



*Celebrating Outdoor Education and Adventure from  
the Highest Mountain to the Deepest Canyon*



# 2012 Programs

JSU Field Schools: Talladega Mountains and Little River Canyon

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Most programs require pre-registration **at least 5 days** prior to program date. Many programs fill weeks before the program date so register early! We accept MC, VISA & Discover.

## January 2012

### NPS Green & Grey Saturday

The National Park Service staff and volunteers will present "Green & Grey" living programs on the second Saturday of each month. Topics include climate change, recycling, energy conservation, eco-gardening, exotic plants, native landscaping, pollution prevention, green energy, and more!

**Date:** Saturday, January 14, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Fee:** Free; for more information contact the National Park Service at 256-845-8548

### TAKE A HIKE!!!

The JSU Field Schools will partner with groups (such as National Park Service, US Forest Service, Alabama State Parks and others) to offer diverse moderate-level hikes "from the deepest canyon to the highest mountain" each second Saturday of the month.

**Date:** Second Saturdays each month

**Where:** Locations vary; may include Little River Canyon National Preserve, DeSoto State Park, Talladega National Forest, Dugger Mountain Wilderness, Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge, Cheaha State Park, or other locations (Call 256-782-8010 for

specific locations and meeting place)

**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (may vary depending upon length of hike)

**Fee:** \$0-\$5 per person; pre-registration required five days prior to hike date



TAKE A HIKE partnership programs currently scheduled (call 256-782-8010 for more options and updates):

#### Little River Canyon/Yellow Creek Ecology Hike

Join JSU's stream ecologist, Dr. Lori Tolley-Jordan for a brief lecture and an interpretive hike to Yellow Creek near the Little River Canyon National Preserve. Learn what makes this area's watershed so unique.

**Date:** Saturday, January 14, 2012

**Where:** Meet at the Little River Canyon Center. Please bring a daypack with plenty of water/snacks & wear comfortable shoes/clothes and (optional) prepare to WADE IN THE WATER!! Not recommended for children under 8 years of age.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$5 per person; pre-registration required

Call 256-782-5697 for more information or to pre-register

#### Teacher & Educator Workshop: Growing Up WILD



**Date:** Friday, January 27, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center

**Time:** 10 am – 3 pm

**Fee:** \$25 per registrant (supply fee)

If you teach or work with preschool aged children (curriculum for ages 2 – 6 years), this workshop is for you. *Growing Up WILD* is an early childhood education program that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. Through a wide range of activities and experiences, *Growing Up WILD* provides an early foundation for developing positive impressions about the natural world and lifelong social and academic skills. Participants will receive the Growing Up WILD colorful curriculum guide. For more information about the workshop, please contact Renee Morrison at 256-782-5697. For more information about Growing Up WILD visit <http://www.projectwild.org/GrowingUpWILD.htm> Register early because space is limited!

#### Growing Up WILD for Preschool Children: Food, Water & Shelter

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Friday of the month for fun nature and art programs for preschool age children. This program is based on the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources *Project Wild: Growin' up Wild* curriculum.

**Date:** Saturday, January 28, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 11:00 am - noon

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

#### River Rhythms Family Fun Program: Wild Survival

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.

**Date:** Saturday, January 28, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 1:00- 2:00 pm

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



#### Wilderness Survival 101

Let your instincts come alive and learn to survive. Larry Beane (National Park Service), Ken Thomas (Alabama State Parks) and Renee Morrison (JSU) 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 28, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

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

**Fee:** \$10 adult; \$5 child/student (ages 15—22);

children ages 3- 14 may want to attend the free *Wild Survival*/Growing Up WILD or River Rhythms programs being offered concurrently as a compliment to this program.



## February 2012

### TAKE A HIKE!!!

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**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (may vary depending upon length of hike)

**Fee:** \$0-\$5 per person; pre-registration required five days prior to hike date



TAKE A HIKE partnership programs currently scheduled (call 256-782-8010 for more options and updates):

#### **Pinhoti Trail Hike (Talladega National Forest)**

Join USFS Biologist Jonathon Stober for an interpretive hike along the Pinhoti Trail in the Shoal Creek District of the Talladega National Forest. Moderate Terrain.

**Date:** Saturday, February 11, 2012

**Where:** Meet at the Shoal Creek Ranger Station (near Heflin, AL). Please bring a daypack with plenty of water/snacks & wear comfortable shoes/clothes. Not recommended for children under 8 years of age.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$5 per person; pre-registration required (Free for Fresh Air Family Members: registration still required)

Call [256-782-5697](tel:256-782-5697) for more information or to pre-register

#### **Waterfall Tour at DeSoto State Park**

Join DSP Staff for a fun day of hiking thought-out the park to see some of DeSoto's waterfalls, big & small. See Lost Falls, Laurel Falls & many more! Moderate terrain.

**Date:** Saturday, February 11, 2012

**Where:** Meet at the Nature Center (Next to DeSoto's Country Store) Please bring a daypack with plenty of water/snacks & wear comfortable shoes/clothes. Not recommended for children under 10.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Fee:** Free to the public; registration appreciated but not required.

Call [256.997.5025](tel:256.997.5025) or see [www.alapark.com/desotoresort](http://www.alapark.com/desotoresort) for more details!

#### **NPS Green & Grey Saturday**

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**Time:** 10:00 am

**Fee:** Free; for more information contact the National Park Service at 256-845-8548

#### **Growing Up WILD for Preschool Children: Un-natural Trail Hike**

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature and art programs for preschool age children.

**Date:** Saturday, February 25, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 11:00 am - noon

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



#### **River Rhythms Family Fun Programs: Un-natural Trail Hike (Advanced)**

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.

**Date:** Saturday, February 25, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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

## March 2012

### Educator and Teacher Conference: Environmental Education Association of Alabama Conference “READING ROCKS!!”

Discover more about Alabama’s geology, ecology, biology and diversity in this curriculum supported state conference. Teachers, educators, church leaders, home school parents, scout leaders...everyone is welcome!

**Date:** March 1-3, 2012

**Where:** Camp McDowell Environmental Center ([www.campmcdowell.com](http://www.campmcdowell.com))

**Fee:** Visit [www.eeaa.us](http://www.eeaa.us) for more information or email Renee Morrison at [rmorrison@jsu.edu](mailto:rmorrison@jsu.edu)

#### 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.

**Date:** Saturday, March 3, 2012

**Where:** JSU Frog Pond in White Plains Alabama

**Time:** 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

**Fee:** \$5 per adult; \$2 per child



#### Week Day Walkabout: 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 to moderate hikes on rocky dirt trails.

*Dependent upon water level.*

**Date:** Friday, March 9, 2012

**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; JSU Van shuttle for tour

**Fee:** \$15 per person; pre-registration is required by March 4, 2012

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**Date:** Saturday, March 10, 2012

**Where:** Meet at the Nature Center (Next to DeSoto’s Country Store) Please bring a daypack with plenty of water/snacks & wear comfortable shoes/clothes. Not recommended for children under 10.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Fee:** Free to the public; registration appreciated but not required.

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**Date:** Saturday, March 10, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Fee:** Free; for more information contact the National Park Service at 256-845-8548

### St. Patrick's Day Paddle: Terrapin Creek

Join Renee Morrison of JSU Field Schools, Chris Raney of the USFS, Don Coley of Terrapin Creek Outdoor Center and Joan Alexander from Anniston Outdoor Association 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, March 17, 2012

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

**Time:** 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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



### Plants of the Pocket

Join DeSoto State Park botanist, Brittney M. Hughes, and JSU Field Schools Coordinator, Renee Morrison, for this enchanted botany trip to "The Pocket" on Pigeon Mountain. Excellent photo opportunities of unique and beautiful plants. Easy to moderate short hike.

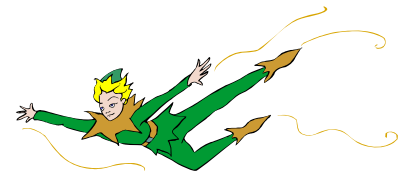
**Date:** Tuesday, March 21, 2012

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

**Time:** 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

**Fee:** \$10 per person (transportation to site included)

## Fairy Tale Weekend at DeSoto State Park & Little River Canyon Center



### Fairy Tales & Fun (CREATIVITY FOR CHILDREN)

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

**Date:** Friday, March 23, 2012

**Where:** DeSoto State Park Campfire Circle

**Time:** 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**Fee:** No Fee

### Spring Fairy Houses (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. Led by JSU Field Schools and DeSoto State Park, children learn to observe the tiny and important aspects of the natural world while constructing fairy homes along woodland trails. This is a very popular program and spaces fill quickly!

**Date:** Saturday, March 24, 2012

**Where:** DeSoto State Park Playground Pavilion

**Time:** 9:00 am - Noon

**Fee:** \$5 per child; pre-registration encouraged (256-782-5697)

### Growing Up WILD for Preschool Children: Fairy Houses

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature and art programs for preschool age children.

**Date:** Saturday, March 24, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** CHANGE OF TIME: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

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



### River Rhythms Family Fun Programs: Fairy Houses

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.

**Date:** Saturday, March 24, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** CHANGE OF TIME: 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM

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

## April 2012

### NPS Green & Grey Saturday

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**Date:** Saturday, April 14, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Fee:** Free; for more information contact the National Park Service at 256-845-8548

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**Fee:** \$0-\$5 per person; pre-registration required five days prior to hike date



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#### Early Spring Hike at DeSoto State Park

One of the most beautiful times of the year at DeSoto State Park! Join DSP Staff on an easy meandering hike along the ADA-Accessible Azalea Cascade Boardwalk Trail to see early blooming-species of plants. This is a Fresh Air Family/Scale Back Alabama event.

**Date:** [Saturday, April 14, 2012](#)

**Where:** Meet at the Nature Center (Next to DeSoto's Country Store)

**Time:** 10:00-12:00

**Fee:** Free to the public; registration appreciated but not required. Great for all ages!

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#### Stream Ecology Hike

Join JSU's stream ecologist, Dr. Lori Tolley-Jordan for an interpretive hike along Shoal Creek in the Talladega National Forest. Learn about all of the tiny wonderful creatures and plants that inhabit Alabama's streams.

**Date:** [Saturday, April 14, 2012](#)

**Where:** Meet at the Shoal Creek Ranger Station (near Heflin, AL). Please bring a daypack with plenty of water/snacks & wear comfortable shoes/clothes and (optional) prepare to WADE IN THE WATER!! Not recommended for children under 8 years of age.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$5 per person; pre-registration required

Call [256-782-5697](tel:256-782-5697) for more information or to pre-register





## EARTH DAY WEEKEND

### **Basket Making: Cracker Basket with Fabric Weaving**

Join Arlene McGowan to learn the basics of basketry and create your own cracker basket.

**Date:** Saturday, April 21, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am – 2 pm

**Fee:** \$30\* per person (\*May be an additional supply fee); pre-registration required



### **Build a Bluebird House**

Bluebirds are lovely, social, mosquito-eating feathered friends. Learn to attract them to your yard or garden. Canyon Center volunteer, Mickey Luck, will teach participants how to build their very own blue bird house. Hands-on fun! Families are encouraged to work together.

**Date:** Saturday April 21, 2012

**Where:** Meet at Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 10 am - 2 pm

**Fee:** \$15 per bird house (supply fee; participants leave with a completed bluebird house); pre-registration required

### **Growing Up WILD for Preschool Children: Worms**

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature and art programs for preschool age children.

**Date:** Saturday, April 28, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 11:00 am - noon

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

### **River Rhythms Family Fun Programs: Hisssss & Sssssither**

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 28, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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

## May 2012

### **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/weather conditions.

**Date:** Saturday, May 12, 2012

**Where:** JSU Frog Pond in White Plains Alabama

**Time:** 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

**Fee:** \$5 per adult; \$2 per child

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Mountain Wilderness, Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge, Cheaha State Park, or other locations (Call 256-782-8010 for specific locations and meeting place)

**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (may vary depending upon length of hike)

**Fee:** \$0-\$5 per person; pre-registration required five days prior to hike date



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#### **Spring Wildflower Hike at DeSoto State Park**

One of the most beautiful times of the year at DeSoto State Park! Join DSP Staff on an easy meandering hike along the ADA-Accessible Azalea Cascade Boardwalk Trail to see blooming-species of plants. Easy Terrain

**Date:** [Saturday, May 12, 2012](#)

**Where:** Meet at the Nature Center (Next to DeSoto's Country Store)

**Time:** 10:00-12:00

**Fee:** Free to the public; registration appreciated but not required. Great for all ages!

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#### **Endangered Species (Red-cockaded Woodpecker) Hike (Talladega National Forest)**

Join USFS Biologist Jonathon Stober for an interpretive hike in the RCW management areas of the Shoal Creek District of the Talladega National Forest. Moderate Terrain.

**Date:** [Saturday, May 12, 2012](#)

**Where:** Meet at the Shoal Creek Ranger Station (near Heflin, AL). Please bring a daypack with plenty of water/snacks & wear comfortable shoes/clothes. Not recommended for children under 8 years of age.

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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**Time:** 10:00 am

**Fee:** Free; for more information contact the National Park Service at 256-845-8548

#### **Photography Workshop**



Join Fine Art Photographer [John Dersham](#) for a two day seminar on how to improve your photography by learning tried and true compositional rules. In addition learn about lighting and strategies that will provide more visual impact to your pictures.

**Date:** Friday evening, May 4 and Saturday, May 5, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Ft. Payne, AL **Time:** Friday's Seminar 7:30 pm – 9:30 pm & Saturday's Workshop 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (Bring a day pack with lunch/drinks)

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

#### **Trion Steel Drum Concert at the Canyon Center**

The Trion High School steel drum band from Trion, GA was established in 2004. This unique ensemble has grown in size and popularity from its humble beginnings. The ensemble is comprised of 31 musicians and performs a wide variety of musical styles, from socas and calypsos to reggae and pop.

**Date:** Friday, May 4, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 6:30 pm

**Fee:** \$5 adults; students free



#### **CANYON FIESTA!!**

Join this festive event at the Little River Canyon Center for family fun, games, art, music, and great food.

**Date:** Saturday, May 5, 2012



**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL  
**Time:** 11:00 am – 2:00 pm  
**Fee:** Free Admission

**Growing Up WILD for Preschool Children: Fiesta!**

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature and art programs for preschool age children.

**Date:** Saturday, May 26, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 11:00 am - noon

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



**River Rhythms Family Fun Programs: Fiesta!**

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.

**Date:** Saturday, May 26, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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

## June 2012

**Ethnobotany Weekend at DeSoto State Park (June 1-2)**

JSU Field Schools and DeSoto State Park will offer fun activities Friday night, all day Saturday and Saturday night for families who want to learn about nature together. Join ethno-botanist Francine Hutchinson for Campfire Talks on Friday and Saturday nights, register for the plants workshop on Saturday. For lodging information, visit [www.AlaPark.com/DeSotoResort](http://www.AlaPark.com/DeSotoResort)

**Campfire Talk: Medicinal Plants of Little River Canyon**

Join botanist Francine Hutchinson for a presentation of local healing herbs, and learn how to grow many of them yourself.

**Date:** Friday, June 1, 2012

**Where:** DeSoto State Park Nature Center/Campground

**Time:** 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Fee:** Free

**Medicinal & Edible Plants Workshop & Hike**

For centuries, local residents have used hundreds of different species of medicinal plants found in our forests. Come learn about many of them with botanist Francine Hutchinson.

**Date:** Saturday, June 2, 2012

**Where:** Meet at DeSoto State Park Nature Center

**Time:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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

**Campfire Talk: Ethno-botany/Edible Plants of Little River Canyon**

There are many wild plants that have a wide range of uses. Join botanist Francine Hutchinson for a presentation on what's safe and what's not.

**Date:** Saturday, June 2, 2012

**Where:** DeSoto State Park Nature Center/Campground

**Time:** 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

**Fee:** Free



**Educator & Teacher Workshop: Mouth of the South: The Mobile-Tensaw Delta**

### June 3-6 - Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Dauphin Island

Immerse yourself in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta as you explore the bays, coastal forests, estuaries, watersheds, wetlands, and diverse wildlife that make up this unique environment. Activities will include visits to the 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center, Meaher State Park, STARLAB planetarium, the Estuarium, and the Environmental Studies Center where participants can see a Legacy grant in use. Educators will participate in boat tours of the delta, learn about coastal plants, experiment with GPS tracking and navigation, and will learn about the history and fragile ecosystems on Alabama's barrier island.

All Legacy workshops) require a \$40.00 nonrefundable application fee for Non-Partners (\$15.00 of this deposit will give the applicant a one year membership in Legacy's Partnership Program) or a \$25.00 nonrefundable application fee for all Legacy Partners.

The Partnership Program allows environmentally aware individuals to assist us in providing balanced, fact-based environmental education programs and materials to citizens throughout our state. Remember your contribution to Legacy is *tax deductible*. As a Legacy Partner you will receive discounts on our annual partnership conference and the remaining Legacy workshops for that year.

- Lodging, meals, and materials for the workshops are provided. Expenses not covered are substitute teachers and travel expenses to and from the workshop location.
- Any K-12 educator currently teaching within the State of Alabama, any person about to or who has already graduated with an Education Degree, graduate students with an Education Degree or other environmental educators may apply to attend.
- Applications can be downloaded from the Legacy Website at [www.legacyenvd.org](http://www.legacyenvd.org).
- Contact Toni Bruner at 1-800-240-5115 or [toni@legacyenvd.org](mailto:toni@legacyenvd.org) for more information.



#### Wild Woodsy Wednesday

The USDA Forest Service staff and JSU Field Schools will present "Wild Wednesday" programs each Wednesday of June and July. Topics include animals, plants, hikes, nature observation, forest topics and more! Program includes snack and craft.

**Date:** Wednesday, June 6, 2012

**Where:** Coleman Lake Recreation Area, Talladega National Forest near Heflin, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Fee:** Free

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**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (may vary depending upon length of hike)

**Fee:** \$0-\$5 per person; pre-registration required five days prior to hike date



TAKE A HIKE partnership programs currently scheduled (call 256-782-8010 for more options and updates):

#### CCC Historic Hike: The Quarry Trail

Join DSP Staff on a moderate to mildly-strenuous hike to the CCC Quarry. Learn how the Civilian Conservation Corps constructed the original structures that you can still see in the park [today](#). Moderate hike; mildly strenuous along mountainous terrain.

**Date:** [Saturday, June 9, 2012](#)

**Where:** Meet at the Nature Center (Next to DeSoto's Country Store)

**Time:** 10:00-12:00 Noon

**Fee:** Free to the public; registration appreciated but not required.

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**Date:** Saturday, June 9, 2012  
**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Fee:** Free; for more information contact the National Park Service at 256-845-8548



### **Educator & Teacher Workshop: From the Mountains to the Gulf**

**June 18 – June 24 – *A Journey Across the Great State of Alabama***

Three leading scientific experts, Dr Jim Lacefield (*Lost Worlds in Alabama Rocks*), Dr Bill Deutsch (Alabama Water Watch and AU) and Dr George Cline (JSU), will guide twenty teachers throughout the State of Alabama, sharing their collective knowledge of the waters, geology, flora and fauna to help teachers make connections for their students back at home. The journey will begin in northwest Alabama at Camp McDowell Environmental Center, then zigzag through the state on an educational adventure of a lifetime, visiting Little River Canyon, Mt. Cheaha State Park, Alabama's 4H Center as well as a chance to paddle the Cahaba. The final destination will be Dauphin Island Sea Lab, where participants will visit the Gulf of Mexico shoreline and waters.

(This workshop requires a \$50.00 nonrefundable application fee for Legacy Partners or a \$65.00 deposit for Non-Partners.)

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**Date:** Wednesday, June 13, 2012

**Where:** Coleman Lake Recreation Area, Talladega National Forest near Heflin, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Fee:** Free

### **Wild Woodsy Wednesday**

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**Date:** Wednesday, June 20, 2012

**Where:** Coleman Lake Recreation Area, Talladega National Forest near Heflin, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Fee:** Free

### **Growing Up WILD for Preschool Children: BUGS**

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature and art programs for preschool age children.

**Date:** Saturday, June 23, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 11:00 am - noon

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



### 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 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 23, 2012

**Where:** Jacksonville State University's Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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

### Fairy Tales and Trails (Children's Nature Observation Skills) at Cheaha State Park

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. Led by JSU Field Schools Renee Morrison children learn to observe the tiny and important aspects of the natural world while constructing fairy homes along woodland trails. This is a very popular program and spaces fill quickly!

**Date:** Tuesday, June 26, 2012 (Tentative)

**Where:** Cheaha State Park (Meeting location to be announced)

**Time:** 9:00 am - Noon

**Fee:** \$5 per child to cover supply fee; pre-registration required (256-782-5697)



### Wild Woodsy Wednesday

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**Date:** Wednesday, June 27, 2012

**Where:** Coleman Lake Recreation Area, Talladega National Forest near Heflin, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Fee:** Free

## July 2012

### Wild Woodsy Wednesday

The USDA Forest Service staff and JSU Field Schools will present "Wild Wednesday" programs each Wednesday of June and July. Topics include animals, plants, hikes, nature observation, forest topics and more! Program includes snack and craft.

**Date:** Wednesday, July 4, 2012

**Where:** Coleman Lake Recreation Area, Talladega National Forest near Heflin, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Fee:** Free



### Educator & Teacher Workshop: Exploring Alabama's Grand Canyon

July 10 – 13, 2012 – Desoto State Park & Little River Canyon National Preserve, Fort Payne

Explore the natural wonder of Alabama's Little River Canyon by navigating unfamiliar wilderness, paddling Terrapin Creek, hiking and other canyon-specific activities. During a visit to JSU's Little River Canyon Center participants will take part in a variety of hands-on activities such as learning about the wildlife, ecology, geology, botany, water quality and cultural heritage of this southern leg of the Appalachian Mountains.

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**Date:** Second Saturdays each month

**Where:** Locations vary; may include Little River Canyon National Preserve, DeSoto State Park, Talladega National Forest, Dugger Mountain Wilderness, Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge, Cheaha State Park, or other locations (Call 256-782-8010 for specific locations and meeting place)

**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (may vary depending upon length of hike)

**Fee:** \$0-\$5 per person; pre-registration required five days prior to hike date



TAKE A HIKE partnership programs currently scheduled (call 256-782-8010 for more options and updates):

#### Civilian Conservation Corps Historic Hike

Join DeSoto State Park Staff on this historic hike to the Civilian Conservation Corp's 'unfinished' Bridge. Learn why the CCC left it 'unfinished' and see several original structures. Moderate to Strenuous walk on old CCC roadbed. Not for children under the age of 5. Almost 4 miles round trip.

**Date:** Saturday, July 14, 2012

**Where:** Meet in Lobby of DeSoto's Lodge.

**Time:** 10:00-12:00 Noon

**Fee:** Free to the public; registration appreciated but not required.

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#### Wild Woodsy Wednesday

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**Date:** Wednesday, July 11, 2012

**Where:** Coleman Lake Recreation Area, Talladega National Forest near Heflin, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Fee:** Free



#### NPS Green & Grey Saturday

The National Park Service staff and volunteers will present "Green & Grey" living programs on the second Saturday of each month. Topics include climate change, recycling, energy conservation, eco-gardening, exotic plants, native landscaping, pollution prevention, green energy, and more!

**Date:** Saturday, July 14, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Fee:** Free; for more information contact the National Park Service at 256-845-8548

## JSU Field Schools'

## Environmental Education & Arts Camps

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! These camps fill quickly with a long waiting list, so register early! Fee includes lunch, entrance fees and supplies.





### JSU 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 camp. These camps leave children begging for more JSU Field School fun! Children learn all about Little River Canyon National Preserve and DeSoto State Park...the river, the plants and the animals! These camps fill quickly so register early. Fee includes lunch and supplies.

**Date:** June 12-14, 2012 (Tues - Thurs)  
**Age/Grade:** Ages 7-11 years  
**Where:** Little River Canyon Center (and some off-site travel)  
**Time:** 9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
**Fee:** \$100 per participant; pre-registration required (limited to 10 campers)

### JSU Nature & Arts Camp (at JSU and offsite locations)

Hands-on environmental education, outdoor fun, and arts (storytelling, "fairy tale" observation hikes, ghost-huntin', hands-on art & more) abound in this camp. These camps leave children begging for more JSU Field School fun! These camps fill quickly so register early. Fee includes lunch and supplies.

**Date:** July 17-19, 2012 (Tues - Thurs)  
**Age/Grade:** Ages 7 – 11 years  
**Where:** JSU's Martin Hall, Jacksonville AL (and some off-site travel)  
**Time:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm  
**Fee:** \$150 per participant; pre-registration required (limited to 10 campers)

### JSU "Greenager" Nature & Arts Camp

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

**Date:** July 24-26, 2012 (Tues- Thurs)  
**Age/Grade:** Campers who have at least 3 years of nature camp  
**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

### 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 14, 2012  
**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 12:00 noon or 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
**Fee:** \$15 adult/\$5 child; Pre-registration is required



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**Date:** Wednesday, July 18, 2012  
**Where:** Coleman Lake Recreation Area, Talladega National Forest near Heflin, AL  
**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm  
**Fee:** Free



**Educator & Teacher Workshop: Fascinating Flora & Fauna**  
July 18 – 20 – *Camp McDowell Environmental Center, Nauvoo*



Explore the beauty of Alabama's flora and fauna and learn about native and invasive plants, tree identification, organic gardening and composting, sustainable agriculture, native wildlife and outdoor classrooms. This three-day workshop will include canoeing, water quality testing, hiking, and a birds of prey presentation by Big Dave Hollaway along with many other activities. **All Legacy workshops) require a \$40.00 nonrefundable application fee for Non-Partners (\$15.00 of this deposit will give the applicant a one year membership in Legacy's Partnership Program) or a \$25.00 nonrefundable application fee for all Legacy Partners.** The Partnership Program allows environmentally aware individuals to assist us in providing balanced, fact-based environmental education programs and materials to citizens throughout our state. Remember your contribution to Legacy is *tax deductible*. As a Legacy Partner you will receive discounts on our annual partnership conference and the remaining Legacy workshops for that year.

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**Date:** Wednesday, July 25, 2012

**Where:** Coleman Lake Recreation Area, Talladega National Forest near Heflin, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

**Fee:** Free

#### **Growing Up WILD for Preschool Children: Water Wonders**

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature and art programs for preschool age children.

**Date:** Saturday, July 28, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 11:00 am - noon

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



#### **River Rhythms Family Fun Programs: Water Wonders**

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.

**Date:** Saturday, July 28, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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

## **August 2012**

#### **NPS Green & Grey Saturday**

The National Park Service staff and volunteers will present "Green & Grey" living programs on the second Saturday of each month. Topics include climate change, recycling, energy conservation, eco-gardening, exotic plants, native landscaping, pollution prevention, green energy, and more!

**Date:** Saturday, August 11, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Fee:** Free; for more information contact the National Park Service at 256-845-8548

#### **TAKE A HIKE!!!**

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**Date:** Second Saturdays each month

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**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (may vary depending upon length of hike)

**Fee:** \$0-\$5 per person; pre-registration required five days prior to hike date



TAKE A HIKE partnership programs currently scheduled (call 256-782-8010 for more options and updates):

#### **Little River Ecology Hike**

Join JSU's stream ecologist, Dr. Lori Tolley-Jordan for a brief lecture and an interpretive hike in the Little River of Little River Canyon National Preserve. Learn what makes this area one of the most unique rivers in the world!

**Date:** Saturday, August 11, 2012

**Where:** Meet at the Little River Canyon Center. Please bring a daypack with plenty of water/snacks & wear comfortable shoes/clothes and (optional) prepare to WADE IN THE WATER!! Not recommended for children under 8 years of age.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$5 per person; pre-registration required

Call [256-782-5697](tel:256-782-5697) for more information or to pre-register

#### **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 18, 2012

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

**Time:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Fee:** \$15 per person (ages 14 and older) Pre-registration is required.

#### **Growing Up WILD for Preschool Children: Animal Tracks**

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**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 11:00 am - noon

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



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**Date:** Saturday, August 27, 2011

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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

## **September 2012**

#### **Weekday Walkabout Hike**

The JSU Field Schools offer these easy storytelling hikes "from the deepest canyon to the highest mountain" each first Monday of the month (September – December) for those who are too busy with family, grandchildren and friends to spend a weekend day in the woods.

**Date:** Monday, September 3, 2012

**Where:** Cheaha State Park



**Time:** 9:00 am – 12:00 pm (may vary depending upon length of hike)  
**Fee:** \$5 per person; pre-registration required at least five days prior to hike date

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**Date:** Saturday, September 8, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Fee:** Free; for more information contact the National Park Service at 256-845-8548



### Educator & Teacher Workshop: Down Under in North Alabama

September 21-24 – *Estill Fork*

Join spelunking experts on an exciting adventure exploring caves and learn about the biodiversity of North Alabama’s karst topography from one of Alabama’s leading geologist Dr. Jim Lacefield. Find out how caves are formed and what creates the beautiful cave formations. During the cave explorations participants will see endangered aquatic cave life and bats. One exciting part of the workshop will be a visit to an Alabama State Park, Cathedral Caverns, where we will see the world’s largest cave opening, the world’s largest stalagmite and the world’s largest frozen waterfall. We will also investigate a few of the wild caves in northeast Alabama. Through classroom and field studies, we will explore content knowledge, teaching techniques, and classroom activities to help students learn about the wonders of caves.

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**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (may vary depending upon length of hike)

**Fee:** \$0-\$5 per person; pre-registration required five days prior to hike date



TAKE A HIKE partnership programs currently scheduled (call 256-782-8010 for more options and updates):

Growing Up WILD for Preschool Children: Butterflies

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature and art programs for preschool age children.

**Date:** Saturday, September 22, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 11:00 am - noon

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



### **River Rhythms: Butterflies**

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!

**Date:** Saturday, September 22, 2012

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

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

**Fee:** Free; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged

### **Mountain Dulcimer Workshop**

Intro to mountain dulcimer taught by musician Mickey Luck. Workshop is four weekly sessions.

**Dates:** September 29, October 6 and October 20, 2012.

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center

**Time:** 10:00 am – 2:00 pm (brown bag lunch)

**Fee:** \$100 per participant for the four week workshop; bring your own dulcimer and lunch; teacher may have instruments to loan.

## **October 2012**

### **Weekday Walkabout Hike**

The JSU Field Schools offer these easy storytelling hikes "from the deepest canyon to the highest mountain" each first Monday of the month (September – December) for those who are too busy with family, grandchildren and friends to spend a weekend day in the woods.

**Date:** Monday, October 1, 2012

**Where:** Cheaha State Park

**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (may vary depending upon length of hike)

**Fee:** \$5 per person; pre-registration required five days prior to hike date

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**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (may vary depending upon length of hike)

**Fee:** \$0-\$5 per person; pre-registration required five days prior to hike date



TAKE A HIKE partnership programs currently scheduled (call 256-782-8010 for more options and updates):

### **Autumn Exploration Hike (Talladega National Forest)**

Join USFS Biologist Jonathon Stober for an interpretive hike along the Pinhoti Trail in the Shoal Creek District of the Talladega National Forest. Moderate Terrain.

**Date:** Saturday, October 13, 2012

**Where:** Meet at the Shoal Creek Ranger Station (near Heflin, AL). Please bring a daypack with plenty of water/snacks & wear comfortable shoes/clothes. Not recommended for children under 8 years of age.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$5 per person; pre-registration required

Call [256-782-5697](tel:256-782-5697) for more information or to pre-register

### **Stream Ecology Hike**

Join JSU's stream ecologist, Dr. Lori Tolley-Jordan for an interpretive hike along Shoal Creek in the Talladega National Forest. Learn about all of the tiny wonderful creatures and plants that inhabit Alabama's streams.

**Date:** Saturday, October 13, 2012

**Where:** Meet at the Shoal Creek Ranger Station (near Heflin, AL). Please bring a daypack with plenty of water/snacks & wear comfortable shoes/clothes and (optional) prepare to WADE IN THE WATER!! Not recommended for children under 8 years of age.

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$5 per person; pre-registration required

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**Date:** Saturday, October 13, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Fee:** Free; for more information contact the National Park Service at 256-845-8548



## Spookapalooza Weekend

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](http://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 26, 2012

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

**Time:** 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

**Fee:** Free

### Growing Up WILD for Preschool Children: Mask Making

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers every fourth Saturday of the month for fun nature and art programs for preschool age children.

**Date:** Saturday, October 27, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 11:00 am - noon

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



### River Rhythms: Mask Making

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.

**Date:** Saturday, October 27, 2012

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

**Time:** 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

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

### Storytelling' Campfire Talk: Spooks in the Valley

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

**Date:** Saturday, October 27, 2012

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

**Time:** 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm



Fee: Free

## November 2012 (Native American Heritage Month)



### Weekday Walkabout Hike

The JSU Field Schools offer these easy storytelling hikes "from the deepest canyon to the highest mountain" each first Monday of the month (September – December) for those who are too busy with family, grandchildren and friends to spend a weekend day in the woods.

**Date:** Monday, November 5, 2012

**Where:** Cheaha State Park

**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (may vary depending upon length of hike)

**Fee:** \$5 per person; pre-registration required five days prior to hike date

## Canyon Fest



Join us for this 4<sup>th</sup> annual celebration of nature! Enjoy live music, nature & arts activities, nature & arts demonstrations, great food, vendors, children's activities & fun at this festival designed to celebrate our natural world.

**Date:** Saturday, November 3, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Fee:** No Fee; Donations welcome

### TAKE A HIKE!!!

The JSU Field Schools will partner with groups (such as National Park Service, US Forest Service, Alabama State Parks and others) to offer diverse moderate-level hikes "from the deepest canyon to the highest mountain" each second Saturday of the month.

**Date:** Second Saturdays each month

**Where:** Locations vary; may include Little River Canyon National Preserve, DeSoto State Park, Talladega National Forest, Dugger Mountain Wilderness, Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge, Cheaha State Park, or other locations (Call 256-782-8010 for specific locations and meeting place)

**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (may vary depending upon length of hike)

**Fee:** \$0-\$5 per person; pre-registration required five days prior to hike date



TAKE A HIKE partnership programs currently scheduled (call 256-782-8010 for more options and updates):

### Fall Color Hike (Talladega National Forest)

Join USFS Biologist Jonathon Stober for an interpretive hike along the Pinhoti Trail in the Shoal Creek District of the Talladega National Forest. Moderate Terrain.

**Date:** Saturday, November 10, 2012

**Where:** Meet at the Shoal Creek Ranger Station (near Heflin, AL). Please bring a daypack with plenty of water/snacks & wear comfortable shoes/clothes. Not recommended for children under 8 years of age.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Fee:** \$5 per person; pre-registration required (Free for Fresh Air Family Members: please call and register)

Call [256-782-5697](tel:256-782-5697) for more information or to pre-register

### Photography Workshop

Join Fine Art Photographer [John Dersham](#) for a two day seminar on how to improve your photography by learning tried and true compositional rules. In addition learn about lighting and strategies that will provide more visual impact to your pictures.

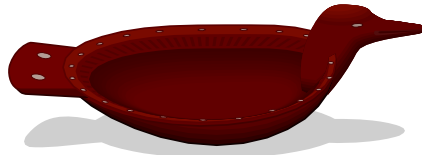


**Date:** Friday evening, November 9 and Saturday, November 10, 2012  
**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL  
**Time:** Friday's 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm & Saturday's Workshop 8:00 am – 3:00 pm (Bring a day pack with lunch/drinks)  
**Fee:** \$20 per person; pre-registration required

### **NPS Green & Grey Saturday**

The National Park Service staff and volunteers will present "Green & Grey" living programs on the second Saturday of each month. Topics include climate change, recycling, energy conservation, eco-gardening, exotic plants, native landscaping, pollution prevention, green energy, and more!

**Date:** Saturday, November 10, 2012  
**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL  
**Time:** 10:00 am  
**Fee:** Free; for more information contact the National Park Service at 256-845-8548



## **Native American Heritage Weekend**

### **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 17, 2012  
**Where:** Near Fort Payne, AL (Meeting location disclosed at registration)  
**Time:** 9:00 am - 3:00 pm  
**Fee:** \$15 per person (Ages 14 and over); pre-registration required

### **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, November 17, 2012  
**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL  
**Time:** 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm  
**Fee:** \$15 adult/\$5 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, November 17, 2012  
**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL  
**Time:** Demonstrations throughout the day (10 am – 3 pm)  
**Fee:** Free

### **Growing Up WILD for Preschool Children: Native American Stories & Pottery Making**

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers for fun nature and art programs for preschool age children.

**Date:** Saturday, November 17, 2012  
**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL  
**Time:** 11:00 am - noon  
**Fee:** No fee; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged



### **River Rhythms: Native American Stories & Pottery Making**

Join story tellers for an hour of stories by Native American authors and crafts.

**Date:** Saturday, November 17, 2012

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

**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

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

## 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.

If you are a storyteller, contact us at 256-782-5697 for information on performing.

**Date:** Saturday, November 17, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

**Fee:** Free

Visit [www.tellabration.org](http://www.tellabration.org) for more info about International Tellebration.



## December 2012

### Weekday Walkabout Hike

The JSU Field Schools offer these easy storytelling hikes "from the deepest canyon to the highest mountain" each first Monday of the month (September – December) for those who are too busy with family, grandchildren and friends to spend a weekend day in the woods.

**Date:** Monday, December 3, 2012

**Where:** Cheaha State Park

**Time:** 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (may vary depending upon length of hike)

**Fee:** \$5 per person; pre-registration required five days prior to hike date

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**Date:** Saturday, December 8, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am

**Fee:** Free; for more information contact the National Park Service at 256-845-8548

## A Canyon Christmas

An enchanting day full of holiday programs such as winter wildlife feeding, sustainable giving, secret Santa gift shop, photos made with Santa, storytelling and more!!

**Date:** Thursday December 20, 2012

**Where:** Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

**Time:** 10:00 am – 4 pm

**Fee:** Most programs are free...call for specific schedule.



## *GROWING UP WILD AND RIVER RHYTHMS WILL RESUME IN JANUARY 2013*



### **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

<http://www.alapark.com/desotoresort>

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