

MAS is running a NAS part 3 course in TAR MAKING on Sunday 22nd August

Tar is made every year for the society VAL that built and maintain the Viking replica longboat 'Sotka'. You are invited to join the last day of the tar extraction festival and to learn about the importance of tar making in maritime archaeology and in Finland's history.

This is part of a new program to provide experience in the many aspects of Maritime Archaeology, and will also give you points in the 'Ancient Technology' module, so ultimately you can gain NAS part 3 status, enjoyed by many people around the world, and can be useful for applying for maritime archaeology projects.



The program includes: (Note that teaching is done in **English as well as Finnish**)

(Classroom)

- Reminders how the NAS training system works, and the fun and knowledge you can gain
- The history of tar making and its importance in maritime archaeology
- Tar making and its major role in past trade in Finland
- The process of tar making
- Chemical properties of tar and its potential for research
- The principles of Experimental Archaeology

(Practicals)

- Preparing your wood in the forest
- How the tar pit works
- Caulking and applying tar to timbers (gloves supplied)
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**Sunday 22nd August, near Lahti, course lasts 7-8 hours with breaks (full address details to follow).
Bring your own lunch food. Coffee and biscuits provided. Wear rough clothing.**

Priority given to those who have done the NAS Intro course (If you have lost your NAS training card then Kalle can reissue).

Cost 30 Euros (which basically only covers the expenses and fee for the tar maker himself).

Send applications by email to David Cleasby at cleasbydm@hotmail.com