

# WINTERER'S GATHERING

## & arctic film fest

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Photo courtesy Tim Cope

\* This is a preliminary list of speakers and films. Watch for a full event program in late October.

**speakers** - stay tuned, more to come! full event program available in late October

#### **On the Trail of Genghis Khan**

with event Featured Speaker *Tim Cope*

Australian adventurer and author Tim Cope is this year's featured speaker. He'll be sharing about his 6,000-mile journey across the Eurasian steppe by horse--recounted in his book *On the Trail of Genghis Khan: An Epic Journey Through the Land of the Nomads*. Tim has also studied as a wilderness guide in the Finnish and Russian subarctic, ridden a bicycle across Russia to China, and rowed a boat along the Yenisey River through Siberia to the Arctic Ocean. Tim will speak Saturday night of the event and is also offering a travel writing class--see the North House website for info and registration.

#### **Lessons Learned: Building a Log Home with Hand Tools**

with Kyle "Lindy" Lind

Imagine the difficulties faced by early trappers and settlers to the North County: trying to build a cabin with no electricity, running water, or gas-powered tools. Join former intern and current North House instructor Kyle "Lindy" Lind as he recounts several seasons of attempting to do the same within the confines of the modern Minnesota wilderness. After buying remote land near the BWCA, Lindy and his partner Ashlee set-up a winter camp and began the process of planning and building a trapper-style, full-scribe log cabin...using only hand tools. Learn about the tools and processes of intentional wilderness living. From hauling supplies (using an Alaskan-style pack frame, tumplines, and toboggans), to directional felling techniques (using an ax and cross-cut saw), to hand skidding 400-pound logs, Lindy and Ashlee have many stories to tell and lessons learned.

#### **French Fashion and the North American Frontier: A History of the Capote**

with Carol Colburn

In French, *encapoter* roughly translates to "put on one's capote before going out in the cold." Seems like a good lesson, and one that any modern winterer should heed. Join North House instructor -- and lifelong student of folk textiles -- Carol Colburn for some history behind the capote, or blanket coat. From the early days of French exploration, capotes were both worn and traded, their history now woven into the fabric of the fur trade. In spite of modern high-tech fabrics, blanket coats continue to be a piece of relevant winter outerwear to this day.

#### **Winter Camping Panel: Ask the Experts**

For those who enjoy the long Northern winter, winter camping is the most intimate experience of the cold months. Aurora borealis, woodstoves, skis, sleds, and solitude...it's both magical and intimidating; certainly not the casual camping experience! From packing the right food and gathering water to layering with the right fabrics, there's a lot more to think about than the average summer car camping excursion. Luckily there are experienced trekkers who can offer advice. Join North House instructors and others for a panel discussion of their experiences and the art of camping in the cold. Even a veteran snow walker might learn something new!

#### **History of Wooden Skis**

with Greg Fangel

People have been strapping wooden to their feet to propel themselves more efficiently over snow for thousands of years. The study of skis leads you to any area of the world where snow is found: from northern China and Russia to the Nordic Countries and imported to North and South America. Despite the prevalence of fiberglass and other modern materials, the performance of wooden skis has stood the test of time. Join Greg Fangel -- a wooden ski enthusiast, purveyor, and creator of the [woodenskis.com](http://woodenskis.com) website -- for a talk on the history of wooden ski craft.

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On the Trail of Genghis Khan | The Height of Courage | Counting Wolves | Lost Conquest

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Finding Farley | All the Time in the World | On the Trail of the Far Fur Country | Eating Alaska