

BLADESMITHING CLASSES

The Bill Pieh Resource for Metalwork is proud to offer 3-day bladesmith classes geared toward beginner and intermediate smiths. The course will cover basic aspects of bladesmithing including proper fire procedures, blade forging of stick and full tangs, and the integral bolster. You will forge, grind, heat treat and finish one knife complete with a handle. If time permits Rybar will demonstrate Damascus forging on Sunday. This is a "hands on course" however there will be a lecture on the structure and composition of the blade material.

Each student is provided with their own forging station. You will have access to equipment such as a coal forge, propane forges, a Johnson gas furnace, anvils, two ANYANG air hammers, and a tilttable Baldor Grinder/Sander. All tools and materials are provided with the exception of the 1) handle material and 2) required safety glasses, 3) note-book and pen. Students may choose to bring an apron, gloves or their favorite hammer, although a full line of blacksmithing supplies are available at Pieh Tool Company, Inc.

**STUDENTS WILL FORGE A KNIFE
AND FINISH WITH A
HANDLE OF THEIR CHOICE**

CLASS DATES

Classes are limited to 6 students so call now to enroll.

(928) 554-0700

2006: MARCH: 10 - 12

APRIL: 14-16

TIME:

* 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (1 hour lunch)

*Friday starts at 7:00 a.m.

COST:

\$455 per person. Fees are payable by cash, check, or money order; or by credit card.

**Payment in full constitutes registration for a given class.*

☆ Coffee, donuts and water are provided.

CANCELLATION:

*\$100 is non-refundable. Remainder of fees can be applied to another available class with 14 days notice of class date. Cancellations after 14 days prior to class are not refundable or transferable. **Their are some exceptions. We reserve the right to cancel a class that is not full and a full refund would be given.*

LOCATION:

437 W. Hwy 260, Camp Verde, Arizona 86322

LODGING IN CAMP VERDE:

Comfort Inn	(928) 567-9000
Days Inn	(928) 567-3700
Super 8	(928) 567-2622
Rancho Verde RV Park	(928) 567-7037
Zane Grey RV Park	(800) 235-0608

DIRECTIONS:

General Crook Trl, Exit 285 off the I-17. Go East on Hwy 260 1/4 mi. Large tan building and is 1st business on the right accross from blue striped retaining wall. Please park on the East end of building.

**Advanced Blacksmithing, Raising, Chasing & Repousse
and Fly Press classes available in 2006!**

Small classes ensure constant attention.



**WORK IN A WELL EQUIPPED
FACILITY WHERE YOU WILL
LEARN THE BASIC TECHNIQUES
OF BLADESMITHING INCLUDING
BLADE FORGING OF BOLSTER
AND TANGS, HEAT TREATING,
FINISHING AND HANDLE
PROCEDURES.**



BLADESMITH INSTRUCTOR

Raymond Rybar, Jr. has been a practicing blacksmith since 1970 and is a registered master Bladesmith. He is a member of the Allegany Mt. Knife Collectors and The American Bladesmith Society. His boldly defined nickel Damascus patterns won the Best Straight Knife Award three times in competition. In 1997 and 2000, Rybar was nominated a Best Custom Blade Maker at the Warther Invitational Knife Expo. He also won the Art Blade Best award in 2001 at the Blade International Cutlery Exposition with a multi-mosaic blade. The Best Damascus award was presented to him at the 2003 Blade International Cutlery Exposition and at the 2003 Warther Museum Invitational Cutlery Fair. Private Collectors and many corporations have his work in their collections. Rybar is a nationally known instructor and Bladesmith magazine contributor. Rybars work has been featured in Blade Magazine and books such as Knives 2005 by Krause Publicatons.



Known for his bible verse knives, this Dagger features a "multi-barred-roll" blade of damascus and a stacked leather and carved iron and antler handle."



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