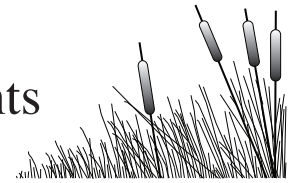


Working With The Institute for the Study of Edible Wild Plants And Other Foragables



Who We Are

Wild Food Adventures is the public outreach branch of the Institute for the Study of Edible Wild Plants and Other Foragables. The Institute engages in research, education, and the daily business activities that allow us to pursue our missions. We are not a publicly funded organization or a non-profit.

Our Missions:

- 1) Research: To study and conduct original research about edible wild plants and other foragables.
- 2) Education and Pro-Active Environmentalism: To help people connect with the Earth, Earth culture, human history, and the future by teaching them about and fostering an appreciation of edible plants and other foragables in natural settings. People who genuinely make these connections will live more sustainable lifestyles and be better caretakers of the environment.
- 3) Cultural Heritage Preservation: To partner with and assist original cultures in their efforts to restore and revitalize traditional foodways. We strive to honor and preserve the wild food knowledge, experiences, and wisdom of original cultures.

Getting Involved with the Institute

We have three ways that you can choose to work with us: An internship, as a research associate, or as a student. All require an intake interview, and all are interesting and fun.

1. Internship / Supporting Volunteer

An intern is someone motivated by one or more of our missions and wants to help us actualize them. In this context, an intern helps in all aspects of the Institute. This includes everything from copying, folding, and stapling, to building resource management tools, to building food processing tools, to managing information, to community outreach, as well as identifying, gathering, and experimenting with wild foods. Interns may be involved in video shoots, manning information booths, and assisting in certain workshops or research projects. Activities are defined by what needs to be done at the time. They can also be defined by skills you want to bring or learn. For instance, if you wanted to hone your web page development skills, why not do it on a project you care about? Want to hone your desktop publishing skills? We have wild food publications to format for distribution. Learn tidbits about wild foods over time while seeing how a successful outdoor education business is run. An intern has access to hundreds of wild food books and papers in our library. There are also inadvertent discussions about wild foods with Dr. Kallas. An intern succeeds if they believe in and support our missions independent of what they learn. There are no fees for internships at the Institute.



2. Research Associate

In the simplest terms this just involves studying one or more plants you are interested in, in detail with some guidance by Dr. Kallas. This is self-directed, self motivated research you do either out of interest for one or more plants, or because of the immense learning that results. There is no better way to learn about all wild foods than to study a few in great detail. This kind of research involves observing plants, testing long-held beliefs, and reading the mostly in-house literature to determine their potential as a food. Having a biology, botany, natural science, food, nutrition, and/or research background is good but not necessary if you are a conscientious open-minded student and fast learner. If you need guidance getting started, we can help you choose a project, or you could work on an ongoing project. You would have access to the Institute's library and its research papers. We would have to mutually agree on the topic(s) and how you would go about doing the investigation. You would be responsible for the investigation but would get guidance and advice when appropriate. You would be expected to keep an organized journal of your actions, observations, and experiments, then report your findings in an organized way. Your findings may be reported in future Wild Food Adventure or other publications or used as the basis of further study by others. If we meet and come to an agreement, there is a \$100 registration fee for orientation, getting started, and some initial guidance by Dr. Kallas. There is an additional \$30 per month fee for the use of the facilities and periodic guidance.



3. Student



If your primary interest is to have Dr. Kallas teach you about wild foods as quickly and efficiently as possible, you have three options:

- 1) You can register for and attend our day workshops. See the Workshops page of our web site.
 - 2) You can register for and attend our multi-day Rendezvous. See the Rendezvous pages of our web site.
 - 3) You can contract with Dr. Kallas for some one-on-one training in the wild food topics of your choice. This allows you to learn plant edibility and principles in an organized and efficient manner that is tailored to your needs and interests. The details of this kind of arrangement and the costs would have to be carefully spelled out by mutual agreement. Typically, there is a \$100/hour fee (minimum 2 hours) and a \$75 fee for each following hour per engagement. Prep and travel time will be added to that fee as appropriate. Add \$25/hour for each additional adult participant. Minors over 7 pay their age. Contact Dr. Kallas for group rates.
- Other Options: Contact us with your proposals. Anything is possible if we are creative enough.

Get College or Continuing Education Credit: Develop a project at your educational institution in cooperation with Wild Food Adventures that will meet college requirements. These kinds of projects could be independent studies, on the job training, or fulfill some specific requirement. This type of arrangement would require agreements from both our Institute and your Institution. Student or research associate fees would apply unless more work was required of Dr. Kallas in the form of supervision, reports, or serving on committees.