



**Atlatl Classes:** Bob Berg shows the interrelationship of several prehistoric foundation skills that hunter-gatherers used to thrive in the natural primitive world. His emphasis is from the point of view of those cultures that used atlatls or spear throwers as means of projecting the power of stone and bone spear points to harvest fish and game. He explores with his students in a hands-on forum, several

processes that relate to the production of equipment from materials harvested from nature.

His students will learn how to procure and use plant and animal fibers in advanced cordage making processes that relate to the spear thrower as well as many of the other uses of cordage by the hunter-gatherer such as fishing, trapping and crafting clothing, shelter and equipment used for portage.

Bob will teach his students the basics of using stone to produce an array of useful tools from projectile points to ultra sharp blades and scrapers and graters. His class will examine the process of creating and using abrasives made from pulverized flint stone to grind bone, stone and other materials to make projectile points, awls and other useful objects. He will empower his students with a keen understanding on the use of stone implements which can be used to alter the hunter-gatherers environment to his liking.

When the teaching stage allows, Bob will take his class afield to demonstrate the use of spear throwers as well as the other tools in his kit. He will explain the strengths and weaknesses of the spear and spear thrower and how to get the most out of this limited range weapon. Where water is available Bob will show students how to use spear throwers to catch fish.

Around the camp fire Bob will entertain you with a wealth of knowledge gained from his two decades of hunting and fishing with the atlatl and dart while he straightens and heat treats dart shafts and hafts stone and bone points using the heat of the fire to manipulate his glue. During his classes Bob discusses the merits of various theories that abound about atlatls while he demonstrates the experiments that reveal the truth.

Bob's classes are often combined with an atlatl and dart making project that the students take home.