

Driftless Folk School

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Driftless Folk School Instructor Application

Thank you for your interest in teaching at the Driftless Folk School. We are a young educational initiative founded in 2006. We offer classes in folk arts, homesteading skills, and sustainable living for adults and families. We are based in the Viroqua area, but classes are held at a variety of locations throughout Vernon County and beyond. We have two catalogue seasons, one starting in March and one in October. Classes are listed in two annual printed catalogues, as well as on the DFS website. Most classes take place in a single session and are usually held on Saturdays, although classes may take place on Sundays or over the course of several sessions, if appropriate. Single session classes fall into two categories: full-day classes, lasting from 9:00 AM-5:30 PM, with a free lunch provided, and half-day classes, either in the morning, from 9:00-12:30, or afternoon, from 1-4:30. Course fees are \$40 for half-day classes and \$60 for full-day classes. Instructors receive 50% of all course fees received. Instructors may also set an appropriate supply fee to cover materials for classes, which they will receive in full.

More information about the mission, course offerings, and instructors of the Driftless Folk School can be found at www.driftlessfolkschool.org or call (608) 637-3550.

Please return this form to the Registrar of the Driftless Folk School at S5193 Cty Rd. NN, Viroqua, WI or to jacobhundt@gmail.com.

The Driftless Folk School Catalogue Committee will make all final decisions regarding listing of courses in the DFS catalogue.

Name:

Date:

Address:

Phone #:

Email:

1. What courses are you interested in teaching at Driftless Folk School?

2. Fully describe the course that you envision teaching. What skills will students gain in this course? What activities will be included during the class?

3. What background do you bring to the teaching of this class? What qualifies you? Have you had any teaching experience in the past?

For the Catalogue:

Please draft a 1 paragraph description of each of your proposed classes to be included in the catalogue. (Target length 100 words). Please see attached sheet for examples.

Please draft a 1 paragraph autobiography to be included in the instructor bios section of the catalogue. (Target length 100 words). Please see attached sheet for examples.

For the catalog we would also need the following information:

For what ages is this class appropriate? Can families be involved?

Is this a half-day, full-day, or multiple session class?

What space/facility needs do you have for the class?

What dates would you be available to teach?

Would there be a material fee? If so, how much?

Do you have any photos of your work or of you working with students that could be used for the catalogue? If so, please mail them to the DFS registrar, or email digital photos to: jacobhundert@gmail.com

Sample Course Descriptions:

Homemade Jams

Instructor: *Sofya Blyum-Hundt*

Discover the homemade goodness of jams made with fresh fruit in this half-day class focusing on jam making. The balance of consistency, flavor, and color can be tricky to achieve, but this class will walk you through the process from beginning to end. We will pick the fruit right here on the farm, talk about the properties of different types of fruit, and go through the step-by-step process of jam preparation. And of course everyone gets to go home with a few jars of delicious and fragrant strawberry, raspberry, and cherry jam.

Date: June 30 (Half day)

Course Fee: \$40

Supply fee: \$15

Enrollment: 2-12 students

Beginning Stiltwalking

Instructor: *AnnaJo Doerr*

This weekend in May will be an opportunity for students to learn to fasten, stand, walk, and parade on two-foot wooden stilts. Stilts will be provided for all students for use during the course. Instructions for building your own pair of stilts will be available at the course or in advance if you are interested in building your own pair prior to the course. Students will have the delightful experience of being two feet taller than ordinary and explore the performance dimensions created by wearing stilts.

Dates: May 18th and 19th, Afternoons.

Course Fee: \$40

Enrollment: 4-15 students, ages 9 and up

Sample Instructor Bios:

Rose Barlow

Rose has been an herbalist for over 20 years, practicing in the Wise Woman tradition. This is a tradition of healing through optimal nourishment using simple, safe herbs found in our own backyards, prepared by our own hands. She specializes in nutritive herbs, developing recipes for wild foods and integrating wild food into modern diet and lifestyle. She conducts workshops, walks and presentations, maintains an educational website, and is currently director of the Coulee Region Herbal Institute.

Summer Deal-Schulz

Summer is a professional massage therapist, whose life skills include gardening, music, and fiber arts. It was through her connection with primitive skills gatherings that she first discovered the craft of felting. Summer's focus with felt is both art and function, creating warm, wearable fiber. She has been playing/teaching fiddle for 10 years. A great influence for Summer was her time at Earthaven Ecovillage, an intentional community in North Carolina, where she studied natural building, permaculture, and community living. She lives with her family on a homestead in Hillsboro, WI.