

Virginia Trapper Skills Weekend

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

June 27 – 28, 2015

Physical Activity Ratings

Please review the physical activity rating at the end of every class description:

Moderate = the class has a medium amount of physical activity

Rugged = fairly strenuous, requires hip boots/waders and getting into water

Sensitive = involves seeing and handling skinning/fleshing of animals

Note: the number behind the Physical Activity Ratings (*Moderate*, **12**) is the maximum number of participants for each class session offered. Class registration is first register, first serve.

SATURDAY, June 27, Afternoon Session 1:00pm-5:00pm

BASIC TRACK: (4 hr. class)

This class will include information on learning **BASIC LAND** trapping skills. Students will get both classroom and hands-on outdoors activities. It will be taught from the official trapping instruction book (a copy will be given to each student). This will count towards receiving a VTA Basic Trapping Certificate. *Moderate*, **40**

ADVANCED TRACK: (each class is 2 hrs. pick 2 classes)

BEAVER/OTTER: This class is for those wanting to learn what it takes to catch these water furbearers. It will be taught by trappers who have extensive experience catching beavers and otters. Tips, skills, techniques and equipment used/needed will be covered. This class will include both classroom and hands-on outdoors activities. *Rugged*, **12**

BOBCAT: This class is for those wanting to learn what it takes to catch this elusive furbearer. It will be taught by trappers who have extensive experience catching bobcats. Tips, skills, techniques and equipment used/needed will be covered. This class will include both classroom and hands-on outdoors activities. *Moderate*, **12**

COYOTE: This class is for those wanting to learn what it takes to catch this elusive furbearer. It will be taught by trappers who have extensive experience catching coyotes. Tips, skills, techniques and equipment used/needed will be covered. This class will include both classroom and hands-on outdoors activities. *Moderate*, **12**

FOX: This class is for those wanting to learn what it takes to catch this elusive furbearer. It will be taught by trappers who have extensive experience catching both Red & Grey foxes. Tips, skills, techniques and equipment used/needed will be covered. This class will include both classroom and hands-on outdoors activities. *Moderate*, **12**

FUR HANDLING: This class is for those wanting to learn what it takes to process furbearers into sellable furs. It will be taught by trappers who have extensive experience preparing furs that command the highest prices at sales. Tips, skills, techniques and equipment used/needed will be covered. This class will include both classroom and hands-on outdoors activities. *Sensitive*, **12**

MUSKRAT: This class is for those wanting to learn what it takes to catch these water furbearers. It will be taught by trappers who have extensive experience catching muskrats. Tips, skills, techniques and equipment used/needed will be covered. This class will include both classroom and hands-on outdoors activities. *Rugged*, **12**

SUNDAY, June 28 , Morning Session 8:00am-12:00pm

BASIC TRACK: (4 hr. class)

This class will include information on learning **BASIC WATER** trapping skills. Students will get both classroom and hands-on outdoors activities. It will be taught from the official trapping instruction book (a copy will be given to each student). This will count towards receiving a VTA Basic Trapping Certificate. *Rugged, 40*

ADVANCED TRACK: (each class is 2 hrs. pick 2 classes)

BOBCAT: This class is for those wanting to learn what it takes to catch this elusive furbearer. It will be taught by trappers who have extensive experience catching bobcats. Tips, skills, techniques and equipment used/needed will be covered. This class will include both classroom and hands-on outdoors activities. *Moderate, 12*

COYOTE: This class is for those wanting to learn what it takes to catch this elusive furbearer. It will be taught by trappers who have extensive experience catching coyotes. Tips, skills, techniques and equipment used/needed will be covered. This class will include both classroom and hands-on outdoors activities. *Moderate, 12*

DOG PROOF - RACCOON: This class is for those wanting to learn advanced skills using this type of trap. It will be taught by trappers who have extensive experience using DP traps. Tips, skills, techniques and equipment used/needed will be covered. This class will include classroom & hands-on outdoors activities. *Moderate, 12*

FOX: This class is for those wanting to learn what it takes to catch this elusive furbearer. It will be taught by trappers who have extensive experience catching both Red & Grey foxes. Tips, skills, techniques and equipment used/needed will be covered. This class will include both classroom and hands-on outdoors activities. *Moderate, 12*

FUR TANNING: This class is for those wanting to learn what it takes to process raw fur into tanned furs. It will be taught by trappers who have extensive experience tanning furs to use as wall hangers and garments. Tips, skills, techniques and equipment used/needed will be covered. This class will include both classroom and hands-on outdoors activities. *Sensitive, 12*

SNARING: This class is for those wanting to learn what it takes to catch furbearers using this technique. It will be taught by trappers who have extensive experience various furbearers using this technique. Tips, skills, techniques and equipment used/needed will be covered. Class will include classroom & hands-on outdoors activities. *Moderate, 12*