

THE IRONDOVETAIL

CUSTOM BLACKSMITH AND WOODWORKING SHOP
166 WHISPERING PINES DR
WINCHESTER TN 37398
931-962-1303

March 12, 2013

Thank you for your interest in our Beginning Blacksmithing Class – Starting with Fire.

NOTES:

- 1) Any persons that have taken this class before are welcome back and will be assigned new projects that will increase their skill level and understanding of blacksmithing as an art.
- 2) We will accept students 12-15 years old with an accompanying adult who is also enrolled in the class.
- 3) Students between 16 and 18 must have a signed parental consent form to enroll.

The 2 day Class schedule is:

Friday May 10, 2013 from 5:30 pm until 8:00pm.

Saturday May 11, 2013 from 8:30am until approximately 2:30pm. (we will take a lunch break – suggest bringing sack lunch or going to a local restaurant in Cowan).

Location is in the parking lot of the Cowan Community Center for the Arts.
303 Montgomery Street, Cowan, TN 37318. 931-962-2356.

There are foundational skills every aspiring blacksmith must know. First how to start and tend a coal forge; next–basic hammer control and age-old forging techniques for shaping and forming hot steel. Students will gain comfort with these steps, and create small utilitarian items using these newfound skills during this two-day class. No experience necessary, just the desire to try blacksmithing. Each Student should expect to complete a minimum of 2 or more projects during class. All materials and tools provided. Additional information on local forges, blacksmith associations and other resources will be discussed.

Requirements: Long pants with full shoe. (NO tennis shoes or open toes)
Cotton shirt with sleeves. Please no synthetic materials – polyester etc.
will melt and is dangerous to your health when the sparks fly.
If you have your own safety glasses, please bring them. We will provide
as needed.
A desire to learn something new and have some fun.

Class cost: \$45

Material fee: \$15

Instructors: Bruce Gillies (931-759-4615) and Ken Gould (931-962-1303)

Instructor's background:

Bruce Gillies has been a blacksmith for over 22 years. He is past president of the Appalachian Area Chapter of Blacksmiths (AACB), is a member of ABANA (Artistic Blacksmiths Association North America) and owns the Lynchburg forge. Bruce has taken several classes at John C. Campbell Folk School and spends time there each year working with known blacksmiths from around the country. He is also a past recipient of the "Joe Humble Hammer Award" and recognized for his outstanding contributions to the Blacksmithing community.

Ken Gould has been a blacksmith for over 12 years, is a member of AACB, is news editor for the Lynchburg forge and operates "The Irondovetail" as a side business. In addition to instructing beginning classes, he does custom work ranging from 17th century hinges, metal tavern puzzles, lighting, and hearth ware, to gazing ball stands, 10 foot high yard art, coffee tables, wine racks, and other fun things.

To register for the class please complete the enclosed "Waiver of Liability" form and return mail it with a check or money order for \$60 per person to:

The Irondovetail
C/O Ken Gould
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Please note that the class is limited to 12 students, fills up fast and usually has a waiting list. All phone reservations will be held until April 30, 2013. Any final registrations for class not received by that time will be on a first come basis and persons on our waiting list will have the opportunity to enroll.

We look forward to seeing you on May 10th.

Best Regards,

Ken Gould

WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

I the undersigned, realizing the potential hazards associated with the craft of blacksmithing, will not hold the class instructors, Cowan Community School or any associated persons responsible or liable in the event of an accident or injury incurred as a result of my participation in the beginning blacksmithing course that I am taking, or any demonstrations of blacksmithing techniques made by the instructors.

I am aware of the requirement to wear safety glasses during all demonstrations and while working at or in the vicinity of the forges being used for class instruction. I am also aware of the danger of hearing damage due to the nature of the craft and accept responsibility of taking the necessary steps to protect my hearing.

I further agree to inform any family members or guests that I may bring with me of potential dangers and will advise them to take all necessary precautions.

Signature _____

Printed Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Date: _____

If a minor, signature of Parent or Guardian : _____

Send this form with check for \$60 to:
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