

SHORT COURSE DETAILS

SWE08233 MAKE AN ENGLISH LONG-BOW

Tutor: GAVIN POND

Dates: WEEKEND FRIDAY 5 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER

ABOUT YOUR COURSE:

On this course you will make a traditional English Long-Bow.

In the first session on Friday evening, we will prepare to laminate the stave using Hickory, Purple Heart and Lemon Wood timber and make a string. On Saturday we will mark out our bows, cut and shape the rough dimensions and start tillering (bending the bow). We will also fit the black Buffalo horn nocks.

On Sunday we will finish tillering, sand, oil, attach string and make the handle to complete your long bow. Then, if time allows, we will shoot a volley of arrows on the lawn at the front of the College.

LEVEL: SUITABLE FOR ALL

A subject focused course that is delivered to suit any level of experience from beginner to advanced practitioner. A structured start is followed by guided independent practice.

ABOUT YOUR TUTOR:

Gavin Pond trained at West Dean as a maker of stringed instruments and he is now an experienced craft teacher. His has a cittern on display at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre, London.

TIMETABLE:

Arrival day: Friday 5 October

From 4.00pm Arrival for residential students

5.30pm Workshops available for dropping off equipment and materials

6.45pm Non-residential students please arrive by 6.45pm for welcome chat and dinner

7.00pm Dinner

8.00pm – 9.00pm First teaching session – attendance is an essential part of the course.

Other days: Saturday 6 October

9.15am Morning classes start

10.30am Coffee

11.00am Morning classes continue

12.45pm Lunch

2.00pm Afternoon classes

3.30pm Tea

4.00pm Afternoon classes continue

5.00pm Classes finish From 6.30pm Dinner

8.00pm Evening working: workshops are available up to 10pm for those wishing to work

on providing this has been discussed with the tutor. These sessions are untutored.

Departure day: Sunday 7 October

(Residential students to vacate rooms by 10am)

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Departure day continued: Sunday 7 October

12.45pm Lunch

2.00pm Afternoon classes

3.00pm Classes finish, please vacate workshop by 3.30pm

3.30pm Tea then departure

MATERIALS FOR YOUR COURSE:

We have a generously stocked craft shop, which opens daily from 8.30am-2pm.

For any materials you need to purchase from the shop, we suggest you do so during the first morning of your course, after having discussed with your tutor.

Materials included in the course fee:

The cost of the timber and strings for your long bow is included in the course fee.

Block plane – if you have one, also provided for use in the workshop

Please bring:

Please wear sturdy covered footwear in the workshop Steel ruler and craft knife – if you have these Abrasive papers if you have some (you can also purchase this in the college's craft shop)

HEALTH AND SAFETY:

The tutor instructs students in health and safety issues relevant to this course. Students may work unsupervised on agreed projects once they have satisfied the tutor as to their competence. There may be restrictions on the equipment available to students in the tutor's absence. All Personal Protection Equipment, apart from footwear, is provided by the College.

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