



Jacksonville State University's Little River Canyon Center & Field Schools' 2011 Programs

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January 2011

Greener Day at Little River Canyon Center

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 8, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: Free

Second Saturday Space Safaris

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

Date: Saturday, January 8, 2011

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

Time: 7:00 pm

Fee: \$5 per person; pre-registration encouraged especially for groups

Wilderness Survival 101

Let your instincts come alive and learn to survive. 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 22, 2011

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)

Growin' Up Wild for Preschool Children: Bird Beak Buffet

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: Friday, January 21, 2011

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: Feeding Winter Birds

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 attract and feed birds during the winter months.

Date: Saturday, January 22, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00- 3:00 pm

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

The Climate Project (TCP)

The Climate Project United States is the American branch of Nobel Laureate and former Vice President Al Gore 's climate change leadership program founded in June 2006. As a program of the Alliance for Climate Protection, TCP's mission is to educate the public about the harmful effects of climate change and to work toward solutions at a grassroots level worldwide. TCP supports more than 3,000 diverse and dedicated volunteers internationally, and TCP U.S. comprises one third of this global force. These volunteers are known as TCP Presenters and have been personally trained by Vice President Al Gore to deliver an updated version of the slide show featured in the Academy Award-winning documentary *An Inconvenient Truth*. TCP Presenters have delivered 70,000 presentations and have reached a combined global audience of more than 7.3 million TCP is committed to educating the global community about the urgency of implementing comprehensive solutions to the climate crisis.

Date: Saturday, January 29, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00- 3:00 pm

Fee: No fee

February 2011

Canyon Constellations

Learn more about the winter night sky with JSU astronomer Dr. Laura Weinkauff. Dependent upon weather conditions.

Date: Friday, February 4, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 6:30 pm

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

Pinhoti Trail Hike: Winter

Join USFS biologist, Jonathon Stober, for a lovely hike on the Pinhoti trail in the Shoal Creek District of the Talladega National Forest. Easy hike.

Date: Thursday February 10, 2011

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

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Fee: \$5 per person Pre-registration is required.

Mountain Dulcimer Workshop

Intro to mountain dulcimer taught by musician Mickey Luck. Four Saturday workshops: February 12 & 26; March 12 & 26.

Date: Saturdays: February 12, February 26, March 12 and March 26.

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

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

Greener Day at Little River Canyon Center

The National Park Service staff and volunteers will present greener 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, February 12, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: Free

Second Saturday Space Safaris

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

Date: Saturday, February 12, 2011

Where: JSU Planetarium (3rd Floor Martin Hall) in Jacksonville, AL
Time: 7:00 pm
Fee: \$5 per person

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: Saturday, February 12, 2011
Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort 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

Growin' Up Wild for Preschool Children: Who lives in a tree?

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

Date: Friday, February 25, 2011
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: Winter Trees

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 26, 2011
Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL
Time: 1:00 pm
Fee: No fee; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged

Mountain Longleaf Interpretive Hike

Join JSU's Bill Garland for an in-depth interpretive hike which will include information about the natural and cultural heritage of the mountain longleaf region of NE Alabama. This will be part of a series of hikes on February 26, March 26, April 23 and October 22, 2011.

Date: February 26, 2011
Where: Talladega National Forest
Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Fee: \$5.00 per person; pre-registration required

Mountain Dulcimer Workshop

Intro to mountain dulcimer taught by musician Mickey Luck. Four Saturday workshops: February 12 & 26; March 12 & 26.

Date: Saturdays: February 12, February 26, March 12 and March 26.
Where: Meeting at Shoal Creek Ranger District parking lot; will convoy to hike start
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

March 2011

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 5, 2011
Where: JSU Frog Pond in White Plains Alabama
Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Fee: \$5 per person

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 11, 2011

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.

Greener Day at Little River Canyon Center

The National Park Service staff and volunteers will present greener 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, March 12, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: Free

Mountain Dulcimer Workshop

Intro to mountain dulcimer taught by musician Mickey Luck. Four Saturday workshops: February 12 & 26; March 12 & 26.

Date: Saturdays: February 12, February 26, March 12 and March 26.

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

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

Plants of the Pocket

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

Date: Tuesday, March 22, 2011

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)

Growin' Up Wild for Preschool Children: Wiggling Worms

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

Date: Friday, March 25, 2011

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: Hiss 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 26, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

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

Mountain Longleaf Interpretive Hike

Join JSU's Bill Garland for an in-depth interpretive hike which will include information about the natural and cultural heritage of the mountain longleaf region of NE Alabama. This will be part of a series of hikes on February 26, March 26, April 23 and October 22, 2011.

Date: March 26, 2011

Where: Talladega National Forest

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fee: \$5.00 per person; pre-registration required

Early Spring Canyon Hike

Join Naturalist Laura Bundy 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 26, 2011

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

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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

Mountain Dulcimer Workshop

Intro to mountain dulcimer taught by musician Mickey Luck. Four Saturday workshops: February 12 & 26; March 12 & 26.

Date: Saturdays: February 12, February 26, March 12 and March 26.

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

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

April 2011

Greener Day at Little River Canyon Center

The National Park Service staff and volunteers will present greener 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, April 9, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: Free

Second Saturday Space Safaris

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

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2011

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

Time: 7:00 pm

Fee: \$5 per person

Spring Canyon Hike

Join JSU's Dr. Chris Murdock 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, April 2, 2011

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

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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

Pinhoti Trail Hike: Spring

Join USFS biologist, Jonathon Stober, for a lovely hike on the Pinhoti trail in the Shoal Creek District of the Talladega National Forest. Easy to moderate hike.

Date: Saturday, April 9, 2011

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

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fee: \$5 per person Pre-registration is required.

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 April 14 through Saturday April 16, 2011

Where: Solon Dixon Environmental Center, Andalusia AL

Time: Thursday evening through Saturday noon

Fee: Scholarships available if applied for before December 2010; Visit www.eeaa.us for more information

Growin' Up Wild for Preschool Children: What's Wild?

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

Date: Friday, April 22, 2011

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

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 23, 2011

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 Preserve at 256-845-9605 or look online at www.nps.gov/liri

Fee: No fee or registration

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 23, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

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

Mountain Longleaf Interpretive Hike

Join JSU's Bill Garland for an in-depth interpretive hike which will include information about the natural and cultural heritage of the mountain longleaf region of NE Alabama. This will be part of a series of hikes on February 26, March 26, April 23 and October 22, 2011.

Date: April 23, 2011

Where: Talladega National Forest

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fee: \$5.00 per person; pre-registration required

Deep Canyon Hike

Join Naturalist Laura Bundy 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: Tuesday, April 26, 2011

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

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

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

The Climate Project (TCP)

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Date: Saturday, April 30, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00- 3:00 pm

Fee: No fee

May 2011

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, May 7, 2011

Where: JSU Frog Pond in White Plains Alabama

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Fee: \$5 per person

Greener Day at Little River Canyon Center

The National Park Service staff and volunteers will present greener 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, May 14, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: Free

Second Saturday Space Safaris

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

Date: Saturday, May 14, 2011

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

Time: 7:00 pm

Fee: \$5 per person

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 6 and Saturday, May 7, 2011

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: \$25 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 6, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 6:30 pm

Fee: \$5 adults; students free

Cinco de Mayo Fun Day

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

Date: Saturday, May 7, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Fee: Free Admission

Amazing Amphibians

Did you know that bullfrogs remain as tadpoles for two years of their life cycle? Did you know that frogs don't drink water but they absorb it through their skin? Join Dr. Rayburn for a fun program on amphibian metamorphosis and learn more about these amazing animals!

Date: Saturday, May 7, 2011
Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL
Time: 1:00 pm – 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 14, 2011

Where: Meet at JSU's Little River Canyon Center in Fort 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

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: Saturday, May 14, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

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

Growin' Up Wild for Preschool Children: Bird Beak Buffet

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

Date: Friday, May 27, 2011

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: All about Birds!

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 28, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

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

Endangered Species Hike: Red-cockaded Woodpecker

Join USFS biologist, Jonathon Stober, to learn more about this special bird; hike to a red-cockaded woodpecker (RCW) colony to see the management practices and how RCW habitat is managed.

Date: Saturday, May 28, 2011

Where: USFS Shoal Creek District office; meet and convoy to site

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fee: \$5.00 per person; pre-registration required

June 2011

Spring Paddle on Terrapin Creek

Join Renee Morrison of JSU Field Schools, 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, June 4, 2011

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.

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Date: Saturday, June 11, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: Free

Music at McClellan

An outdoor concert event highlighting some of Alabama's best music and internationally renowned musical talent surrounded by friends, great food, historic preservation, and the beautiful Mountain Longleaf National Wildlife Refuge. Music, educational programs, children's court, great food and more...make memories by enjoying this family friendly and festive atmosphere. For more information please visit www.musicatmcclellan.org.

Date: June 17-18, 2011

Where: The Longleaf Village at the former Fort McClellan in Anniston, Alabama.

Fee: TBA

Ethnobotany Weekend at DeSoto State Park (June 3-4)

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

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 3, 2011

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 4, 2011

Where: Meet at DeSoto State Park Nature Center

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: \$30/adult; \$15 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 4, 2011

Where: DeSoto State Park Nature Center/Campground

Time: 8:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Fee: Free

JSU Field Schools Environmental Education & Arts 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 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 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 7 – 9, 2011 (Tuesday - Thursday)
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)

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: June 14 – 16, 2011 (Tuesday – Thursday)
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)

"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 seeking ideas. Fee includes lunch and supplies.

Date: July 12-14, 2011 (Tuesday – Thursday)
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

Growin' Up Wild for Preschool Children: Hiding in Plain Sight

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

Date: Friday, June 24, 2011
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

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 25, 2011
Where: Jacksonville State University's Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL
Time: 1:00 pm
Fee: No fee; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged

"From the Mountains to the Gulf "Teacher's Traveling Workshop

Environmental Education Association of Alabama (EEAA), Camp McDowell Environmental Center, Dauphin Island Sea Lab, and JSU Field Schools partner to offer this Gulf of Mexico Alliance (GOMA) funded workshop that will educate teachers on Alabama's unique water resources, geological and biological diversity. For more information contact Maggie Johnston at maggie@campmcdowell.com or [205-387-1806](tel:205-387-1806) or Renee Morrison at rmorrison@jsu.edu or [256-782-5697](tel:256-782-5697).

Date: Saturday June 25 – Sunday July 3, 2011
Where: North Alabama to South Alabama
Fee: Participants will be selected through an application and interview process for scholarships

July 2011

Greener Day at Little River Canyon Center

The National Park Service staff and volunteers will present greener 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 9, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: Free

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 16, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

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

Growin' Up Wild for Preschool Children: Tracks!

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

Date: Friday, July 22, 2011

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: 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.

Date: Saturday, July 23, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

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

August 2011

Greener Day at Little River Canyon Center

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Date: Saturday, August 13, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: Free

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 of our most popular programs so register early!

Date: Saturday, August 20, 2011

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.

Growin' Up Wild for Preschool Children: Ants on Parade

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

Date: Friday, August 26, 2011

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 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 27, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm

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

The Climate Project (TCP)

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Date: Saturday, August 27, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00- 3:00 pm

Fee: No fee

September 2011

Greener Day at Little River Canyon Center

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Date: Saturday, September 10, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: Free

Butterfly Weekend at DeSoto State Park & Little River Canyon Center

Growin' Up Wild for Preschool Children: Butterfly Flutterby!

Join Canyon Center's Renee Morrison and volunteers every fourth Friday of the month for fun nature and art programs for preschool age children.

Date: Friday, September 23, 2011

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

Identifying Butterflies

Join lepidopterist and photographer, Vitaly Charny, to learn more about the fascinating life-cycle of Alabama's butterflies. Stunning photographs.

Date: Friday September 23, 2011

Where: DeSoto State Park Campfire Circle

Time: 8:00 pm

Fee: No fee

River Rhythms: Butterfly Safari

Expert photographer and lepidopterist, Vitaly Charny, will lead this easy hike to search for and identify butterflies.

Date: Saturday, September 24, 2011
Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL (4 miles from DeSoto State Park)
Time: 1:00 pm
Fee: Free; some programs may have limited space so pre-registration is encouraged

Beautiful Butterflies

Join lepidopterist and photographer, Vitaly Charny, to learn more about Alabama's butterflies. Stunning photographs.

Date: Saturday September 24, 2011
Where: DeSoto State Park Campfire Circle
Time: 8:00 pm
Fee: No fee

October 2011

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: Saturday, October 1, 2011
Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL
Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 p.m.
Fee: \$10 per person; pre-registration required

Campfire Cooking & Autumn Hike

Join naturalist Francine Hutchinson for this fun interpretive hike which includes medicinal and edible plant information and for a how to on campfire cooking. Learn to make venison stew, vegetable stew and fry bread on an open fire. A supply list will be given to participants upon registration. Limited space; register early!

Date: Saturday, October 1, 2011 (Rain date October 8, 2011)
Where: Hutchinson's Hide-a-way (near Dugger Mountain Wilderness)
Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 p.m.
Fee: \$20 per person; pre-registration required

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Date: Saturday, October 8, 2011
Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL
Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Fee: Free

Pinhoti Trail Hike: Autumn

Join USFS biologist, Jonathon Stober, for a lovely Autumn hike on the Pinhoti trail in the Shoal Creek District of the Talladega National Forest. Moderate hike. Not recommended for children under 10.

Date: Saturday, October 15, 2011
Where: Meeting at Shoal Creek Ranger District parking lot; will convoy to hike start
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Fee: \$10/person; \$5 per student Pre-registration is required. This hike fills quickly so make reservations early.

Spookapalooza Weekend at DeSoto State Park & Little River Canyon Center

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.

Growin' Up Wild for Preschool Children: Hide & Seek

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

Date: Friday, October 21, 2011
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

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 21, 2011

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

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Fee: Free

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. Kids will use recycled materials and left over art treasures to make their own unique masks.

Date: Saturday, October 22, 2011

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 22, 2011

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

Time: 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Fee: Free

Mountain Longleaf Interpretive Hike

Join JSU's Bill Garland for an in-depth interpretive hike which will include information about the natural and cultural heritage of the mountain longleaf region of NE Alabama. This will be part of a series of hikes on February 26, March 26, April 23 and October 22, 2011.

Date: October 22, 2011

Where: Talladega National Forest

Time: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Fee: \$5.00 per person; pre-registration required

Astronomy Weekend at DeSoto State Park & Little River Canyon Center

Join us for fun activities Friday night, all day Saturday and Saturday night for families who want to learn about nature together. Join astronomer Dr. Laura Weinkauff for Campfire Talks on Friday and Saturday nights, register for the solar system program on Saturday. For lodging information, visit www.AlaPark.com/DeSotoResort

Campfire Talk: Canyon Constellations

Learn more about the winter night sky with JSU astronomer Dr. Laura Weinkauff. Dependent upon weather conditions.

Date: Friday, October 28, 2011

Where: DeSoto State Park Campfire Circle

Time: 6:00 pm

Fee: Free

Sundials & Shadows

JSU astronomer, Dr. Laura Weinkauff, will teach children/families about the movement of the sun and how the earth relates to our big star as well as the other planets in our solar system.

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: Free.

Campfire Talk: Stars, Moons and Planets

Learn more about the winter night sky with JSU astronomer Dr. Laura Weinkauff. Dependent upon weather conditions.

Date: Saturday, October 29, 2011

Where: DeSoto State Park Campfire Circle

Time: 6:00 pm

Fee: Free

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Date: Saturday, October 29, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00- 3:00 pm

Fee: No fee

November 2011 (Native American Heritage Month)

3rd Annual 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 5, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Fee: No Fee; Donations welcome

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, November 11 and Saturday, November 12, 2011

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: \$25 per person; pre-registration required

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Date: Saturday, November 12, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: Free

Native American Heritage Weekend at the Little River Canyon Center

Growin' Up Wild for Preschool Children: Native American Stories

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

Date: Friday, November 18, 2011

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

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 19, 2011

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

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 19, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 10:00 am – Noon

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, November 19, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: Demonstrations throughout the day (10 am – 3 pm)

Fee: Free

River Rhythms: Native American Stories

Join Canyon Center's Renee Morrison for an hour of stories by Native American authors.

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2011

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. Join Alabama storytellers for this fun event which includes participatory activities that support the stories.

Date: Saturday, November 19, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Fee: Free

Visit www.tellabration.org for more info.

December 2011

Greener Day at Little River Canyon Center

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Date: Saturday, December 10, 2011

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Time: 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Fee: Free

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 10, 2011

Where: JSU Planetarium (3rd Floor Martin Hall)

Time: 7:00 pm

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

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

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