

Jacksonville State University

Field Schools



*“Celebrating 27 years of outdoor education
from the deepest canyon to the highest mountain in Alabama.”*

27th Annual Calendar of Events

We are pleased and delighted to announce our 2018 programs! They are all designed for those who want to know more and do more. Thank you for taking a look, signing up and contacting us if you have any questions or suggestions. Please remember that programs with a fee require registration three (3) days prior to the program date.

JSU Field Schools partner with the National Park Service, Alabama State Parks , US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Alabama Forestry Commission, and many others to provide these unique educational opportunities.

For more information and registration, please contact us at jwayner@jsu.edu:

Niki Wayner, Assistant Director

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2017

November

Take a Hike: Pinhoti Trail with Anniston Outdoors

The JSU Field Schools partner with Anniston Outdoors to offer diverse moderate-level hikes each second Saturday of the month. Throughout the year, we will be hiking different sections of the Pinhoti trail. Contact Keith Hudson by phone at 256-453-9527 or by email at anniston.outdoor.assn@gmail.com for details.

Date: Second Saturdays each month; November 11, 2017

Where: Locations vary; Pinhoti Trail

Time: 8:00 am CST (may vary depending upon length of hike)

Fee: \$5 per person; pre-registration required by contacting Keith Hudson by phone at 256-453-9527 or by email at anniston.outdoor.assn@gmail.com by 3 days prior.

Guided Archaeology Tour of Cherokee and DeKalb Counties-FULL

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 11, 2017

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

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (CST)

Fee: \$15 per person (Ages 14 and over); pre-registration required by calling 256-782-8010

Steel Barn Quilt Workshop

Barn quilts are beautiful pieces of art, found all over the country, usually mounted on barns or other buildings. Barn quilts are usually painted in geometric patterns, derived from traditional cloth quilt blocks. Steel quilts are very similar, except the block is hand cut from reclaimed barn tin, and tacked to a plywood base surrounded by old barn lumber (1x1 with frame). Join artist Nathan Winkler of The Steel Quilt Company for an opportunity to express your own creativity while building your own steel quilt square to hang at home or give as a gift this Holiday season. Space is limited, so register today!

Date: Sunday, November 12, 2017

Time: 10 am-Noon

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Fee: \$55.00 supply fee (all materials supplied) Adults only

Pre-registration required by November 9, 2017.

Call Niki Wayner at 256-845-3548

Take a Hike Day

Join the JSU Field Schools as we celebrate Annual Take a Hike Day and hit the trail! We will be hiking DeSoto State Park's Never- Neverland and Vizneyland loops. Combined the trail will be around 4 1/2 miles long, with interesting rock formations and small creeks found along the trail. Trail Difficulty: Moderate (some uneven terrain).

Things to bring: Plenty of water and/or sports drink, snacks/lunch, hiking poles/staff (optional), sturdy shoes (open toe shoes are not recommended). Please be sure to dress appropriately according to seasonal temperatures/weather.

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Date: November 17, 2017

Time: 10:00 am (CST)

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama. Meet at the Country Store/Nature Center on County Road 89-will caravan to Lost Falls Trailhead.

Fee: Free and open to the public; for details contact 256-845-3548

2017 Hike Series: 2nd Annual Day after Thanksgiving Hike

Join us for this gathering the day after Thanksgiving. Spend the morning hiking in the beautiful Little River Canyon area with our staff. Things to bring: Plenty of water and/or sports drink, snacks/lunch, hiking poles/staff (optional), sturdy shoes (open toe shoes are not recommended). Please be sure to dress appropriately according to seasonal temperatures/weather.

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Date: Friday, November 24, 2017

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 10:00 am (CST)

Fee: Free; call 256-845-3548 for more details

December

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Date: Second Saturdays each month; December 9, 2017

Where: Locations vary; Pinhoti Trail

Time: 8:00 am CST (may vary depending upon length of hike)

Fee: \$5 per person; pre-registration required by contacting Keith Hudson by phone at 256-453-9527 or by email at anniston.outdoor.assn@gmail.com by 3 days prior.

Canyon Christmas

An annual tradition to celebrate the season that is filled with holiday spirit and activities including winter wildlife feeding, Christmas arts and crafts, a Secret Santa gift shop, puppet shows, and a visit with photos with Santa, and more!

Date: Saturday, December 9, 2017

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 10 am- 3 pm (CST)

Fee: Most activities are free...call 256-845-3548 for more details/ schedule

2018

January

2018 Hiker Series: First Day Hike

First Day Hike-Hike Along the DeSoto Scout Trail

New Year's Day 2018: DeSoto State Park

Start the New Year with a first day hike in DeSoto State Park! Join the DeSoto State Park, Little River Canyon Preserve (National Park Service), and JSU Field Schools staff on a beautiful outdoor adventure/hike along the West Fork of Little River on the rugged DeSoto Scout Trail. See historic Civilian Conservation Corps-built structures, waterfalls, and wonderful views of Little River. This hike will be roughly 2 miles total (moderately strenuous terrain). Meet at the DeSoto State Park Country Store for pre-hike orientation.

First Day Hikes are staff-led hikes, held annually on New Year's Day thru-out the Country, and are designed to encourage visitors to enjoy parks year round and to promote good health and exercise by working off those calories gained during the holidays. Start the New Year off right!

Date: January 1, 2018

Where: DeSoto State Park-Fort Payne, Alabama-Country Store & Information Center

Time: 1:00 pm

Fee: Free and open to everyone. For details, contact Brittney Hughes at 256-997-5025

(Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov)

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Date: Second Saturdays each month; January 13, 2018

Where: Locations vary; Pinhoti Trail

Time: 8:00 am CST (may vary depending upon length of hike)

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Date: Second Saturdays each month; February 10, 2018

Where: Locations vary; Pinhoti Trail

Time: 8:00 am CST (may vary depending upon length of hike)

Fee: \$5 per person; pre-registration required by contacting Keith Hudson by phone at 256-453-9527 or by email at anniston.outdoor.assn@gmail.com by 3 days prior.

March

Archaeology Hike: Sacred Stone Structures

Rock mounds, stone effigy structures and more...join JSU archaeologist, Dr. Harry Holstein, for this fascinating hike in the Mountain Longleaf Refuge near White Plains, AL. The group will

begin with a 45 minute 'Sacred Stone' program in the Archaeology Lab at JSU. Hikes are moderate level with some steep, short trails to get to these structures.

Date: Saturday, March 3, 2018

Where: Meet in Room 142 Martin Hall (JSU Campus); JSU Van tour starts on Choccolocco Mountain

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (CST)

Fee: \$15 per person (Ages 14 and older); Pre-registration required 256-782-8010

Take a Hike: Waterfalls Tour & Easy Hike

Join JSU Field School and Desoto State Park staff on a tour exploring Little River Canyon National Preserve and Desoto State Park waterfalls. Easy to moderate hikes on rocky dirt trails. Will see some well-known waterfalls as well as some hidden treasures. Trip is dependent on water level. Things to bring: Plenty of water and/or sports drink, snacks/lunch, hiking poles/staff (optional), sturdy shoes (open toe shoes are not recommended). Please be sure to dress appropriately according to seasonal temperatures/weather.

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Date: Wednesday, March 7, 2018

Where: Little River Canyon and Desoto State Park. Meet at JSU's Little River Canyon Center.

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (CST); JSU Van shuttle for tour; lunch at Desoto State Park Lodge (included in price)

Fee: \$25 per person; pre-registration is required by March 2, 2018 by calling 256-845-3548 (Limit 10 participants)

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Where: Locations vary; Pinhoti Trail

Time: 8:00 am CST (may vary depending upon length of hike)

Fee: \$5 per person; pre-registration required by contacting Keith Hudson by phone at 256-453-9527 or by email at anniston.outdoor.assn@gmail.com by 3 days prior.

Creature Feature: Frogs

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 possibly get a hands-on experience with these slippery creatures.

Date: Saturday, March 10, 2018

Where: Canyon Center Fort Payne, Alabama

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (CST)

Fee: No fee; call 256-845-3548 (Dr. Niki Wayner) for more details

Longleaf Pine Needle Basketry Class

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Join artist Brittney Hughes to learn the basic steps to making a coiled basket from longleaf pine needles. Each participant will learn the basic skills of pine needle basketry and take home their very own creation.

The art of coiling baskets is universally common to indigenous peoples. Coiling is the technique of creating baskets and art from pine needles and was a part of pre-Columbian Native American crafts. Today, pine needle baskets and art are made primarily for decorative purposes.

All materials (pine needles, thread, and small center for basket) will be furnished. Class is for ages 10 and up.

When: Saturday, March 10, 2018

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, Alabama

Time: 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (CST)

Fee: \$25 supply fee- Supply fee due day of class

Pre-registration required; class number is limited to 12. For details, 256-997-5025 or email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov

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Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (CST); JSU Van shuttle for tour; lunch at Desoto State Park Lodge (included in price)

Fee: \$25 per person; pre-registration is required by March 12, 2018 by calling 256-845-3548 (Limit 10 participants)

Canyon Spring Fest

Celebrate the season by visiting the Canyon Center for the annual Children's Spring Art Show, games, and an egg hunt...a day your kids will NEVER forget!

Date: Saturday, March 24, 2018

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 10 am-Noon (CST)

Fee: No fee; call 256-845-3548 for details

April

Medicinal Plants: Identification

Botanist, Francine Hutchinson, will lead participants in the art of identifying plants that have potential medicinal/edible uses. Learn about the numerous plants found in our area. There will

be time spent outside, so please dress accordingly. (We recommend participating in the Medicinal and Edible Plant Uses workshop on April 28 also.)

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fee: \$20 per participant; pre-registration required by calling 256-845-3548

Enchanted Botany: Plants of the Pocket

Join Desoto State Park botanist, Brittney M. Hughes, and JSU Field Schools Staff, for this enchanted botany trip to “The Pocket” on Pigeon Mountain. Excellent photo opportunities of unique and beautiful plants. Easy to moderate short boardwalk hike with optional moderate to difficult hike to waterfall. Things to bring: Plenty of water and/or sports drink, snacks/lunch, hiking poles/staff (optional), sturdy shoes (open toe shoes are not recommended). Please be sure to dress appropriately according to seasonal temperatures/weather.

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Date: Tuesday, April 10, 2018

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

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (CST)

Fee: \$15 per person (transportation to site included) Pre-registration required by Monday, April 24, 2017 by calling 256-845-3548.

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Date: Second Saturdays each month; April 14, 2018

Where: Locations vary; Pinhoti Trail

Time: 8:00 am CST (may vary depending upon length of hike)

Fee: \$5 per person; pre-registration required by contacting Keith Hudson by phone at 256-453-9527 or by email at anniston.outdoor.assn@gmail.com by 3 days prior.

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.

Date: Saturday, April 14, 2018

Where: Frog Pond (weather and water dependent)-near White Plains School

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (CST)

Fee: call 256-845-3548 for more details. We recommend confirming that this program is still planned ahead of time, due to dependency on weather and water.

Earth Day at the Canyon

Celebrate Earth Day with JSU Field Schools at the Little River Canyon Center. We will host hikes, crafts, and a day of fun. Sign-up sheets will be at the front desk for attending hikes hosted by various instructors. Live animal programs and awesome nature hikes promise to make this celebration a blast!

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2018

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm (CST)

Fee: No fee; call 256-845-3548

Medicinal Plants and Alternative Medicines with the Southern Herbalist

This workshop is designed for both homesteader and prepper alike to learn the art of using medicinal plants in everyday life. This program will be presented by Darryl Patton, well-known herbalist and author of “The Southern Herbalist.”

Date: Saturday, April 21, 2018

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fee: \$20 per participant; pre-registration required by calling 256-845-3548

Medicinal and Edible Plants: Everyday Uses

Botanist, Francine Hutchinson, will lead participants in the art of using medicinal/edible plants in everyday life. Learn about the numerous plants found in our area and what potential uses they have. Participants will receive hands-on practice. (We recommend participating in the Medicinal Plant: Identification Hike workshop on April 7th also.)

Date: Saturday, April 28, 2018

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fee: \$20 per participant; pre-registration required by calling 256-845-3548

May

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Date: Second Saturdays each month; May 12, 2018

Where: Locations vary; Pinhoti Trail

Time: 8:00 am CST (may vary depending upon length of hike)

Fee: \$5 per person; pre-registration required by contacting Keith Hudson by phone at 256-453-9527 or by email at anniston.outdoor.assn@gmail.com by 3 days prior.

Little River Canyon National Preserve Annual Bioblitz

Plan on coming out sometime from Friday, May 18th to Sunday, May 20th to help us document the flora and fauna of the park.

This service-wide initiative is a chance to inspire and engage a new generation of stewards of our fantastic natural resources, all while taking a vast snapshot of the biodiversity that is

protected by our nation's parks.

You can choose an easy area or challenge yourself on a canyon trail. We are lining up specialists to help discover fish, amphibians and reptiles, birds or any creature or plant that call this place home. If you are interested in leading a group in the park to document species in your field of expertise, then please call Larry @ 256-845-9605. The more specialists we have to lead these discovery hikes, the more the public can explore, learn and become Citizen Scientists by helping to record the presence and distribution of our species!

So come out, get involved, and help us to document the richness of Little River Canyon National Preserve!

Date: Friday, May 18- Sunday, May 20, 2018

Where/Time: To Be Determined, call 256-845-3548 (Ranger Larry Beane)

Creature Feature: Frogs

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 possibly get a hands-on experience with these slippery creatures.

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2018

Where: Canyon Center Fort Payne, Alabama

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm (CST)

Fee: No fee; call 256-845-3548 (Dr. Niki Wayner) for more details

June

Tiny Tots: Adventures in Nature

Join the JSU Field School for fun filled classes just for little kids. Your kids (ages 3-5 years) will learn about animals, plants, bugs, and more all while having fun!

Date: Monday, June 4, 2018

Time: 9 am-10 am (CST)

Location: Canyon Center

Fee: \$5 per child (Limit 10 children) Parents remain with children for this program. Pre-registration required by the Friday before the program is scheduled. Call 256-845-3548.

Canyon Center Creative Kids Days: Adventures in Nature

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and neighbors to creatively learn about animals, plants, bugs, and more with JSU Field Schools. Your children (ages 5-10) will want to attend ALL of these hands-on outdoor adventures!

Date: Wednesday, June 6, 2018

Time: 10:00 am – Noon (CST)

Location: Canyon Center

Fee: \$5 per child; pre-registration required by the Monday prior to the program (Limit 15 kids). Parents remain with children for this program

Canyon Camp for Children (Little River Canyon Center)

Hands-on environmental education, outdoor fun, arts and exploration of the natural world abound in this camp. Children learn all about Little River Canyon and Desoto State Park...the river, the plants and the animals! Remember that all camps fill quickly so please register early.

2nd-4th Graders (Grade just completed)

Date: June 12-15, 2018 (Tuesday-Friday)

Time: 8 am-4 pm (Drop Off begins at 7:30 am) (CST)

Fee: \$150 per child (Covers materials and lunch)

Location: Canyon Center (Fort Payne, Alabama) Limit-10 kids

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Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Time: 10:00 am – Noon (CST)

Location: Canyon Center

Fee: \$5 per child; pre-registration required (Limit 15 kids) Parents remain with children for this program

July

Tiny Tots: Adventures in Nature

Join the JSU Field School for fun filled classes just for little kids. Your kids (ages 3-5 years) will learn about animals, plants, bugs, and more all while having fun!

Date: Monday, July 9, 2018

Time: 9 am-10 am (CST)

Location: Canyon Center

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Date: Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Time: 10:00 am – Noon (CST)

Location: Canyon Center

Fee: \$5 per child; pre-registration required by the Monday prior to the program (Limit 15 kids). Parents remain with children for this program

Canyon Camp for Children (Little River Canyon Center)

Join us for this art focused camp. Remember that all camps fill quickly so please register early.

5th-7th Graders (Grade just completed)

Date: July 17-20 (Tuesday-Friday)

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Fee: \$150 per child (Covers materials and lunch)

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Date: Monday, July 23, 2018

Time: 9 am-10 am (CST)

Location: Canyon Center

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Date: Wednesday, July 25, 2018

Time: 10:00 am – Noon (CST)

Location: Canyon Center

Fee: \$5 per child; pre-registration required (Limit 15 kids) Parents remain with children for this program

August

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. Be sure to register early!

Date: Saturday, August 11, 2018

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

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (CST)

Fee: \$15 per person (ages 14 and older) Pre-registration is required by calling 256-782-8010.

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When: Saturday, August 18, 2018

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Time: 10 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (CST)

Fee: \$25 supply fee- Supply fee due day of class

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Date: Second Saturdays each month; September 8, 2018

Where: Locations vary; Pinhoti Trail

Time: 8:00 am CST (may vary depending upon length of hike)

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Fifth Annual Cleburne Pottery Exhibit, Appraisals, and Pottery Sales

Joey Brackner from the Alabama State Council on the Arts and author of Alabama Folk Pottery will present "Potteries of Cleburne County." Also featuring exhibits of historic pottery of the mountains, professional collectors and artists, free pottery identification and appraisal, music and food.

Date: Saturday, September 22, 2018

Where: Cleburne County Mountain Center (Heflin, Alabama)

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (CST)

Fee: Free

October

7th Annual Canyon Half Marathon

The Little River Canyon Center will host its sixth annual "Little River Half Marathon." This certified 13.1 mile course follows the rim of the canyon before winding its way through the area's beautiful farm country.

Date: Saturday, October 6, 2018

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 8:00 am (CST)

Fee: pre-registration required; call 256-782-8010

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Fifth Annual Dog Daze

Bring your dogs and human family to this event where the Canyon Center staff features dog games, and presentations on all topics canine such as dog adoption, dog advocacy, service dogs, and much more! More details to come!

Date: Saturday, October 13, 2018

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 11:00 am – 3:00 pm (CST)

Fee: Free; call 256-845-3548 for more details/schedule

November

10th Annual Canyon Fest

Join us for this 10th annual celebration! This is the Canyon Center's biggest event of the year. Don't miss the live music, nature and art activities, demonstrations, great food, vendors, and fun at this signature festival designed to celebrate our canyon and the natural world.

Date: Saturday, November 3, 2018

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm (CST)

Fee: No Fee; call 256-845-3548 for more details (Anna Lindsey)

Take a Hike: Pinhoti Trail with Anniston Outdoors

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Date: Second Saturdays each month; November 10, 2018

Where: Locations vary; Pinhoti Trail

Time: 8:00 am CST (may vary depending upon length of hike)

Fee: \$5 per person; pre-registration required by contacting Keith Hudson by phone at 256-453-9527 or by email at anniston.outdoor.assn@gmail.com by 3 days prior.

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 10, 2018

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

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (CST)

Fee: \$15 per person (Ages 14 and over); pre-registration required by calling 256-782-8010

2018 Hike Series: 3rd Annual Day after Thanksgiving Hike

Join us for this gathering the day after Thanksgiving. Spend the morning hiking in the beautiful Little River Canyon area with our staff. Things to bring: Plenty of water and/or sports drink, snacks/lunch, hiking poles/staff (optional), sturdy shoes (open toe shoes are not

recommended). Please be sure to dress appropriately according to seasonal temperatures/weather.

WEATHER: As with all outdoor events, if it's raining/stormy or very poor trail conditions, we may have to cancel. If the weather is questionable, please check with the park before leaving home. Please make every effort to arrive early or on time so that you do not hold up the group.

Date: Friday, November 23, 2018

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 10:00 am (CST)

Fee: Free; call 256-845-3548 for more details

December

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Date: Second Saturdays each month; December 8, 2018

Where: Locations vary; Pinhoti Trail

Time: 8:00 am CST (may vary depending upon length of hike)

Fee: \$5 per person; pre-registration required by contacting Keith Hudson by phone at 256-453-9527 or by email at anniston.outdoor.assn@gmail.com by 3 days prior.

Canyon Christmas

An annual tradition to celebrate the season that is filled with holiday spirit and activities including Christmas arts and crafts, a gift shop, puppet shows, and a visit with photos with Santa, and more!

Date: Saturday, December 8, 2018

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 10 am- 3 pm (CST)

Fee: Most activities are free...call 256-845-3548 for more details/ schedule

