

# Winter Moccasin Workshop in Sudbury



- Dates:** Sat & Sun January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> (**Note: Contact in advance please!**)
- Time:** Approximately 8am – 6pm both days.
- Location:** Sudbury, ON. (Exact location dependent on # of participants, will be downtown or LU).
- Cost:** \$150 (\$120 students) includes all necessary supplies!
- Contact:** [info@lureofthenorth.com](mailto:info@lureofthenorth.com) or visit <http://lureofthenorth.com>

## **Description:**

Make your own pair of traditional, knee-high winter moccasins in only two days. Made from deerskin lowers and canvas uppers, these moccasins are the warmest, lightest, most comfortable pair of footwear you will ever wear in deep-cold weather.

The key to the moccasins warmth is threefold:

1. **Breathability** - Because all the materials are fully breathable, your feet, socks and liners stay totally dry in cold weather, even after a full day of exertion;
2. **Generous Proportions** – Moccasins are generously sized in width and height allowing lots of room for extra insulating layers without constricting blood flow to your feet;
3. **Wiggle Room** – Because of their soft soles and flexible nature the muscles of your feet are much more active while you walking – helping to generate heat exactly where you need it.

*“ It was a wonderful weekend. We really enjoyed ourselves...and I will FOR SURE recommend it to others” -Olvie Li*

## More Information

**Complete:** Includes everything you will need to make a complete pair of unique winter moccasins: breathable, durable deerskin for the lowers and lightweight, wind-resistant canvas for the uppers. Ribbon-trim and an assortment of lacing materials are included, and a variety of furs (beaver, coyote) are available at a reasonable price.

**Effective:** These moccasins have been personally tried and tested. In 2009 and 2010 I snowshoed over 500 kms on a 17-day trip (2009) and a 39-day trip (2010) down the Missinaibi, and Kabinakagami Rivers in northern Ontario. The moccasins performed wonderfully, every day, in temperatures ranging from -2 to -35°C. The 2010 trip report is available at: <http://lureofthenorth.com>.



*Sunrise at Kandalore*

**Timely:** You should be able to complete your moccasins in two days of work (~16 - 20 hours), and I will be available to help you every step of the way to ensure you do a great job. Those who like to really take their time can continue to work through the evenings, but this should be unnecessary.

**Fun and Comfortable:** The workshop will help in a comfortable space in a relaxed environment. Hand-sewing leather is a task best enjoyed in this type of social setting.

**Informative:** I'll have a variety of other materials on hand for demonstration and information purposes. I can show you traditional, slip-on snowshoe bindings which pair beautifully with soft-moccasins, we can discuss other aspects of home-made clothing and traditional winter travel, and I will provide a supplier list so you can continue moccasin-making at home if you choose.

*“The weekend course was fantastic... I am now the proud owner of a pair of traditional winter moccasins made under David's tutelage”*

– Stephen Ritchie, Professor, Outdoor Adventure Leadership Program, Laurentian University.

