

Jacksonville State University's Little River Canyon Field School & Talladega Mountains Field School 2010 Programs



**Environmental education, outdoor recreation & the arts from
the deepest canyon to the highest mountain in Alabama!**

*To register for a program or for more information
call 256-782-8010. For more information email fieldschool@jsu.edu.*

January 2010

Second Saturday Space Safaris: Larry Cat in Space

Travel through space and explore planet Earth during these exciting programs for families and children led by Dr. Laura Weinkauff on an incredible dome 3D screen. Larry Cat in Space is a about a curious cartoon cat who stows away on a rocket for an exciting journey to the moon. Larry Cat's adventures are purrrfect for kids ages 10 and under.

Date: Saturday, January 9, 2010 (Second Saturdays: January – April)

Where: JSU Planetarium (3rd Floor Martin Hall) in Jacksonville, AL

Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

Fee: \$5 per person; website: <http://epic.jsu.edu/stars/>

Winter Canyon Hike

Join JSU Field Schools for an unforgettable view of one of Alabama's natural wonders, Little River Canyon. Hike level: difficult/extreme. Not recommended for children under 14.

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010

Where: Meeting at Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: \$25/person; Pre-registration is required. This hike fills quickly so make reservations early.

Wilderness Survival 101

Let your instincts come alive and learn to survive. Major Jerry Mize (JSU Department of Military Science) and Larry Beane (National Park Service) will teach hands-on methods of basic survival skills dealing with water, shelter, food, fire and getting found. Skills are similar to those shown on popular TV. This program will be OUTSIDE, hands-on, hiking, collecting materials with hands so wear appropriate clothing for a cold winter day in the wilderness. Participants will be sitting on the ground, crawling on the ground as necessary, and will get "dirty" so to speak. Dress in layers. Bring your own lunch, snacks and water/drink.

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm Pre-registration required

Fee: \$20 adult; \$10 child/student (ages 15–22); children under the age of 16 must have a parent/guardian attend with them; children 16 - 19 must have signed parental consent form to attend alone.

River Rhythms Family Fun Program: Feeding Winter Wildlife

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature programs including hikes, crafts, games, nature talks, activities and more. Kids will learn how to make feeders for winter birds.

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

Fee: No fee; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged

Climate Change: We Can Solve It!

Join Dr. Joyce Lanning, Alabama Manager for The Climate Project, for this fascinating and educational look at how we can leave a habitable and life supporting planet to our children (and the young of all species).

Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

Fee: No fee



February 2010

Murdock's Hidden Trails & EXTREME Hike

Join Dr. Chris Murdock, JSU Biologist and Little River native for this EXTREME experience on hidden trails to the river; difficult trails and extreme situations in some areas; dress for getting your feet wet. Not recommended for children under the age of 16 years. Limited to ten participants.

Date: Saturday, February 6, 2010

Where: Meet at Little River Canyon Center (Hwy 35 near Little River Falls) in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$20 per person; pre-registration required

Mosaic Sun Catcher for Valentine's Day

Learn the ancient art of mosaics in this workshop with glass artist Linda Munoz. You will turn beautiful bits of glass into personal works of art to adorn your home or give your special Valentine!

Date: February 6, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 10 am to 12 noon (bring brown bag lunch to have for lunch break) and continue from 1 pm to 2 pm.

Fee: \$30 per person

Winter Gallivanting Hike

Join naturalists and explorers for an "all who wander are not lost" type of exploratory hike down closed roads and "forgotten" trails of the USFS in the Shoal Creek area of TNF. Not recommended for children under 14 years of age. Easy to moderate hike.

Date: Friday February 19, 2010

Where: Meet at the Shoal Creek Ranger Office near Heflin, AL (shuttle/convoy to hike start)

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fee: \$10 per person; pre-registration required

Second Saturday Space Safari: Love Stories In the Stars

Travel through space and explore planet Earth during these exciting programs for families and children led by Dr. Laura Weinkauff. Many different people have gazed at the sky and been inspired to tell stories. In honor of Valentine's Day, we'll look at love stories from many cultures.

Date: Saturday, February 13, 2010

(Second Saturdays February – April)

Where: JSU Planetarium (3rd Floor Martin Hall) in Jacksonville, AL
Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm website <http://epic.jsu.edu/stars/planetarium.html>
Fee: \$5 per person

River Rhythms Family Fun Programs: Nature Frames

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature programs including hikes, crafts, games, nature talks, activities and more. Kids will make their own picture frames from natural materials.

Date: Saturday, February 27, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

Fee: No fee; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged



March 2010

Early Spring Frog Pond Adventure

Experience "love" from a frog's point of view! Join the one-and-only, "Dr. Frog" George Cline, for an unforgettable evening of romance and songs from the first amphibian voices of the season. Learn to identify frog songs and get a hands-on experience with these slippery creatures. Participate in Frog Watch USA. Subject to water level/drought conditions. <http://epic.jsu.edu/frogpond.html>

Date: Saturday, March 6, 2010

Where: JSU Frog Pond in White Plains Alabama

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Fee: \$5 per person



Plants of the Pocket

Join DeSoto State Park botanist Brittney M. Hughes for this botany trip to "The Pocket" on Pigeon Mountain in GA. Excellent photo opportunities of unique and beautiful plants. Easy to moderate short hike. Not recommended for children under 14 years.

Date: Tuesday, March 9, 2010

Where: Meet at DeSoto State Park Nature Center; shuttle to site

Time: 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

Fee: \$10 per person

Second Saturday Space Safari: St. Patty's Cosmic Serpents

Watch out for snakes! See snake constellations and other wonders of our universe in this St. Patrick's Day-themed show led by JSU's Dr. Laura Weinkauff. To learn about the JSU planetarium, visit our website <http://epic.jsu.edu/stars/planetarium.html>

Date: Saturday, March 13, 2010

Where: JSU Planetarium (3rd Floor Martin Hall) in Jacksonville, AL

Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm **Fee:** \$5 per person

Environmental Education Association of Alabama Conference

Teachers, educators, naturalists, scout leaders, home school parents...this Environmental Education Association of Alabama conference is for YOU!!

Date: Thursday March 4 through Saturday March 6, 2010

Where: Lake Guntersville State Park

Time: Thursday evening through Saturday noon

Fee: Scholarships available if applied for before December 2009; Visit www.eeaa.us for more information



Waterfall Tour & Easy Hike

Join Joan Alexander and others from the Anniston Outdoor Association for this unique driving and hiking tour of several beautiful waterfalls located around the Cheaha State Park area. These are easy short hikes on dirt trails. *Dependent upon water level.*

Date: Friday, March 19, 2010

Where: Cheaha State Park (8:45 am Meet at State Park and ride JSU Shuttle for tour) in Cleburne County, AL

Time: 9:00 am – Noon (Suggested lunch after hike at Cheaha Lodge Restaurant); JSU Van for tour

Fee: \$20 per person; pre-registration is required.

Spring Canyon Hike

This is one of our most challenging and rewarding hike of the year! Join JSU Field Schools for an unforgettable view of one of Alabama's natural wonders, Little River Canyon. Hike level: difficult/extreme.

Not recommended for children under 14.

Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010

Where: Meeting at JSU's Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: \$25/person; Pre-registration is required. This hike fills quickly so make reservations early.



River Rhythms Family Fun Programs: Hisss and Sssslither

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature programs including hikes, crafts, games, nature talks, activities and more. Kids will learn why snakes are an important part of our natural world, how to identify snakes, and take a short "fake snake" hike to learn better observation skills.

Date: Saturday, March 27, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

Fee: No fee; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged

April 2010

Fairy Tales & Fun

Join DeSoto State Park for an enchanting night starting with "fairy stories" and watching a "true fairy tale film". Bring your own folding chairs or quilts. Snacks provided.

Date: Friday, April 9, 2010

Where: DeSoto State Park Campfire Circle (Big Screen)

Time: 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm

Fee: No Fee

Spring Fairy Houses & Hobbit Hike (Children's Nature Observation Skills)

Pausing in the forest or along the river to create a small structure for the good folk gives children the opportunity to bond with nature on a very personal level. Morrison will also lead a short "hobby" hike through an enchanted forest to identify places where fairies might live or play to teach observation skills to budding young naturalists. Award-winning storyteller and naturalist Renee Morrison was taught to make fairy houses by her grandmother and has been making fairy houses with her sons and nature campers for decades. This is a very popular program and spaces fill quickly!

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010

Where: DeSoto State Park (www.desotostatepark.com)

Time: 10:00 am - Noon

Fee: \$10 per person; pre-registration required



Second Saturday Space Safari: Stars of the Pharaohs

How did Egyptians view the night sky? Find out in this fascinating show that merges astronomy, geography, and archaeology for an unforgettable experience. Travel through space and explore planet Earth during this exciting program viewed on a giant dome screen.

Date: Saturday, April 10, 2010

Where: JSU Planetarium (3rd Floor Martin Hall) in Jacksonville, AL

Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm <http://epic.jsu.edu/stars/planetarium.html>

Fee: \$5 per person



Early Spring Azalea Cascade Hike

Join DeSoto State Park naturalist, Brittney M. Hughes, for this lovely hike.

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2010

Where: DeSoto State Park Nature Center

Time: 10:00 am - Noon

Fee: No fee or registration (www.desotostatepark.com)

Bonsai Workshop

Join Mr. Grady Woodall for this "how to Bonsai" hands-on workshop. Each participant will take home their own newly created Bonsai tree in a lovely ceramic pot. Limited space, register early!

Date: April 24, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fee: \$50 per person (includes supplies); Pre-registration is required



Black Smith/Forging Demonstration

Join Walter Howell for this incredible demonstration of forging metal. Metal art and useful objects will be on display and for sale.

Date: April 24, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: No fee



Celebrate National Junior Ranger Day at Little River Canyon National Preserve

National Park Junior Ranger programs will be presented at various times on this date.

Date: Saturday, April 24, 2010

Where: Meet at JSU's Little River Canyon Center (near Little River Falls on Hwy 35)

Time: Events and information scheduled at various times and locations throughout the day. For more info call Little River Canyon National Park Service at 256-845-9605 or look on line at www.nps.gov/liri

Fee: No fee or registration

Fly Fishing Techniques and Fishing Trip on Little River

Join Dr. Chris Murdock, JSU Biologist and Little River native for an opportunity to fly fish on Little River. Equipment supplied for 10 participants.

Date: April 24, 2010

Where: Meet at Little River Canyon Center (near Little River Falls on Hwy 35) in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$35 per person; Pre-registration is required

Cultivating Shiitake Mushrooms in Natural Logs

Join Dr. Safaa Al-Hamdani to learn how to grow shiitake mushrooms and how to make money doing it! Course begins at JSU Martin Hall for a presentation on the specific "how to" of this process and then moves to the green house for a four hour "hands on" step by step program.

Date: Saturday, April 24, 2010

Where: Jacksonville State University Martin Hall 700 Pelham Road North Jacksonville AL 36265

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: \$40 per participant; includes supplies to complete one log (additional logs may be purchased after the workshop); bring your own "brown bag" lunch. Pre-registration required.

River Rhythms Family Fun Programs: National Junior Ranger Day

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature programs including hikes, crafts, games, nature talks, activities and more. Kids will be led through special National Park Service Junior Ranger activities and become official Little River Canyon NPS Junior Rangers. Booklets, posters, certificates and badges will be presented while supplies last.

Date: Saturday, April 24, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

Fee: No fee; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged



May 2010

Spring Paddle on Terrapin Creek

Join Renee Morrison of JSU Field Schools, Joan Alexander of Anniston Outdoor Association and Don Coley of Terrapin Creek Outdoor Center for this adventure on Terrapin Creek. Wild flowers, wild life and beautiful scenery will abound. Bring drink/snacks/lunch. Not recommended for children under 12 years.

Date: Saturday, May 1, 2010

Where: Terrapin Creek Outdoor Center (AL Hwy 9 near Centre, AL)

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$30 per person kayak; \$25 per person canoe (double only); \$20 per person to bring your own canoe or kayak; Pre-registration is required.

Bilingual Spanish-English Hike

This easy hike and program is designed for individuals who are fluent and learning Spanish.

Date: Saturday, May 1, 2010

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center (Hwy 35 near Little River Falls)

Time: 10:00 am – Noon

Fee: Free/Gratis

18th Annual Wildflower Saturday at DeSoto State Park

There are few places lovelier than DeSoto State Park in May. Join DeSoto's Brittney Hughes, NPS's Larry Beane, and other botanists for this incredible day of flora.

Date: Saturday, May 1, 2010

Where: DeSoto State Park; Visit www.desotostatepark.com or call 1-800-ALA-PARK (option 2)

Time: Multiple hikes from morning through afternoon (call for exact times)

Fee: No fee

Wildflower Photography Workshop

Join master photographer and print maker, John Alexander Dersham, for this two-part workshop where you will discuss the fine art photography of John Dersham and learn compositional techniques in field application.

Date: Friday evening, May 7 and Saturday, May 8, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: Friday's Seminar 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm & Saturday's Workshop 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (Bring a day pack with lunch/drinks)

Fee: \$25 per person; pre-registration required

Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo is a joyous holiday celebrated with food, fun, parades, and music. Typically held during the first week of May, Cinco de Mayo springtime events include carnivals, street fairs, and multi-day festivals across the U.S.

Similar to St. Patrick's Day and Columbus Day, Cinco de Mayo is one of those special times when everyone feels a little bit Mexican in their soul. Join this festive event at the Little River Canyon Center for family fun, games, art, music, and great food.

Date: Saturday, May 8, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center (near Little River Falls on Hwy 35) Fort Payne, AL

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: Free Admission

International Migratory Bird Day

National Park Service will present educational programs and information on migratory birds.

Date: Saturday, May 8, 2010

Where: Meet at JSU's Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: Events and information scheduled at various times during the day. Call the National Park Service for more information at 256-845-9605 or visit www.nps.gov/liri

Fee: No fee or registration

Wildflower Saturday at Little River Canyon National Preserve

National Park Ranger Larry Beane will guide you through a memorable wildflower experience. Come enjoy a bloomin' good day! Call the National Park Service for more information at 256-845-9605

Date: Saturday, May 8, 2010

Where: Meet at JSU's Little River Canyon Center (near Little River Falls on Hwy 35) in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am or 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: No fee or registration

Murdock's Hidden Trails & EXTREME Hike

Join Dr. Chris Murdock, JSU Biologist and Little River native for this EXTREME experience on hidden trails to the river; moderate to difficult trails in some areas; opportunities to swim in Little River (dress for getting wet). Not recommended for children under the age of 16 years.

Date: May 8, 2010

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center (near Little River Falls on Hwy 35) in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$20 per person; pre-registration required

Intro to Twining Workshop

Monica Newman Moore twined her first bag in 1995 sitting in a Creek Indian Living History Camp of the 1770 era. She is now one of the leading practitioners of this nearly vanished art of Native American finger weaving. Learn to make a bookmark or a bracelet. With the skills you learn in this class, you can twine a strap or belt. Bring a sack lunch/drink.

Date: May 22, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center (near Little River Falls, Fort Payne, AL)

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Fee: \$25 per person (supplies included)

River Rhythms Family Fun Programs: What's that plant?

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature programs including hikes, crafts, games, nature talks, activities and more. Kids will make their own plant press and learn to identify 20 key plants of Little River Canyon.

Date: Saturday, May 22, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

Fee: No fee; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged

The Art of Sculpting a Metal Leaf

Join Walter Howell for this incredible demonstration of forging metal into delicate and diverse styles of leaves. Metal art and useful objects will be on display and for sale.

Date: May 29, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center
Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm
Fee: No fee

June 2010

"You Made Those Yourself?!?" Intro to handcrafted Sterling Silver Jewelry

Charlie Munoz, jewelry maker and sculptor, will teach students to make a pair of sterling silver earrings.

Date: Saturday, June 5, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 10 am to 12 noon

Fee: \$35 per person

Herpetology Hike: Looking for Reptiles & Amphibians

Join Dr. Chris Murdock for this fun hike to learn how to observe reptiles & amphibians in the wild. Participants will learn the difference between venomous/non-venomous creatures and why we need to respect and value them.

Date: Saturday, June 12, 2010

Where: Meet at Little River Canyon Center

Time: 8:00 am – Noon

Fee: \$10 per adult; \$5 per child/student; Pre-registration is required.



Edible & Interesting Plants Workshop for Children

designed for children that are naturally curious about nature. Join DeSoto's naturalist Brittney Hughes for this fun & interesting program on the nature of plants. Demonstrations & an easy hike. No fee. Please Pre-register ahead of time.

Date: June 12, 2010

Where: DeSoto State Park Nature Center www.desotostatepark.com

Time: 10:00 am – Noon

Fee: No fee; pre-registration required

This workshop is

JSU Field Schools Nature Camps: June/July

Hands-on science, environmental arts, exploration of the natural world, outdoor adventure, live animal experiences, and nature games...children who participate in these camps beg for "just one more week" with JSU! Every participant builds his or her own memory journal and receives a complete photo CD of camp week to share with their families. These camps fill quickly with a long waiting list, so register early! Fee includes lunch and supplies.

Canyon Camp for Children (at Little River Canyon Center)

Hands-on environmental education, outdoor fun, arts and exploration of the natural world abound in this introductory camp. These camps leave children begging for more JSU Field School fun! Every participant builds his or her own memory journal to share with their family and friends. These camps fill quickly so register early. Fee includes lunch and supplies.

Date: June 8 – 11, 2010 (Tuesday – Friday)

Age/Grade: Ages 7 – 9 years

Where: Little River Canyon Center (and some off-site travel)

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: \$200 per participant (includes lunch); pre-registration required (Camp is limited; register early)

Nature Camp for Children

Hands-on environmental education, outdoor fun, arts and exploration of the natural world abound in this introductory camp. These camps leave children begging for more JSU Field School fun! Every participant builds his or her own memory journal to share with their family and friends. These camps fill quickly so register early. Fee includes lunch and supplies.

Date: June 22 – 25, 2010 (Tuesday – Friday)

Age/Grade: Ages 7 – 9 years

Where: JSU's Martin Hall, Jacksonville AL (and some off-site travel)

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: \$200 per participant (includes lunch); pre-registration required (Camp is limited; register early)

Mountain Longleaf Adventure Camp FULL

Hands-on environmental education, arts, AND exploration of the natural world abound in this camp. This camp travels to Little River Canyon, DeSoto State Park, Talladega National Forest, and/or Cheaha State Park. Every participant receives a photo CD of camp week to share with their family and friends. These camps fill quickly so register early. Fee includes lunch and supplies.

Date: July 6- 9, 2010 (Tuesday – Friday)

Age/Grade: Ages 9 - 11

Where: JSU's Martin Hall, Jacksonville AL (and some off-site travel)

Time: 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Fee: \$200 per participant; pre-registration required (Camp is limited so register early)

“Greenager” Mountains & Canyon Camp FULL

Hands-on environmental education, arts, exploration of the natural world AND outdoor adventures abound in this camp for pre-teen and teenagers who have completed at least 3 years of advanced camp. This camp exposes participants to college prep and career seeking ideas. Fee includes lunch and supplies.

Date: July 20 – 23, 2010 (Tuesday – Friday)

Age/Grade: Campers who have at least 3 years of nature and adventure camp

Where: JSU's Martin Hall, Jacksonville AL (and some off-site travel)

Time: 8:30 am—4:00 pm

Fee: \$250 per participant; pre-registration required

River Rhythms Family Fun Programs: Un-Natural Trail Hike

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature programs including hikes, crafts, games, nature talks, activities and more. Kids will be led along a trail to find the objects that do NOT belong there. Families will learn how to tune their observation skills to observe natural objects and creatures.

Date: Saturday, June 26, 2010

Where: Jacksonville State University's Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

Fee: No fee; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged

The Art of Making a Metal Snake

Join Walter Howell for this incredible demonstration of forging metal. This artist will demonstrate the art of forging a railroad spike into an intricate metal snake. Metal art and useful objects will be on display and for sale.

Date: June 26, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: No fee



July 2010

Native American Pottery Workshop

Join nationally renown potter, Tammy Beane, to learn how pottery was made on Lookout Mountain thousands of years ago. We'll provide the clay as well as bone needles and paddles to make designs on your pots. This workshop is very popular and fills with a long waiting list. Pre-register early to assure your place.

Date: Saturday, July 17, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center (near Little River Falls on Hwy 35) in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon OR 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: \$20 adult/\$15 child; Pre-registration is required

River Rhythms Family Fun Programs: Animal Tracks

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature programs including hikes, crafts, games, nature talks, activities and more. Kids will learn about identifying creatures by looking at the tracks they leave behind. Each child will make his or her own track as a keepsake. Limited supplies, please pre-register.

Date: Saturday, July 24, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

Fee: No fee; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged

Climate Change: Economy, Energy & the Environment!

Join Dr. Joyce Lanning, Alabama Manager for The Climate Project, for this fascinating and educational look at how we can leave a habitable and life supporting planet to our children (and the young of all species).

Date: Saturday, July 31, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

Fee: No fee

Forging Dinner Bells and Pigtailed Forks

Join Walter Howell for this incredible demonstration of forging metal. Metal art and useful objects will be on display and for sale.

Date: July 31, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: No fee



August 2010

Guided Archaeology Tour of Calhoun & St. Clair Counties

Come along with JSU's Dr. Harry Holstein for a guided archaeology tour of various sites throughout Calhoun and St. Clair counties. We will visit Janney Iron Furnace, a 19th century battlefield and river locks, a prehistoric Indian village, and much more. Participants should bring their own lunch and drinks. Transportation is provided. Space is limited. This is one of our most popular programs so register early!

Date: Saturday, August 21, 2010

Where: Jacksonville, AL (Meeting location to be disclosed upon registration)

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: \$30 per person (ages 14 and older) Pre-registration is required.

River Rhythms Family Fun Programs: Dragonfly Eye

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature programs including hikes, crafts, games, nature talks, activities and more. Kids will learn how insects see the world...and take a stroll on the trail using a "dragonfly" eye to make the world look a little different!

Date: Saturday, August 28, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

Fee: No fee; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged

Black Smith/Forging Demonstration

Join Walter Howell for this incredible demonstration of forging metal into beautiful fire pokers. Metal art and useful objects will be on display and for sale.

Date: August 28, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: No fee

September 2010

Autumn Gallivanting Hike

Join Anniston Outdoors Association's Joan Alexander and JSU Field Schools' Renee Morrison for an "all who wander are not lost" type of exploratory hike on Mount Cheaha. Not recommended for children under 14 years of age. Easy to moderate hike.

Date: Friday September 17, 2010

Where: Meet at the Shoal Creek Ranger Office near Heflin, AL (shuttle to hike start)

Time: 9:00 am – Noon (Optional lunch with leaders at Cheaha Park Restaurant, not included in fee)

Fee: \$10 per person; pre-registration required

Intro to Twining Workshop

Monica Newman Moore twined her first bag in 1995 sitting in a Creek Indian Living History Camp of the 1770 era. She is now one of the leading practitioners of this nearly vanished art of Native American finger weaving. Learn to make a bookmark or a bracelet. With the skills you learn in this class, you can twine a strap or belt. Bring a sack lunch/drink.

Date: September 18, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center (near Little River Falls, Fort Payne, AL)

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm
Fee: \$25 per person (supplies included)

Murdock's Hidden Trails & EXTREME Hike Series

Join Dr. Chris Murdock, JSU Biologist and Little River Canyon native for this EXTREME experience on hidden trails to Little River; prepare to get your feet wet. Moderate to difficult (and extreme) level hike. Not recommended for children under 14 years of age.

Date: September 25, 2010

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center (near Little River Falls on Hwy 35) in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 p.m.

Fee: \$20 per person; pre-registration required

River Rhythms Family Fun Programs: Colors!!

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature programs including hikes, crafts, games, nature talks, activities and more. Kids will learn about seasonal changes and why leaves change their colors.

Date: Saturday, September 25, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

Fee: No fee; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged

Forging Dinner Bells and Pigtailed Forks

Join Walter Howell for this incredible demonstration of forging metal. Metal art and useful objects will be on display and for sale.

Date: September 25, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: No fee



October 2010

Pinhoti Trail Hike: Autumn

Join naturalists and hikers for a lovely Autumn hike on the Pinhoti trail in the Shoal Creek District of the Talladega National Forest. Moderate. Not recommended for children under 10.

Date: Saturday, October 16, 2010

Where: Meeting at Shoal Creek Ranger District parking lot; will convoy to hike start

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Fee: \$15/person; Pre-registration is required. This hike fills quickly so make reservations early.

Native American Pottery Workshop

Join expert potter, Tammy Beane, to learn how pottery was made on Lookout Mountain thousands of years ago. We'll provide the clay as well as bone needles and paddles to make designs on your pots.

Date: Saturday, October 2, 2010

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center (Hwy 35 near Little River Falls)

Time: 10:00 am – Noon AND 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Fee: \$20 adult/\$15 child; Pre-registration is required. Fills quickly so register early!

Native American Tools & Weapons

Join National Park Service archaeologist Larry Beane for a demonstration of how Native Americans utilized natural resources to hunt and gather food, to make weapons, to start fires, and more!

Date: Saturday, October 2, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center (Hwy 35 near Little River Falls)

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 pm AND 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: Free



Spooky Storytelling Weekend at DeSoto State Park

Fun for the entire family...snacks, treats, costumes, and excellent slap-your-knee-&-shiver storytelling!

For lodging information call 1-800-ALA-PARK option 2 or visit www.tourdekalb.com.

Storytelling' Campfire Talk: Ghosts on the Mountain

Spooky stories guaranteed to put shivers up your spine! Learn about Alabama's finest spooks, legends and folklore from JSU Field Schools' Renee Morrison and Jenny Walker Whitman. DRESS WARMLY!

Date: Friday, October 22, 2010

Where: DeSoto State Park Large CCC Pavilion (across the road from Nature Center)

Time: 6:00 pm -7:00 pm

Fee: Free

River Rhythms: Mask Making Workshop

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature programs including hikes, crafts, games, nature talks, activities and more. Kids will use recycled materials and left over art treasures to make their own unique masks.

Date: Saturday, October 23, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL (4 miles from DeSoto State Park)

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: No fee; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged

Storytelling' Campfire Talk: Calico Stories (My Life as a Black & Tan Coonhound)

Fun farm-raised folklore from JSU Field Schools' Renee Morrison and her aunt Jenny Whitman. DRESS WARMLY!

Date: Saturday, October 23, 2010

Where: DeSoto State Park Large CCC Pavilion (across the road from Nature Center)

Time: 6:00 pm -7:00 pm

Fee: Free

November 2010

Canyon Fest: A Celebration of Arts and Nature

Enjoy live music, nature & arts activities, arts demonstrations & sales, great food, vendors, children's activities & fun at this festival designed to celebrate our natural world and to benefit the children of our community.

Date: Saturday, November 6, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: No Fee; Donations welcome

Guided Archaeology Tour of Cherokee and Dekalb Counties

Come along with JSU archaeologist Dr. Harry Holstein for a guided tour of sites throughout Cherokee and Dekalb counties. Participants will visit the 19th century Cornwall Iron Furnace, a Spanish contact site at Coosa village, a rock shelter in use as early as 3000 B.C., and much more. This will be an unforgettable all-day event. Bring your own food and drinks. Transportation is provided. Space is limited so register early!

Date: Saturday, November 6, 2010

Where: Near Fort Payne, AL (Meeting location disclosed at registration)

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Fee: \$30 per person (Ages 14 and over); pre-registration required

Winter Fairy Houses & Hobbit Hike (Children's Nature Observation Skills)

Pausing in the woods or along the river to create a small structure for the good folk gives children the opportunity to bond with nature on a very personal level. She'll also lead a short "hobbit" hike through an enchanted forest to identify places where fairies might live or play to teach observation skills to budding young naturalists. Award-winning storyteller and naturalist Renee Morrison was taught to make fairy houses by her grandmother and has been making fairy houses with her sons and nature campers for decades.

Date: Saturday, November 20, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center (near Little River Falls on Hwy 35)

Time: 10:00 am – Noon

Fee: \$10 per person; pre-registration required

International TELLABRATION!! Storytelling in the Canyon

The International Tellebration is a worldwide event devoted to storytelling. This grass-roots movement is endorsed by the National Storytelling Network. Join Renee Morrison and other Alabama storytellers for this fun event which includes an open stage for youth and novice tellers!

Date: Saturday, November 20, 2010

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Fee: \$5.00 per person at the door

Visit www.tellabration.org for more info.

December 2010

Second Saturday Space Safari: Star of Bethlehem

Travel through space and explore planet Earth during these exciting programs for families and children.

Date: Saturday, December 11, 2010

Where: JSU Planetarium (3rd Floor Martin Hall)

Time: 1:30 pm – 2:30 pm website <http://epic.jsu.edu/stars/planetarium.html>

Fee: \$5 per person; groups please call to pre-register.

DeSoto State Park Campfire Talks

What: JSU Field Schools partner with Alabama State Parks to offer an interesting, educational and entertaining series of **FREE** programs known as "Campfire Talks."

When and Where: These programs are offered every Friday and Saturday evening (May – October) at DeSoto State Park's Campfire Circle.

Thousands of families enjoy these programs annually. Seating is limited, so bring your own comfortable chair. In case of rain, programs will be held in the nature center. Plan a family camp out or a weekend at DeSoto State Park's lovely lodge, cabins or chalets...or just drop by one evening and enjoy the program!

For more information, directions or reservations for lodging call 1-800-568-8840 or visit www.desotostatepark.com