

## 2024 WITO Skills Class Descriptions

**Archery 101:** This hands-on session equips beginners with the core skills needed for accurate and safe compound bow shooting. Learn proper stance, grip, aiming techniques, and get plenty of practice hitting the target under expert guidance.

**Basic Bike Safety & Maintenance:** Learn how to safely navigate city streets and forest trails on two wheels! Participants will discuss basic essentials for visibility, traffic awareness, and etiquette. We will briefly cover the skills to tackle flat tires, adjust brakes and gears, lubricate your chain, and perform basic bike inspections.

**Bees, Birds, Bats, and Butterflies (Backyard Pollinators):** In this session we'll dive into creating pollinator-friendly habitats, covering topics such as plant selection and best management practices. Learn how to attract essential butterflies, bees, and bats, all while beautifying your outdoor space.

**Car/tent Camping 101:** New to car camping? This session equips you with everything you need to know for a comfortable and enjoyable first trip. Learn essential gear selection, campsite setup, campfire basics, and outdoor cooking tips.

**Dog Training/ Going Outside with your dog:** Ready to adopt a new hiking buddy? Want to gain a better understanding of training techniques to teach your current pup some new skills so they can join you in the field? This session will cover general "in the woods" on the trail training and safety, essential gear and first aid needs, breed differences/picking a dog, training concepts

and resources, and working applications of dogs.

\*Please leave your pup at home. Our expert instructors will have their dogs present for demonstration purposes.

**Game Butchering 101:** Turn your harvest into delicious meals! This session covers the essential steps of field dressing and butchering of small game. Learn safe and sanitary techniques for processing your harvest, maximizing yield, and utilizing various cuts.

**Gearing up for Hunting:** This session equips you with the knowledge to choose the right hunting clothing, footwear, essential gear, and tools. Learn about effective layering for various conditions, regulations for your target species, and equipment must-haves for beginning on your hunting journey.

**Reel Fishing 101:** Hooked on the idea of fishing? This beginner-friendly course gets you casting like a pro! Learn essential reel fishing techniques, tackle selection, knot-tying basics, and how to identify common, local fish species.

**Shotgun 101:** Looking for an introduction to safe shooting? Look no further! This skills class provides a solid foundation in safe and effective shotgun use. Learn proper handling, cleaning, basic operation of different action types, and responsible shooting techniques. Get comfortable with your new knowledge by spending plenty of time practicing shooting clays.

\*Please do not bring your own firearms or ammunition, all materials will be provided to you.

**Turkey Hunting 101:** Gobble up the knowledge for successful turkey hunting! This session dives into essential turkey biology, vocalizations, and calling techniques. Learn effective strategies for setup, camouflage, and ethical shot placement. Get ready to outsmart those wary gobblers!