

CROWVOICE

Creative Writing & Ecology Workshops

~EarthWalk~

Workshop Overview:

EarthWalk is a hands-on learning adventure into the world of nature. Time is divided between experiences designed to take participants to a deeper connection with their environment and better understanding of the principles of ecology, and an acquisition of wilderness survival skills. It is offered in two age-based formats: high school and adult. (The high school format is only offered to groups providing qualified adult supervision.)

Workshop Description:

This workshop is centered on making the distinction between the idea of living *off* the earth and living *with* the earth. Activities are designed to remind participants of their direct and vital relationship with the natural world. Through sensory, holistic, and observational approaches; as well as storytelling, an attitude and ethic of interrelatedness is developed.

Integrated with these experiences, important concepts of wilderness survival are demonstrated and practiced. Participants will learn the basics of each of the five survival priorities: attitude, shelter, water, fire, and food. Information acquired will make them better able to live without the comforts of society, both in planned and unforeseen instances; and gain a sense of independence and confidence in the outdoors that will carry over into all aspects of life.

Presenter:

Marc Beaudin is a writer, naturalist, and educator who has developed the CrowVoice series of programs. He has taught numerous workshops in creative writing, ecology, and an integration of these two for students of all ages in schools, libraries, nature centers, and arts collectives, as well as the Theodore Roethke House.

A former park ranger for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and Nature Director for the Boy Scouts of America, he has been studying and teaching ecology, wilderness survival, and nature attunement for over 20 years.

He has taught creative and academic writing, and English language at Saginaw Valley State University; Kirtland College; El Instituto de Ingles Javier-McKeever in Chiapas, Mexico; and the Saginaw First Ward Community Center.

Cost and Contact Information:

- The workshop can be held from May through October at most natural areas such as a camp, state forest or park, nature center, etc. and runs 4 – 6 hours.
- Cost of the workshop is \$400 (plus travel expenses, if applicable).
- The number of participants is limited to 24; however 8 to 16 is ideal. Price includes all materials and a booklet containing course information and resources to expand the EarthWalk experience.
- To schedule a workshop, send an E-mail to info@crowvoice.com.