HOW TO GET INVOLVED
We invite you to explore this life-changing opportunity to break free from societal distractions and pressures, improve physical and emotional wellness, connect with nature and community on a deeper level, and experience the freedom to align with one’s authentic self!

Earth Scouts! is open to anyone 14 years or older living in or near the Illinois Valley of Southern Oregon. Currently we are in the process of program development, fundraising, and scheduling our upcoming 2021-2022 season. We are looking for teachers, participants, and volunteers who would like to be a part of this new program.

Earth Scouts! is a program of Spiral Living Center, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization

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A holistic program where teens and adults in the Illinois Valley deepen their connection with themselves, learn skills for sustainable living, and discover how to create healthy relationships, starting with the Earth.

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Spiral Living Center is a nonprofit organization that has been promoting sustainable living skills in the Illinois Valley since 2006. Our new program, Earth Scouts!, inspired by our late Board Member, Scout, will provide a safe outdoor educational experience specifically for teens and adults to heal from isolation & industrial culture. Scout embodied what a community needed and her compassion, humanity, and wilderness experiences are driving forces of this program. Our vision is that all participants walk away with tangible skills for how to take care of themselves, community, and the earth.

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OUR APPROACH

Through cycling with the four seasons, our curriculum allows participants to deepen their relationships with themselves, each other, and the earth. Our outdoor SkyLodge classroom provides 1500 sq-ft. of space, encouraging whole-body participation as the senses come alive with sounds, colors, and textures. These become valued and refined as students dive into experiential hands-on education. Skills will be taught and practiced locally and on day & overnight trips, led by trained instructors. To empower participants and promote program sustainability, Earth Scouts! graduates will serve as future mentors to new students if desired.

Examples of future classes:
Health & Wellness: Herbal Remedies, Tai Chi, Yoga, First-Aid, and Holistic Death-Care
Food: Wild-Crafting, Foraging, Growing, Cooking, and Preservation Methods
Homesteading: Animal Husbandry, Off-Grid Energy, and Natural Building
Survival Skills: Friction Fire, Shelter Building, Navigation, and Tracking
Social Skills: Nonviolent Communication and Peaceful Conflict Resolution
Arts & Crafts: Pottery, Basketry, Cordage, Soapmaking, Hide Tanning, and Music

SKILL BUILDING

Participants will build self-confidence and trust in themselves and peers as they develop outdoor and rural living skills they can depend on in uncertain times. This includes Permaculture, a framework of ethics for sustainable living, integrating plants, animals, buildings, people, & community.

RECIROCITY

By giving back to the land & our community, participants learn the value of Reciprocity. Local service projects will give students a chance to apply learned skills and develop a wider network of connection.

PERSONAL GROWTH

We encourage students to employ curiosity, focus, commitment, awareness, generosity, and honest self-assessment. Social Skills are a large part of our program focus such as nonviolent communication and conflict resolution to foster respect towards each other.

SELF EXPRESSION

Cultivating their inner voices, participants can learn how to healthily transmute their learning process into a creative form. We will offer classes focused on nature-based crafts, arts, music, poetry, and spoken word.