

Review of past events

The 12th annual Bois D' Arc Skills Camp & Knap-In

They just keep getting better! The 12th annual brought a large bunch of the regular suspects, and a host of new folks from as far away as South Dakota. At least 15 states were represented in our Bois D' Arc family!

After a summer of very strange weather, we again had the blessing of a fantastic weekend. Jim Redfearn rounded up a top-notch gathering of knappers, a record 40 vendor booths were onsite, and College of the Ozarks brought us another busload of students to keep our instructors on their toes. (For some reason, Bo's Edible Insects Class on Sunday morning is really popular with C of O folks...) As always, there were big feeds in every other camp, and bow/knapping instructor Regan (owner of Bangkok City restaurant in Spfld.) always puts out a terrific gastronomic offering.

Our instructor pool was enhanced by George Crawford coming in from New Mexico; Ray Madden brought his magic atlats and slings again. We missed John Hernandez this year, he was out for a bit with health problems. He was able to show up the following week at the Springfield Nature Center's Primitive Skills Day, his singing voice sure didn't seem to be affected.

To fill in for John, Rob Withrow, George Eklund, Randy Beach and Mike Smythe played a lot of good music, some of Bo's band members from The Lowdown Fancy played a Saturday night set in front of the Mill.

Thanks to Paleoplanet members for posting some great pics and comments about the event, and special thanks to our wonderful instructors, knappers, and artists that contributed to our excellent raffle to make it the highlight of the event.

To repeat something I heard Sunday afternoon "Can't wait for 2010, I already miss all of you!"

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