

**The Deerfield Education & Conservation Corporation & Franklin County Sportsmen’s Club present:**

**4th Annual Stone Age & Primitive Skills Celebration**

**Saturday, October 11, 2014 – 10:00 AM-5:00 PM**

**721 River Road • East Deerfield, Massachusetts 01342**

Join us for a day of fun, hands-on discovery. Explore and experience some of the skills our ancestors around the world utilized to survive and evolve long before the advent of written history.

**Activities will include:**

* **Atlatl and Spear Throwing**

The atlatl and dart were developed at least 15,000 years ago, giving the hunter the ability to harvest big game, and in Europe, the great mastodons and mammoths. An ISAC competition will be held concurrently.

* **Archery**

The bow and arrow are thought to have been developed during the Mesolithic (middle) Stone Age, and gave the hunter dramatic advantages over the older spear throwers.

* **Bola**

From the Spanish word for ball, the bola is an ancient weapon consisting of three round weights attached to ropes of different lengths, swung in unison over the head and tossed at high velocity to entangle or kill prey.

* **Sling**

An ancient weapon, the sling was used by numerous cultures across the globe and at different periods of time, including in the hands of Native Americans to this day.

* **Ice Age Art: Hands-on Art Projects**

Perhaps the earliest artists were those long-ago hunters who painted breathtaking scenes in French and Spanish caves. Other forms of art nearly as ancient pointed the way to today’s visual arts. Authentic earth materials and primitive tools will be provided so you can explore your own inner-ancient artist.

This event is family-friendly. Instruction and supervision will be provided to adults and to age-appropriate children. Food and drink will be available for sale. Admission is free.

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