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Thank you for your interest in being an instructor at the Porcupine Mountains Folk School. The School is run by the Friends of the Porkies in cooperation with the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park. The Friends is a non-profit organization whose mission is to enhance the visitor park experience. The Folk School provides a spectacular location to teach, organization of student registration, infrastructure, and advertising. Please be advised that we expect our workshops to emphasize a philosophy of “safety, fun and learning.” The safety of our participants should be at the forefront of every instructor’s mind during course development as well as during the actual workshop. We are asking potential instructors to send in the items below, which will be reviewed by a committee. We look forward to hearing from you.

- 1) A resume, including references, highlighting relevant skills & creative works (2-page max)
- 2) Samples of recent work which pertain to proposed workshop. No more than six 35mm slides or digital images (jpeg) from visual artists, a CD from musicians and composers, a videotape or DVD from dancers and other performing artists, a brief manuscript, short story or article from writers and journalists.
- 3) A one-paragraph biography highlighting relevant skills and history
- 4) Your idea for a class or workshop
 - a. What do you envision teaching/doing? Compose a paragraph describing the workshop. This should explain what participants will learn, do, and/or make.
 - b. Do students need to bring anything? (Tools, painting supplies, etc.) How should they come dressed?
 - c. What time of the year would you like to offer it? Give us at least two dates.
 - d. Class duration? Give us the number of days and the hours each day. Remember, we are on Eastern Standard Time.
 - e. Equipment or materials that you need provided by the Folk School (ie. wattage other than 110)
 - f. Safety considerations. (ie: eye protection, gloves, potential hazards). There are certified EMTs who work at the park, but we are almost 20 miles from the nearest hospital.
 - g. Anticipated class size (minimum & maximum # of students)
 - h. Estimated Materials Fee
 - i. Your cost. How much do you want to be paid for a given course? Our policy is to set a workshop fee. 50% of the fee goes to the instructor and 50% goes to the school. We set this depending on the number of students and your cost.

Send materials to: Folk School Committee
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Questions? Call 906-885-5545

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