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## **1st Reeds & Roots Skillshare Teaches Skills for Earth-Friendly Living Aug 17-19, 2018**

An outdoor family-friendly educational event, volunteer organizers hope Reeds & Roots Skillshare becomes an annual destination for everyone in the northeast Ohio region. Students of all ages are invited to learn sustainable living skills at historic Camp Whitewood in southern Ashtabula County, August 17-19, 2018. For an affordable price, attendees have access to 2 nights of camping, homemade meals, evening entertainment, and over 50 workshops and activities teaching topics such as Acorn Processing for Food & Medicine, Building a No Mortgage Mud Cottage, Honey as Medicine, Friction Fire, Cooking with Wild Mushrooms, Primitive Water Filters, Building Your Own Herbal Apothecary, Fermentation, Basket Weaving, kids workshops, and many more skills on homesteading, sustainable agriculture, wilderness survival, and nature connections!

In addition to awesome skills, attendees also get locally-sourced healthy homemade meals created by urban farmer and chef Erich Hooper of Cleveland. Hooper strives to use fresh ingredients from neighboring farms in Ashtabula County and beyond. He's been cooking for grassroots community events like Reeds & Roots his whole career. He knows how to make delicious healthy food on a community's budget!

Evenings of the gathering will be filled with music - folk, bluegrass, acoustic, and more. Jam sessions and open mics are encouraged among all participants, and volunteers are lining up to contribute their talents to this fun event. Organizers are working to book acts from Akron and Cleveland, including possible contra dancing! Networking and meet-ups will be encouraged at the event with sign-up boards. A co-parenting space will be provided for parents with small children. Organizers are booking kids workshops and activities, as well.

Camp Whitewood is the perfect venue for this nature-loving, educational event. With 227 acres of forest, hiking trails, cabins, camp fires, creeks for wading, a lake for swimming, and even a covered bridge. Attendees can rent a private cabin or pitch a tent. Facilities include shower houses, outdoor pavilions, historic indoor spaces, and lots of natural wonders!

Reeds & Roots Skillshare is an all-volunteer-run labor-of-love. The goal of Reeds & Roots is to promote sustainable living in the broader Northeast Ohio region by teaching earth-friendly living skills with one another in a joyful, healthy, family-friendly atmosphere. To keep the gathering accessible, and ticket prices as low as possible, the event is organized on a tight budget. All teachers, organizers, and workers are volunteers, and ticket prices are among the lowest of all earthskills gatherings.

Organizers are still accepting Work Trade applicants, who receive the lowest-priced admission in exchange for some labor during the fest. Teachers are still being booked, as well - do YOU have a skill to teach? Please share it! A new event, organizers are also still seeking sponsors - please support us as we grow!

Tickets, applications, and event information can be found at [www.reedsandroots.org](http://www.reedsandroots.org).  
Gates open at 7pm August 17, then at 8am August 18th and 19th. Both full event tickets and day tickets are available.

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