

Program registration is easy!

Phone: Call (256) 782-5697 and register with a credit card

On-line: E-mail your request to rmorrison@jsu.edu

Walk-in: Our office is located at Historic McClellan in the JSU/GSCC Building (100 Gamecock Circle Anniston AL)

Mail: Make checks payable to the JSU Field School:

Mailing Address:

JSU Little River Canyon Field Schools
Jacksonville State University
700 Pelham Road North, JSU/GSCC Bldg
Jacksonville, AL 36265



Canyon Center Field Trips

Bring your class, club, troop or group for a hands-on science adventure they'll never forget on the **Path to Learning!**

JSU Field Schools' Field Trips

Schedule a environmental education experience for your group at the Mountain Center, Desoto State Park, Little River Canyon, Talladega National Forest, or Cheaha State Park.

JSU Field Schools' Mountain Center

Cleburne County, AL near Heflin; customized field trips and educational opportunities.

Contact 256-782-5697 for more details.



Canyon Center Building Rentals



The Little River Canyon Center is the PERFECT place for meetings, conferences, receptions and more. Call 256-782-8010 or email epic@jsu.edu for more information on rental fees, details and to make your reservations. For prices visit:

www.canyoncenter.org

We need volunteers!

If you are interested in serving the public,
educating visitors, working in the gift shop,
meeting new people, or if you love nature & art...
we need you!

Contact:

Renee S. Morrison for Mountain Center 256-782-5697
Anna L. Palmer for Canyon Center 256-845-3548



January 2013

Storytime at the Canyon Center

Canyon Center staff and volunteers will read aloud unique children's literature in the Canyon Center Gift Shop every first Saturday of the month.

Date: January 5, 2013 First Saturday of Each month

Where: Little River Canyon Center Gift Shop

Time: 11:00 - Noon

Fee: Free



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 Saturday each month: January 12, 2013

Pinhoti Trail Hike: Join Anniston Outdoor Association to hike a different section of the Pinhoti Trail each month (Jan-Dec). This hike is free for members of the Anniston Outdoor Association (visit <http://www.anniston.org/pages/?pageID=83> for more info or to join the association). For non-members the fee is \$5 per person.

Little River Canyon Hike: Join NPS and DeSoto State Park staff for this hike along Little River. Pre-registration required. Free.

Second Saturday Space Safaris: Larry Cat in Space

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

Date: Saturday, January 12, 2013

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

Time: 4:00 pm

Fee: \$5 per adult; \$2.50 per child; pre-registration encouraged especially for groups

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

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers 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 19, 2013

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 11:00 am - noon

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



Living Wild Family Fun Program: Wild Survival

Join Canyon Center staff and volunteers for fun nature programs including hikes, crafts, games, nature talks, activities and more.

Date: Saturday, January 19, 2013

Where: Little River Canyon Center

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. JSU Field Schools, Alabama State Parks and National Park Service staff 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 19, 2013

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 Living Wild programs being offered concurrently as a compliment to this program.

February 2013

Storytime at the Canyon Center

Canyon Center staff and volunteers will read aloud unique children's literature in the Canyon Center Gift Shop every first Saturday of the month.

Date: February 2, 2013 First Saturday of Each month

Where: Little River Canyon Center Gift Shop

Time: 11:00 - Noon

Fee: Free



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; February 9, 2013

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

Pinhoti Trail Hike: Join Anniston Outdoor Association to hike a different section of the Pinhoti Trail each month (Jan-Dec).

This hike is free for members of the Anniston Outdoor Association (visit <http://www.anniston.org/pages/?pageID=83> for more info or to join the association). For non-members the fee is \$5 per person.

Second Saturday Space Safaris: Love Stories in the Stars

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

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2013

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

Time: 4:00 pm

Fee: \$5 per adult; \$2.50 per child; pre-registration encouraged especially for groups

NPS Green & Gray Saturday

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

Date: Saturday, February 9, 2013

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

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

Join Renee Morrison, JSU Field Schools, 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, February 16, 2013

Where: Mountain Center (Heflin, AL)

Time: 11:00 am - noon

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

Living Wild Family Fun Program: Wild Survival

Join JSU Field Schools' Renee Morrison for fun nature programs including hikes, crafts, games, nature talks, activities and more.

Date: Saturday, February 16, 2013

Where: Mountain Center (Heflin, AL)

Time: 1:00- 2:00 pm

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

March 2013

Storytime at the Canyon Center

Canyon Center staff and volunteers will read aloud unique children's literature in the Canyon Center Gift Shop every first Saturday of the month.

Date: March 2, 2013 First Saturday of Each month

Where: Little River Canyon Center Gift Shop

Time: 11:00 - Noon

Fee: Free



Educator and Teacher Conference: Environmental Education Association of Alabama Conference "SNAILS, TRAILS, AND CANYON TALES"

Discover more about science, arts and Alabama's diversity in this curriculum supported state conference. Teachers, educators, church leaders, home school parents, scout leaders... everyone is welcome!

Date: March 7-9, 2013

Where: Little River Canyon Center (www.canyoncenter.org)

Fee: Visit www.eeaa.us for more information or email Renee Morrison, President of EEAA: 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 2, 2013

Where: Frog Pond (various locations...weather and water dependent)

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Fee: \$3 per person



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 15, 2013

Where: Cheaha State Park (

Time: 9:00 am - Noon

Fee: \$10 per person;

pre-registration is required by March 13, 2013



Second Saturday Space Safaris: Cosmic Serpents

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

Date: Saturday, March 9, 2013

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

Time: 4:00 pm

Fee: \$5 per adult; \$2.50 per child; pre-registration encouraged especially for groups to site included)



Nature Study & Field Trips for Schools, Groups, Churches & Clubs

JSU Field Schools offers Field Trips:

the new Mountain Center, Little River Canyon, DeSoto State Park, Cheaha State Park and Talladega National Forest.

Introduce your class, club, troop or group to the wild places of Alabama. Curriculum-based Learning Station topics include: Interpretive Hikes, Archaeology, Ecology, Botany, Herpetology, Water Quality/Watersheds, Geology, Nature Art & Journaling, Canyon Creatures, Storytelling, Critter Tales (supported by live animals) or our national award winning Naturalist Adventure Hike. We can customize opportunities to meet your educational needs.

For more information contact Renee Morrison

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For a complete 2013 Field School Calendar:

www.jsu.edu/epic



Field School programs are FUN for EVERYONE!!



Jacksonville State University

JSU Field Schools

Jan-Mar 2013

Call 255-782-8010

JSU Field Schools provide experiential programs designed to nurture an appreciation of Alabama's natural and cultural significance, celebrate diversity, and foster stewardship of the natural world.

JSU Field Schools promote environmental education from the "deepest canyon to the highest mountain" in Alabama.

