



THE IMMERSION

at Wilderness Awareness School

*How long have you been sleeping? How much have you forgotten?
The Wild will call you back.*

- Gina Puorro

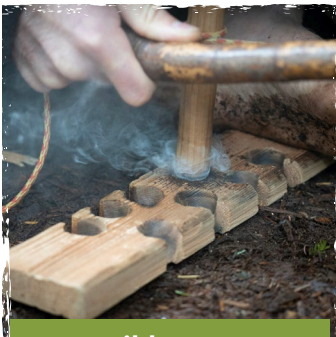
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The Immersion is a unique experience for adults seeking to find their place in the natural world. During this 9-month program, students experience their surroundings from the complementary approaches of scientific study and the practice of survival skills, nature connection, and self-discovery.

8 Areas of Study

The Immersion curriculum presents a holistic approach to understanding the natural world from both traditional and modern contexts. This is facilitated through these eight areas of study:



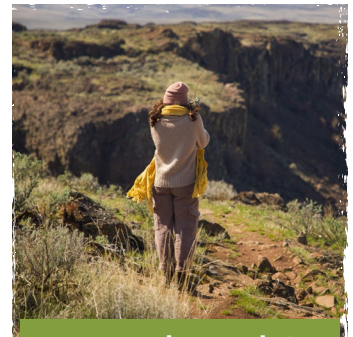
**Wilderness
Survival & Bushcraft**



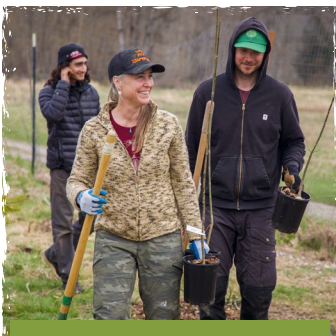
**Naturalist
Studies**



**Art & Science of
Wildlife Tracking**



**Personal Growth &
Expression**



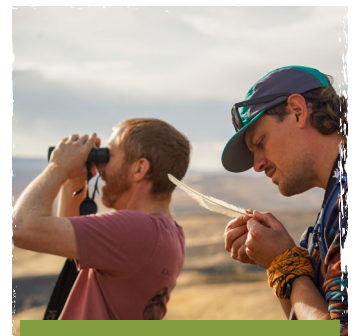
**Land
Stewardship**



**Community
Leadership**



**Cultural
Studies**



**Bird Language &
Intuitive Awareness**

Who participates?

The Immersion students are avid learners who possess compassion for and a deep curiosity about people, nature, and themselves. Our students have come from across the United States and Canada, Europe, and Asia. They include:

- ▶ Tech workers
- ▶ Environmental educators
- ▶ Retirees
- ▶ Gap Year Students
- ▶ Organic farmers
- ▶ Armed forces veterans
- ▶ ...and many more

Ages typically range from 18 to 65, with the average student in their late 20s to early 30s.

Founded in 1999, The Immersion has over 600 alumni. Our graduates have gone on to pursue careers in wildlife biology, education, the arts, natural medicine, and counseling.

Expeditions

Expeditions are a vital part of our curriculum. When The Immersion hits the road, students experience rich learning and self-discovery.

- ▶ Track coyote and bear in the Coastal Oregon Dunes
- ▶ Travel back in time millions of years, studying the geology of the sagebrush steppe in Eastern Washington
- ▶ Test your skills for a week of survival in the wilderness
- ▶ ...and much more

Community

Students in The Immersion form a tightly knit learning community that is supported by a larger community of staff, elders, graduates, and other Wilderness Awareness School students of all ages.

The community aspect of The Immersion is integral to forming deep connections with the natural world through shared reflections, storytelling, and group experience.



I no longer have to try to be myself. I can just be. Every part of this curriculum is like a door where you sink deeper into yourself.

—Marlee Maloy, Class of '21



When I found out about this program, I thought there was no way I could quit my job and move across the country. Then one day I thought 'Why not?' I have so much gratitude to myself for making that decision. I feel like I've been born again.

—Storm Early, Class of '23



The Immersion: At a glance

Nine months steeped in nature and community

9 month program, 3 days/week + expeditions,
September–June

Based in the western foothills of the Cascade
Mountains near Seattle, Washington

Internationally recognized for nature education,
outdoor leadership, and regenerative cultural design

Naturalist certification available

Undergraduate college credits are available through
Western Colorado University

Tuition is \$14,950 with scholarships and on-campus housing available



Now that you've gotten a taste of what The Immersion is all about, we encourage you to take the next step toward discovering whether or not the program is a good fit.

Visit a day of class

Schedule a call with our Admissions Coordinator

Apply to join this year's class

Take your next step forward at
immersion.wildernessawareness.org

Land Acknowledgment

Wilderness Awareness School is on the Indigenous Land of Coast Salish peoples who have reserved treaty rights to this land, specifically the Snoqualmie Tribe (*sduk[™]albix[™]*). Our organization aims to lead with a spirit of compassion, deep reflection, and understanding. We begin this effort by honoring the truth of the colonization that brings us to where we are today. It is a privilege for us to be here on their ancestral lands. We thank these caretakers of this land who have lived, and continue to live, here since time immemorial.

Wilderness Awareness School is a national not-for-profit environmental education organization established in 1983 and based in Duvall, Washington. Our dynamic courses combine ancient and modern ecological wisdom and empower people of all ages to become stewards, mentors, and leaders. We are dedicated to caring for the earth and our children by fostering understanding and appreciation of nature, community, and self. Over the last 30 years, we have grown from a small group of visionaries to a leading organization impacting the course of nature education nationwide.

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