



Scythe improver's course in Austria

From 2nd to 9th of June 2020

in Rossleithen, Oberösterreich

Hone your scything skills in the foothills of the Austrian Alps!

- Work on your mowing technique and learn how to adjust it to varied terrain and vegetation.
- Learn to assess different blade models and snath setups to better decide which suit your needs and the job at hand.
- Control your peening – learn how to create a perfect edge using both jig and anvil, and the technique to keep it sharp with the whetstone.
- Experience the making of blades at the Schröckenfux factory, one of the world's leading manufacturers, and immerse yourself in scythe history at one of the region's many scythe museums.

Course language is English.

This is an improver's course for people who have previous scythe experience, either with a nordic scythe (used in Scandinavia, England and North America) or a continental European scythe.

All equipment (European style scythe and snath) will be provided on site and can be purchased after the course.

Schedule:

Tuesday 2nd and Tuesday 9th of June, arrival and departure days.

Wednesday, 3rd Visit to the Schöckenfux factory. Scythe theory lesson.

Thursday, 4th Mowing day – Assessment of skill level. Adjusting equipment and technique.

Friday, 5th Peening day – Using the jig and the anvil. Repairing blade damage.

Saturday, 6th Excursion day – Museum visit and evening with barbeque and local music.

Sunday, 7th Free day – Optional mountain hike or resting and swimming in the "Gleinkersee"

Monday, 8th Mowing day – Tackling difficult terrain. Optional equipment shopping at Schröckenfux.

Tickets

Type	Validity period:	Price:
Valentine's ticket	Up to 14 feb	€ 900
April Fool's ticket	15 feb-1 april	€ 1000
Regular ticket	2 april-	€ 1100

Fee includes Lessons, Accomodation, Breakfast and lunch & Travel expenses during course days.

Application

Send your application by email to Jenny Nilsson at jenny@panternigeln.se with the following information:

- Name and Address, Phone number and Email address
- Food allergies/restrictions
- Body height (used to get you the right equipment)
- A description of your scythe experience; how long have you used a scythe, what equipment are you used to, what kind of terrain have you mown and is there anything in particular that you are looking to improve or get out of the course?

Include if attending as owner or employee of a company:

- Company name and billing address
- Company VAT number

Who are the organizers?

Christiane Laganda has spent many years with scythe in hand, developing her style by building on the knowledge of Peter Vido, many mowers across Europe who she went mowing with and of Austria's older generation of scythe mowers. Her background as a Yoga teacher and interest in how bodies work enables her to help individuals develop a body healthy mowing posture. She played a hand in the making of the Learn to Scythe manual together with Steve Tomlin. Her teaching dates back to 2004 and she has 11 years of experience teaching improver's and teachers' training courses at the Somerset Scythe Festival in the UK as well as in Austria. Christiane is the main instructor of the course.

Jenny Nilsson is a Swedish scythe nerd and scythe teacher-in-training who has teamed up with Christiane to help spread knowledge of good scythe practice. She is especially passionate about the slow but steady scythe revival happening in the Nordic countries and hopes to play a part in it. When Jenny's not mowing meadows she works in the horticulture trade with knowledge and outreach projects such as building a Nordic garden plant database and organizing garden shows, conferences and lectures on horticulture.

Jenny is the support instructor of the course and also handles most practical matters.

Terms and conditions

In the event of cancellation by the organizers due to any reason, all payed fees will be returned. The organizers are not accountable for any other costs you encounter due to cancellation.

Cancellation until 20th of April, fee will be returned except € 15 admin fee.

Cancellation until 8th of May, 50% of the fee will be returned except € 15 admin fee.

Cancellation from 9th of May, 100% of the fee is due.

For further questions contact Jenny Nilsson by email or phone at:

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Or write to us on the official Facebook event page, "**Scythe improver's course 2020**"

<https://www.facebook.com/events/549525898969061>

