

Teaching Drum Outdoor School Calendar of Activities/Harvests

All Year	Library Maintenance	Entering books in our electronic catalog, replacing books, library clean up.
	Book-Binding	Hand-binding copies of Tamarack's booklets for sale.
	Grounds Maintenance	Cleaning up and organizing around the school, helping to winterize buildings.
	Building Repair	Various carpentry, plumbing, electrical, and other building projects.
	Cooking	Cooking communal dinners.
	Knife Sheaths	Cutting leather, punching holes, and sewing knife sheaths for sale.
	Habitat Restoration	Removing human obstructions to habitat such as trash, concrete, etc.
March	Maple Sugar Camp	Tapping trees, gathering sap, gathering firewood, boiling sap, transporting and jarring syrup.
April	Leeks (leaves)	Leek gathering and processing.
May	Early Greens	Regular gathering early nettles, basswood leaves, large-leaf aster, etc.
	Sucker Fishing	Helping catch, gut, and process sucker fish during their spring spawn (catching requires a fishing license). I
June-August	Hardy Greens	Regular gathering of milkweed, nettles, ox-eye daisy, etc.
June	Strawberries	Gathering strawberries to supplement our bought fruits.
July	Raspberries, Blueberries, Juneberries, Gooseberries	Gathering and processing (drying, freezing) berries to supplement our bought fruits.
August	Cherries, Blackberries	Gathering cherries and blackberries to supplement our bought fruits. .
Mid August- Mid September	Wild Ricing	Harvesting wild rice, transporting, sorting, drying, and bagging to be processed. Harvest license required.
Late August- September	Marsh Grass	Gathering, bundling, drying, and storing marsh grass for lodge thatch.
Late August- September	Bulrush	Gathering, bundling, drying and storing bulrush for lodge thatch.
August- September	Apples	Gathering and processing (drying, canning, freezing) apples to supplement our bought fruits.

October	Hickory Nuts, Black Walnuts	Gathering, transporting, hulling, drying, and storing. This harvest requires several hours travel and gathering in bulk, so whether we harvest will depend on our people-power and time available for a two to three day nut camp.
October-November	Leeks (bulbs)	Digging and storing leek bulbs (such as digging a pit).
	Cranberries	Gathering and processing (drying, freezing) cranberries. This is one of our smaller harvests, but if it's a good year and we have the extra energy we're perfectly willing to step it up!
Mid-November	Cisco Fishing	Catching, gutting, processing, and freezing cisco fish. Participation in fishing requires a fishing license.
Late November (Rifle Hunting Season)	Deer Hides	Fleshing, salting, and bagging deer hides donated from hunters for storage to be used by our students.