



## Mentoring Strong Naturalist Communities

with Jon Young

March 31-April 2, 2006, Brattleboro, VT  
\$250

For thousands of years, the art of passing on human knowledge has been tied to the need to survive in nature. Although the world has changed drastically in last few generations, our bodies & minds are still perfectly designed to learn as our ancestors did – from the natural world.

This program identifies core ingredients necessary to create a powerful community of natural learning that applies very well to adapting and surviving in the world today. We will draw on native sources of stories and teachings to remind us of our own native body, mind and spirit. This workshop will bring together members of regional naturalist communities from across the northeast region.



*Inspired by his childhood mentoring by tracker Tom Brown, Jr., Jon Young has passionately researched and put into practice the techniques used by native cultures to mentor their children as naturalists, trackers and valued community members. He has gathered teachings of many native cultures along with the tools of modern field ecology into a powerful medicine bundle of native approaches that trigger our natural blueprint for learning. Jon founded Wilderness Awareness School in 1983.*

To register call 802-257-8570 or [visit our web site](#) to download, print and mail your registration form.

### Special Evening Talk with Jon Young Reclaiming Our Mentoring Culture

March 30, Brattleboro, VT

Come hear about a map of native approaches to education and the possibility of reclaiming our ancestral wisdom. All Souls Church, West Brattleboro - Suggested donation \$10

View or download the [flyer for the talk \(pdf format\)](#).

## Tending Your Sacred Fire

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We offer a big heartfelt thank you to all 63 donors who have donated \$20,600 so far this year.

Thanks to you, we are firmly on our feet and our

programs are thriving.

with Paul Raphael

May 3-7 , 2006, Brattleboro, VT  
\$425



Join us as we learn from and work with Paul Raphael, an Odawa of the Raven Dodem and a Peacemaker of the Grand Traverse Band. Paul will share the tradition of tending a Sacred Fire, handed down to him from the Great Lake Elders of the Grand Council of Waganakising Odawa.

The [Sacred Fire Workshop](#) will provide you with effective tools to recognize and work through the powerful emotions that will surface in your life as you rekindle your inner sacred fire. Doing this inner work is an essential development for anyone choosing to mentor others into a deep awareness of nature.

"I know the Elders knew these teachings would be needed in troubling times and that is why these teachings are still here today. So come and join us and rekindle your own Sacred Fire."

Megwetch,

Paul Raphael

*Paul Raphael, from Peshawbestown, Michigan, is a singer and storyteller, and works as a Peacemaker for the Grand Traverse Band. He is married and has four children, two boys and two girls, and three grandchildren.*

## What Participants are Saying

*"This workshop brought me deep healing of wounds that I had been unable to even previously acknowledge and moved my spiritual life from freezer to fire. Since I began learning about the Sacred Fire I have found a deeper connection to the Unity of Creation; found commitment to the fire of my family; and discovered my thirst to be part of a living community."*

—Kevin MacGregor

*"Being at a Sacred Fire gives one an opportunity for a powerful experience of self exploration. The teachings offer tools to transform that which holds us back so that we may take a step towards our own self-healing."*

—Krista Oarcea

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If you haven't already contributed to our winter campaign, we need your help to keep the momentum going towards our goal of \$28,000 by March 30. **If you value our work, and if our programming has touched your heart now is the time to recognize the value of our mission.** Whether you are a first time donor or a long-time supporter, please make your donation today!



*"I am so happy to donate to this very meaningful and important organization. When I consider moving back to your area one of the reasons is the Vermont Wilderness School. The experiences my sons encountered during the 2 years they participated in Oyase are still with them. I know, especially for Elliott, it is profound."*

*Best Wishes,  
Michele Turner*

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## Deep Wilds Summer Camps

Since 1995, Vermont Wilderness School cofounders Steve Young and Mark Morey have been running Deep Wilds, a for-profit wilderness program that offers summer camps and rites of passage programs for adolescents. In 1999, they founded Vermont Wilderness School along with Brian Robertshaw and Luz Elena Morey to offer intensive long-term mentoring programs for children and mentor training programs for adults. Deep Wilds

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**Real Life**

continues to support Vermont Wilderness School by paying Vermont Wilderness School to publicize it's programs.



### Otter Camp

**A Day Camp for Ages 7-11**

**June 19-23, 26-30 and July 3-July 7 and 10-14**

Otter Camp is the ultimate adventure into the mysteries of nature and the art of living close to the earth for children 7-11 years old.

**Enroll in all four weeks and save \$100 of the last week!**

### Raccoon Overnight Camp

**July 1-7 and 8-14, one or both sessions**

Raccoon camp is a chance for young people ages 9-12 to discover the incredible beauty and diversity of life around them, and practice skills of wilderness living and nature awareness.



### Coyote Camp

**a Summer Overnight Camp for Teens**

**July 16-28 or July 16-August 6.**

At Coyote Camp, teens experience real-life wilderness survival and group living challenges which include intense practice of the awareness and survival skills of the native scouts.

[Register for a camp](#)

[Schedule and prices](#)

## **New Apprenticeship Program Video**

**You have to experience our apprenticeship program to truly appreciate it's power. So if you can't visit us, this video is the next best thing.**



**View the video now in Quicktime format!**



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## **Experience, Real Skills:**



**Vermont Wilderness School's Apprenticeship Program!**

**Beyond the edge of education:**

An instructor training path in the art of mentoring, naturalist, awareness and earth skills.



**Apply now for 2006-2007!**

The skills you will gain in the areas of wilderness survival, nature awareness, and mentoring will help you craft your intentions and actions to positively affect the lives of future generations.

**Last Issue's Nature Detective Answer**



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- [Dialup and slower broadband connections](#) (12 minute download with dialup, 2.5 minutes with slow DSL).
- [Faster broadband connections](#) (7 minute download with cable, 12 minutes with faster DSL).



Bloodroot, or *Sanguinaria canadensis* is one of our earliest blooming spring wildflowers here in southern Vermont. It usually blooms in mid-April. With this year's mild weather (I saw a crocus blooming on February 22), I wonder when it will bloom this year.

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## Nature Detective



In late winter (especially this mild one), all sorts of animals are rambling across the landscape. Hopefully you are one of them.

Any idea who this is?

[This is hard! Let me see an extra clue.](#)

Send your answer to: [steve@VermontWildernessSchool.org](mailto:steve@VermontWildernessSchool.org).

Include "nature detective #4" in the subject line.

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