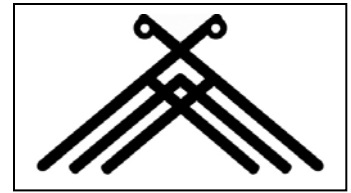


Earn & Learn Program – 2013

Linking Community Service to Traditional Craft



Work, Study, Accessibility – these three words capture the vision of the Earn & Learn Program at North House Folk School. Indeed, it is exactly what it says – an opportunity to work in a program support/community service role on campus while earning credit towards taking an upcoming course in traditional craft. Earn & Learn is part of North House scholarship/accessibility program.

Ready to journey North for a week-plus, investing your energy first by making the North House campus shine (sweeping floors, preparing classrooms, washing dishes) and then immersing in the class you've been dreaming about for years? Live nearby and willing to make a weekly commitment helping with campus set up - gradually building a nest egg of course credit? If so, the Earn & Learn Program may be for you.

HOW IT WORKS

The Earn & Learn Program (E/L) is structured around four basic ideas:

1. E/L Tasks and Sessions align with North House's needs for peak season campus support, weekly operational needs, preparation for major events and other special projects. Accordingly, a series of E/L Sessions are offered during the core program season. In addition, regular E/L weekly roles are available.
2. Anyone may sign up for North House E/L program. That said, E/L is a key North House strategy for insuring that our programs are financially accessible to everyone. Our goal is to attract participants highly interested in North House's commitment to building community, motivated to work in a community service role and interested in hands-on learning & traditional craft.
3. Participants in the program need to be willing and physically capable of completing a wide range of physical projects. Sweeping floors, washing dishes, setting up classrooms, moving tables, cleaning bathrooms, mowing grass, watering gardens, folding letters and more. Opportunities to share stories, drink coffee/tea, eat pizza from our wood-fired oven and get to know the North House community can also be anticipated.
4. In exchange for hours spent "earning" on campus participants are compensated with gift certificates (\$75 per 8 hours of work) that can be used towards tuition for coursework or sailing aboard the schooner Hjordis. The E/L Certificates are good for one year, and are transferrable. E/L Certificates cannot be used towards materials fees, which E/L students are required to pay for themselves.

HOW TO APPLY

Applying for the program is easy. Simply complete and return the attached E/L application form. Note that openings in each session and in weekly roles are limited. While applications are welcome at any time, please note deadlines for when assignment of specific sessions will begin (any open dates after these deadlines will be assigned on a first-come first-served basis).

SCHEDULE & SESSION OPTIONS

1) Weekly Projects Role

- applications welcome anytime
- credit: generally 2-3 hours per week, year-round on Wednesdays starting at 1 pm

2) Early-Summer Sessions – June & July

Applications are welcome anytime. Session assignment will begin April 1st. Expect to earn 24-32+ hours of E/L credit during each session. See web to clarify which sessions are available.

- June 14th until June 19th
- June 21st until June 26th
- June 28th until July 3rd
- July 5th until July 10th
- July 12th until July 17th
- July 19th until July 24th
- July 26th until July 31st

3) Late-Summer Sessions – August & September

Applications are welcome anytime. Session assignment will begin June 1st. Expect to earn 24-32+ hours of E/L credit during each session. See web to clarify which sessions are available.

- August 2nd until August 7th
- August 9th until August 14th
- August 16th until August 21st
- August 30th until September 4th
- September 6th until September 11th
- September 13th until September 18th

4) Fall Sessions – October-November

** a fall session of Work Study MAY be available, will be announced no later than July 1st

GENERAL WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Friday	1-3pm: meet with NHFS staff for a general tour, review E&L duties and job directions, and engage a project or two (2-3 hours).
Saturday	8-10am: general cleaning (2 hours) 3-8pm: assist with student wood-fired pizza potluck (5 hours)
Sunday	8am-12pm: general cleaning and gardening (4 hours)
Monday	8am-12pm: breaking down & prepping for next classes, cleaning (4 hours) Possible afternoon session, depending on campus needs (2-4 hours)
Tuesday	OFF! Enjoy beautiful Grand Marais. Hiking, boating, and many other opportunities abound!
Wednesday-	8am-12pm: cleaning, setting up for classes, prep catalog & mailings, general office duties (4 hours) 1-4pm: set-up for upcoming classes (2-3 hours)

MORE INFORMATION

Specific questions are welcome anytime. Please contact the Volunteer & Classroom Coordinator, Kelly Dupre at kdupre@northhouse.org or 218-387-9762.

Lodging

E/L participants are in charge of their own lodging. During their E/L work dates, individuals willing to tent are welcome to utilize one complimentary tent spot located next door at the Grand Marais Recreation Park. There is no parking at the campsite, so anticipate your car being parked on a nearby side-street. The Recreation Park includes shower facilities. Other options include nearby forest service campgrounds, area lodging establishments (please request a lodging list) or other creative solutions.

Compensation Specifics

For each 8 hours of work, E/L participants earn a \$75 of credit towards tuition for any class. Partial days worked are pro-rated. This gift certificate can be applied towards tuition for any class or sailing on the schooner Hjordis. E/L certificates cannot combine with other discounts (local, inter-generational, etc). Certificates are transferrable to other people and cannot be used for materials fees (all E/L students must pay the materials fee for their courses).

Requirements

The E/L Program is an essential piece of the puzzle during a typical week at North House. Accordingly, we ask that all participants make sure they fully understand the requirements and duties associated with the program. These include:

- * participating in outdoor, physical and messy work. Lifting and moving heavy objects.
- * arriving on time, completing assigned projects and asking for direction once tasks are completed or if unsure how to complete a project

Selection of Candidates

North House selects candidates and assigns session dates based upon the Earn/Learn Programs goals and structured within the need for campus support. Key amongst these are insuring program accessibility and supporting ongoing programs. Session assignments will begin on the dates noted. Selection is solely up to the discretion of North House. North House reserves the right to make changes to the Earn Learn program at any time.

Special Projects

Occasionally, North House has special projects that work well for E/L participants. Some examples could include outdoor painting projects, building custom chair racks, or remodeling classroom spaces. The times for these projects vary. Specific skills (such as carpentry) are sometimes needed. Please indicate your interest on the application and North House staff will contact you to check if such a project becomes available.

Registering for Classes/Cancellation Policy

E/L students need to register for their courses through the regular registration channels and need to make a deposit (either \$50 OR the materials fee, whichever is greater). If enough credits are earned, a deposit can be reimbursed at the time of the class. North House's cancellation policy applies to E/L students. If NH must cancel a course, students will receive a full refund of any payments made for that course. Students who cancel their enrollment more than 21 days prior to the first day of the course will receive a refund less a \$50 cancellation fee to cover administrative costs. In recognition of the time and energy instructors invest in preparing for courses, students who cancel their enrollment 21 days or less prior to the first day of the course are not eligible for a refund.

Earn & Learn Application Form - 2013

North House Folk School

Mail to: NHFS

PO Box 759

Grand Marais, MN 55604

kdupre@northhouse.org



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone number(s) _____

Email _____

On a separate sheet or document please respond to the following questions.

- 1) Tell us about yourself! Please introduce yourself in a paragraph or two. Highlight your interest & experience in traditional craft, outline community service work you've done, tell us about your prior involvement with North House or other folk schools, etc.
- 2) Why are you interested in the Earn & Learn program? How would participating in the program make North House more accessible to you?
- 3) Please list the three sessions (see listing of dates, list in order of priority) that you would be available for and willing to participate in. Also note the course you hope to register for. Remember, you'll need to complete your service work prior to the class you are interested in taking. Please consult the E/L web page to clarify which session dates are still available.
- 4) Do you have specific skills we should know about (experience in carpentry, painting, etc.)?
- 5) Earn and Learn can include physically demanding work. Participants should expect to be on their feet for most of the day, lift 50+ pounds and occasionally deal with stinky garbage, heavy objects and dirty dishes. Do you have any physical limitations or other concerns that we should be aware of.
- 6) Anything else you think would be helpful for us to know when considering your application?
- 7) I understand the following (check all of the following):
 - ___ I will arrive on campus by 1:00 pm on the Friday of my scheduled session.
 - ___ I will be participating in outdoor, physical, and messy work.
 - ___ I am responsible for any tuition not covered by Earn & Learn hours.
 - ___ I am responsible for any materials fee for the course I take.
 - ___ I will register & make a deposit (\$50 or materials fee) for the class I hope to take online or by phone. If I earn enough tuition credit, I will be reimbursed for my tuition deposit.
 - ___ I have read and understand the cancellation policy.
 - ___ My Earn & Learn credits expire one years after they are issued.

Signature _____ Date _____