

# group learning experiences

enriching lives,  
building community  
through the teaching of  
traditional northern crafts



group learning is a dynamic and inspiring arena where group's really touch North House Folk School's educational mission - experiencing a place where learning together enriches the lives of people and builds an enhanced sense of community. Whether a group arrives on campus for an afternoon "Tour & Taste" or spends the day handcrafting a "North Woods Paddle", North House is committed to offering a unique opportunity to experience the power and importance of hands-on learning together.

North House works with group leaders to shape unique learning experiences that reflect the interests and abilities of the participants. All groups are welcome - whether a school group, alumni organization, extended family, scout troupe or tour group. The attached list of learning experiences serves as a useful guide to helping you shape your group learning experience on the North House Folk School campus. Specific group enrollment and participation guidelines define the basic process of working together.

Early inquiries and flexibility of scheduling will maximize the range of opportunities available for each group. Questions and inquiries are welcome throughout the year at 218-387-9762 or [info@northhouse.org](mailto:info@northhouse.org)



## tour campus

**Length:** 45 minutes

**Suggested Start Times:** 10am, 2pm and 5pm

### **Group Project Description -**

See the classrooms, learn about the student projects, and discover the story, magic and history that makes up the inspirational North House Folk School with a guided campus tour. The most popular way for a group to visit North House. You'll learn not only about what it is we teach, sharing course examples and getting inside the classrooms, you'll also enjoy a presentation on how we teach - and what makes us a Folk School!

Do you know the difference between a lapstrake and carvel planked wooden boat? Ever heard of the female Scandinavian deity, the Hjordis? Take a group campus tour and find out! Please call to register your group no less than three weeks prior to your visit.

**Fee:** \$75 per tour (for groups up to 25)

note: for groups larger than 25 people, an additional \$3/person will be charged

**Minimum:** 6 people

**Maximum:** 50 people per tour

**What To Bring:** walking shoes; camera; and lots of questions!

## taste of north house

**Length:** 2 hrs

**Suggested Start Times:** 10am; 2pm; 6pm

### **Group Project Description -**

Get a guided tour of the workshops at the North House Folk School and discover the most treasured item – the harbor side wood-fired brick oven. This is a great opportunity for groups to have a 'hands-on' learning opportunity with results everyone loves - PIZZA!!! In a picnic-style environment, participants will hand-roll their own pizza dough and craft Italian-style wood-fired pizzas (personal size - 12"-14") in our outdoor wood-fired oven. North House provides the dough, the heat and the oven. The group provides toppings (sauce, cheese, vegetables and anything else they desire) and additional condiments, beverages and side dishes.

**Fee:** \$20 per participant (Nov-Apr); \$25 per participant (May-Oct)

**Materials Fee:** \$5 per participant

**Minimum:** 15 people

**Maximum:** 40 people

**What To Bring:** toppings (sauce, cheese, vegetables, etc.) for entire group; beverages and side dishes as desired; clothing desirable for baking (aprons if desired), indoors and out; a healthy appetite and willingness to learn!

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# Wood-fired flatbreads

**Length:** 3 hrs

**Suggested Start Times:** 9am; 1pm

## **Group Project Description -**

Discover how this most basic of breads has been interpreted by cultures around the world. Then get your hands in some dough and create flatbreads to bake in North House's outdoor wood-fired oven. Each small group will prepare a different variety of flatbread to be sampled by the group. Participants go home with the comfort, skill and knowledge to make flatbreads in their own oven, including recipes and samples from the group project. A wonderful, hands-on intergenerational activity for adults and children that's sure to inspire a love for life-long learning.

**Fees:** \$40 per participant (Nov-Apr); \$45 per participant (May-Oct)

**Materials Fees:** \$8 per participant

**Minimum:** 6 people

**Maximum:** 15 people

**What To Bring:** Each participant might want to bring an apron or clothes to bake in, of course, your camera!

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# Lake superior schooner adventure

**Length:** 2 hrs

**Suggested Start Times:** 9am; 11:30am; 2:30pm and 5pm

## **Group Project Description -**

Hoist the sails and experience the magic of moving a 50' schooner under the power of the wind. Departing from the North House dock, the group will experience Lake Superior from the vantage point of 'looking back' at the picturesque Sawtooth mountain range and discover the craft of sail. Note: 1 adult supervisor per group is required to participate per sail and is counted as a participant. Sail times are limited to 9am; 11:30am; 2:30pm and 5pm.

**Fee:** \$45 per participant (May-Sept)

**Materials Fee:** Included

**Minimum:** 4 people

**Maximum:** 6 people

**What To Bring:** warm clothing (sweaters, long pants, jackets); sunglasses/sunblock if desired; camera, naturally!

## extend your stay

**Length:** Full Day

### **Group Adventure - Lake Superior Schooner Full Day**

Extend your sailing adventure by spending the full day on Lake Superior aboard Hjordis. Your sailing adventure includes an introduction to the craft of sail as well as a choice to focus on one of three specific hands-on, entertaining projects while out at sea - limnology (the study of freshwater and the fisheries of Lake Superior), knot-tying or traditional navigation. Must register as a group of 4-6 people.

**Fee:** \$150 per participant (May-Sept)

**Materials Fee:** Included

# piles of tiles: mosaics for all!

**Length:** 3 hrs

**Suggested Start Times:** 9am; 1pm

## **Group Project Description -**

Color, tiles, grout, design – these are the basic elements of mosaic craft. Learn side-by-side with your child, grandchild or friend during this intergenerational class. Expect all hands to be busy, as every student (young & old) learns how to design and create their own tiled mosaic. During Day 1 each student will focus on developing their own design, using ceramic pieces, sea glass, glass bobbles and other resources to create the picture, and next adhering it to an 8x8 or 12x12” square base. Day 2 will emphasize learning how to grout your mosaic, and as time allows family pairs will work together on a second project - casting a stepping stone with lake rocks for the design. Whether you are young or a “little older” you will learn skills that will allow you to go forth and create mosaics on your own.

**Fees:** \$35 per participant (Nov-Apr); \$45 per participant (May-Oct)

**Materials Fees:** \$5 per participant

**Minimum:** 6 people

**Maximum:** 15 people

**What To Bring:** your enthusiasm and willingness to learn!

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# birch bark weaving

**Length:** 3 hrs

**Suggested Start Times:** 9am; 1pm

## **Group Project Description -**

Discover the signature tree species of northern climates – the birch tree. The birch tree has been utilized as a resource for many northern cultures - as far ranging as the regional Anishinaabe traditions of the berry basket to the mats, shoes and pack baskets of Scandinavia and Russia. This group project brings North House Folk School's award-winning 'how-to' book, *Celebrating Birch*, alive with a variety of small, hands-on bark weaving projects for group participants to choose from. Small woven mats, finger baskets (rings), collection baskets, scissor or knife sheaths, and/or ornamental stars are just some of the possible projects for participants to try their hand at.

**Fees:** \$35 per participant (Nov-Apr); \$45 per participant (May-Oct)

**Materials Fees:** \$5 per participant

**Minimum:** 6 people

**Maximum:** 15 people

**What To Bring:** your enthusiasm and willingness to learn!

## extend your stay

**Length:** 5-10 days

### **Group Adventure - Timber Framing - Group Building**

The structure of the partnership that makes this course a reality is simple – shape, recruit, build, raise. Working with North House, the organization shapes/designs a timber frame structure that will meet its needs. Once the project size and dates are defined, the organization recruits a group of project participants who journey to the North House campus to build together. At the close of the experience, the group journeys home to raise their cut frame and put it to use.

**Fees:** Varies By Size - Contact North House to Arrange

## Group Planning Form

Desired Group Visit Date \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Group Leader Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Group Size \_\_\_\_\_ Group Ages \_\_\_\_\_

### Group Project:

Group Project

☐ tour campus

☐ taste of north house

☐ wood-fired flatbreads

☐ lake superior schooner adventure

☐ birch bark weaving

Group #'s Start Times Group Fee

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Group Project Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Group Project Deposit \$100.00**

### Payment Information

☐ Deposit PAID by cash/check

☐ Deposit check being mailed (must be received in 5 days)

☐ Deposit PAID by Credit Card

### Credit Card Information

☐ VISA

☐ MC

☐ DISCOVER

☐ AMX

CC# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ V-Code \_\_\_\_\_

(last three digits on back of card)

## **GROUP PROGRAM ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES**

### **Course Sizes**

Courses at North House are intentionally kept small. Maximum and minimum group size numbers are given to guide group leaders about planning their visit to North House. If you have a group that's larger than the listed number for a particular course, North House would encourage you to think about scheduling two consecutive projects and split your group up into respective numbers. If your group size changes, you must notify North House no less than 21 days ahead of the project.

### **Lodging**

North House does not have lodging on campus. However, there are a number of lodging options, including a full-service campground adjacent to campus and many hotel/motel options within walking distance to campus. Upon request, North House will send a complete lodging list to assist you with finding appropriate lodging for your group.

### **Payments**

Upon scheduling your group visit, a non-refundable \$100 deposit is required. The group fee balance plus the materials fee (unless otherwise indicated), is due 3 weeks prior to the start of the program. Payments must be made in US funds by cash, check or money order payable to North House Folk School. Payment by credit card (Visa, M/C, AMEX or Discover) is also acceptable.

### **Cancellations**

If North House must cancel the group visit, the organization will receive a full refund of any payments made for that group visit. Organizations who must cancel their enrollment more than 21 days prior to the first day of the group visit will receive a refund less a \$100 cancellation fee to cover administrative costs. Organizations who cancel their enrollment 21 days or less prior to the first day of the course will not be eligible for a refund.

### **Non-Discrimination**

In the operation of North House Folk School programs, no individual or group will be discriminated against because of race, gender, national origin, age or disability.

### **Liability Release**

A liability release form must be signed and completed by all group participants prior to the start of their program. If participants are under 18 years of age, a legal guardian must sign the release form.

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