

WOODSHOP CLASS OUTLINE

Campwide Theme: "Walk Across America"

Woodshop Project: Walking sticks

October-November, 2007

Objective: We will continue to expand upon the woodcarving skills that began last session, providing the opportunity for every student to carve a beautiful and fully functional walking stick.

5 minutes.	Review of all woodcarving safety rules and standards.
10 minutes	Review the woodcarving tools including how to properly sharpen and care for them.
10 minutes	Review and demonstrate the following basic cuts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pull (or paring) cut• Push cut• Stop cut
10 minutes	How to select and to prepare a good walking stick: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Using found wood.• How to season a green stick.• Sanding techniques, shaving horse usage, and finishing.• What is the main "theme" for your stick? (see sidebar below)
2-3 classes	Every student will have the opportunity to learn how to carve a fully functional walking stick based upon his selected theme, then continue to find several ways to "extend" the creative process by additional decorative carvings, woodburning, beads, painting, etc.

POSSIBLE WALKING STICK THEMES

Nature: Animals, woodspirits, snakes, lizards, leaves, acorns, animal tracks, etc.

Indian: Teepees, feathers, arrowheads, Indians, buffalo, colorful designs, etc.

Religious: Church, Holy Book, praying hands, cross, etc.

Sports: Football teams, Nascar, Basketball team, etc.

Fun: Whistle topper, ball-in-the-cage topper, comical character, etc.