: NOVEMBER 22ND - 24TH, 2024  
TIME: 5:00PM, FRIDAY - 12:00PM SUNDAY  
FEE: \$525.00 OVERNIGHT, COMMUTER \$350.00

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# SNOWSHOE MAKING SCHEDULE

-Friday Evening, November 22nd: Arrival and Welcome

- **Check-In:** Settle into your accommodations and get comfortable.
- **Welcome Dinner:** Enjoy a meal with fellow participants while learning about the weekend's schedule and the history of the Ojibwe snowshoe.

Saturday, November 23rd: Learning and Hands-On Crafting

Morning Session: History and Design

- **Introduction to Ojibwe Snowshoes:** Gain insight into the cultural significance and traditional uses of snowshoes among the Ojibwe.
- **Historical Context:** Learn about how snowshoes were used for hunting, travel, and trade in snowy regions.
- **Design Elements:** Explore the unique design features of Ojibwe snowshoes, including their materials, shapes, and construction techniques.

Afternoon Session: Construction Workshop

- **Materials Overview:** Review the materials provided, such as wood, rawhide, and bindings, and understand roles in the snowshoe's function and durability.
- **Crafting Your Snowshoe:** Begin the hands-on process of creating your own snowshoe. This may include:
  - Shaping and bending the wood for the frame.
  - Weaving the rawhide webbing to create the snowshoe's deck.
  - Attaching bindings for the foot.

Evening Session: Reflection and Discussion

- **Group Dinner:** Share a meal and discuss the day's experiences.
- **Q&A:** Engage in a Q&A session with the instructor to deepen your understanding and address any challenges faced during the crafting process.

Sunday, November 24th: Final Touches and Departure

Morning Session: Finishing Touches

- **Final Assembly:** Complete your snowshoe by adding any final touches, ensuring that everything is securely fastened and functional.
- **Care Instructions:** Learn how to maintain and care for your snowshoe to ensure its longevity and performance.

Afternoon Session: Farewell

- **Showcase:** Share and admire the snowshoes created by fellow participants.
- **Closing Remarks:** Reflect on the weekend's learning and experiences.
- **Departure:** Check out and head home with your new snowshoe and a deeper appreciation for Ojibwe craftsmanship and culture.

## Additional Information:

- **Snowshoe size** is selected at registration.
- **Materials Provided:** Everything you need to make your snowshoe will be supplied. Snowshoes will require at home varnishing upon completion of the workshop.
- **Meals & Linens:** Available at registration, ensuring a comfortable and enjoyable stay.

This workshop is a wonderful blend of cultural education and hands-on craftsmanship, perfect for anyone interested in traditional techniques and Native American heritage.