

## **NEW! Earthen Hand Apprenticeship, 2011**

Earthen Hand will be offering an apprenticeship program for extra motivated students this spring and summer. Email **workshops@earthenhand.com** to begin the application process at any time.

### **Description:**

The apprenticeship will operate within a variety of natural building projects. Learning will be mostly lead by me, Scott Howard, with guests such as Ernie Wisner, Noel Adams, Josh McMahon, and more. The education will be mostly hands-on and project-based, covering such topics as: Straw-Clay, Cob, Earthbag, Foundations, Drainage, Dimensional Carpentry, Roundwood Timber-framing, Engineering estimating, Project estimating, House Design, Permaculture thinking, and much more. Please note that several of these topics are rarely covered in standard Earthen Hand workshops due to high risk activities. All Apprentices will participate only after signing a waiver of liability.

### **Locations:**

Project locations will vary, mostly including sites in the Portland area, but perhaps as far away as Naselle, WA, or Sequim, WA. Depending on the distance (Sequim is 4.5 hour, for example), apprentices will be encouraged to come stay overnight for some number of days on site. This is a great way to immerse yourself in the work. Both these sites mentioned are large-scale permaculture operations that can also provide you with a wealth of learning opportunities about farming and other related topics during your stay.

On-site stays will provide you with meals, and either camping or inside accommodations.

Another great part about being on site with a group of apprentices is having time to just relax together.

### **Rates:**

Apprentices will purchase a number of learning days, which can be redeemed at any time. Unlike standard workshop participants with Earthen Hand, Apprentices will participate before, during, and after workshops in order to see details of decisions and technique not shown at any workshop. Apprentices may attend Earthen Hand workshops as part of their training, but will pay an amount according to Apprenticeship rates and not standard workshop rates.

Purchasing Apprenticeship learning days will be as follows: 10 days @ \$90/day, 15 days @ \$80/day, 20 days @ \$70/day, 30 days @ \$60/day, 40 days @ \$50/day.

This way, you can redeem your days at anytime, and there is less scheduling pressure for all of us.

Please note that this program is very limited in terms of the number of Apprentices we can take on any given day.

**Food:**

At times, food is included, and other times it is not. This will depend on the project and time you choose to redeem your learning days. Food is included in the price when working away from Portland, and when attending any workshop that says meals are included. Otherwise, we may bring our own lunches for simplicity's sake.

**Enrollment:**

Please email us at [workshops@earthenhand.com](mailto:workshops@earthenhand.com) to receive an application. Thank you.