

Kid's Fishing Day Outdoor Conservation Classes

May 17, 2008



If kids attend two classes they will get their next tag free at Roaring River if used before Aug. 16, 2008, and they will receive a choice of prizes. If they attend 3 classes they will be entered into a drawing for other prizes. The drawing will be held at 5:00 p.m. In addition, Charlie Stock from Mid-West Flies, David Waugh of Roaring River Concession, and MAKO Fly Fishing Club are donating three complete fly fishing outfits as well as boxes of tied flies to be given away by a drawing to children who attend any fly casting class during the day. Children who attend an archery class will be entered in a drawing for

a bow. Children must be present to win. Classes are also open to the whole family, but only children may enter the drawings.

9:00 a.m. Fly Casting. Instructor: David Waugh

Class will be taught at the first hole downstream from the bridge across from the CCC lodge. David is certified from the national FFF (Fly Fishing Federation) as a fly fishing instructor and is the managers of Roaring River's CCC lodge and Roaring River Inn. Basic casting techniques will be taught. Students who attend this class will be eligible to enter a drawing for a complete fly fishing outfit.

9:30 a.m. Fish Cleaning. Instructor: Charles Knapp

Class will be held near the hatchery office. Charles is a long time fisherman at Roaring River. He will have a hands on demonstration on preparing trout for cooking.

9:30 a.m. Tree Identification. Instructor: Josh Roller

Josh works for the Department of Conservation at Roaring River Hatchery. The class will be under the large tent. Do you know an oak leaf from a maple leaf? A hickory nut from a walnut? If not, come join Josh as he shows you differences between trees of Roaring River State Park.

9:30 a.m. Ozark Cave Fish. Instructor: Blake Stephens

Blake works for the Missouri Dept. of Conservation in Neosho and will help students learn about the habitat and threats to the endangered Ozark Cave Fish. This class will be taught under the blue tent.

9:30 a.m. Backyard Birding. Instructor: Brad Russell

Class will be held in the large tent. Brad works for the Missouri Dept. of Conservation at Chesapeake Hatchery and is an avid birder. Learn the basics of birding and how to identify birds by sight and sound. Discover a whole new world of our feathery friends.

9:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m. Air Rifle Target Shooting. Instructor: Jean Mayer and Chris Landstad
Jean works for the Department of Conservation in Springfield and Chris works at Roaring River. They will give students instruction on safely handling a rifle and give them a chance to sharpen their shooting skills on clay targets. The class will also include a laser simulator so students can practice a hunt on screen. The class will be held in the picnic area behind the hatchery building.

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Archery. Instructor: Chris Berry

Chris works for the Lawrence County Sheriff's Department, is a hunting guide, a world class competitor, and is sponsored by Alpine Bows. The class will be held in the picnic area just north of the hatchery. Students will receive hands on basic archery training. Students who attend this class will be eligible to enter a drawing for an Alpine Bow.

10:00 a.m.- Arrowhead Knapping. Instructor: Leon Perry

Leon is a retired school administrator and an avid archer. Class will be in the green area next to the hatchery office. Learn the art of knapping to make an arrowhead out of obsidian rock. Leon will also demonstrate how to mount an arrowhead on a cedar arrow and how to attach turkey feathers for fletching.

10:00 a.m. Snakes Alive. Instructor: *Cheyne Matzenbacher*

Cheyne is one of the Naturalists at Roaring River. Class will be held at the park amphitheater just south of the CCC Lodge. His program will teach kids about the natural history of snakes. Live specimens will be available to see.

10:00-10:30 a.m. The Fishin' Magicians. Performers: Steve Craig and Amy Short

You have seen them on ESPN now see them in person. The performance combines a very entertaining mix of magic, comedy and fishing. The show will be on the stage next to the large tent.

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Fly Tying and Fly Casting. Instructors: *MAKO Fly Fishing Club*. Fly casting will be in the hole downstream from the bridge across from the CCC Lodge, while fly tying will held under a tent set up near the fly casting area. Experienced fly tiers will set up a table and do fly tying demonstrations. Other members will be on hand to work with kids one on one to teach fly casting. Students who attend the fly casting part of this class will be eligible to enter a drawing for a complete fly fishing outfit.

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Critter Stamp Headbands. Instructor: Peggy and Brianna Dittmar

Critter stamps will be available for children to make and decorate their own headband. The class will be held under the large tent.

10:00 a.m.-12:00 a.m. Stream Table Display Instructor: *Ron Bullard*

Ron works for the Dept. of Conservation in Springfield and will conduct an ongoing display to illustrate the hydraulics of a stream. The effects of an action such a channeling or digging in a stream will be shown. Bank stabilization methods will also be demonstrated. The class will be held near the blue tent.

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m Introduction to Taxidermy. Instructor: Russ Pendergraft

Class will be under the big tent. Russ owns "Visions of Wildlife Taxidermy Studio" in Cassville. He will have an ongoing demonstration where he prepares a white tail deer mount. Kids can visit his demonstration throughout the day. Russ is also donating a free fish mount to the winner of a drawing for kids who caught a fish over larger than 3 lbs.

10:30 a.m. Becoming a Conservation Agent. Instructor: Travis McLain

Travis has been a Conservation Agent for 9 years. He will instruct students on the requirements to be eligible to become an Agent. Travis will also demonstrate interesting equipment he uses in his job and talk about his job duties. Class will be held under the big tent.

- 10:30 a.m. Aquatic Entomology. Instructor: Rick Horton**
Class will be in the blue tent. Rick works for the Missouri Dept. of Conservation as a Fishery Biologist in Neosho and will help students identify what types of insects live in the stream and how they relate to fish as food organisms and what flies are tied to imitate them.
- 11:00 a.m. Jig Tying. Instructor: *Jerry Dudley***
Class will be held under the big tent. Jerry is a very good fisherman and experienced jig maker. Kids will have hands on experience and learn to tie their own jig. Jerry will also demonstrate jig fishing methods using an aquarium.
- 11:00 a.m. Fish Cleaning. Instructor: Josh Roller and Brad Farwell**
Class will be held near the hatchery office. Both Josh and Brad work for the Department of Conservation at Roaring River. They will have a hands-on demonstration on preparing trout, bluegill, and catfish for cooking.
- 11:30 a.m. Fish Cooking. Instructor: Rod May**
Class will be held next to hatchery office. Rod works as Assistant Manager at the Neosho National Fish Hatchery. He will demonstrate frying and grilling methods for cooking catfish and trout.
- 11:30 a.m. Project ID for Kids. Instructor: Tammy Callahan, Missy and Tim Morris**
Class will be held under the big tent. Tammy is a member of the Fraternal Order of Police in Southwest Missouri. She will assist children in getting finger printed in a Project ID Handbook that parents can keep or send in to be registered with the FBI.
- 1:00 p.m. How to Fish Roaring River. Instructor: *Marvin Farwell***
Class will be held on the green next to the hatchery office. Marvin works for the Department of Conservation at Roaring River Hatchery and is a very good fisherman. He will instruct kids on types of bait that are legal for each fishing zone in the park, what type of knot to use to tie a hook on, how to rig a pole and how to fish with the various types of bait and lures.
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- 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Make Your Own Tee Shirt. Instructor: *Rebecca Bishop***
Rebecca will instruct kids on coloring an iron on "Trout Day" transfer created by Kendra Gardner and Tyler Long. Volunteers will be on hand to apply the finished transfer to kids' free tee shirts. We will have 300 transfers and tee shirts to give away. This class will be held under the large tent.
- 1:30 p.m. Fisheries Biology. Instructor: Rick Horton**
Rick works as a Fisheries Biologist for the Department of Conservation in Neosho. The class will cover the unique characteristics of many different species of Missouri fish, their habits, where they live, and their physiology. The class will be held under the blue tent.
- 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Fly Tying. Instructor: *Charlie Stock***
Class will be held under a tent set up near the fly casting area across from the CCC Lodge. Charlie is a professional fly tier and also owns Mid-West Flies. Charlie will work with kids one on one to help them tie their own fly.

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2:30 p.m. Knot Tying Instructor: Kevin Asbury

Kevin is Assistant Manager at Roaring River hatchery. He will have a hands on class teaching two easy, fast, and strong knots to tie a hook on to your line. Students will be able to tie the Fisherman's knot and the Palomar knot by the end of the class

2:30 p.m. Hatchery Tour. Instructor: *Cheyne Matzenbacher*

Tour will meet on the walkway leading to the Spring. Cheyne is a naturalist at Roaring River. His program will teach kids about the geology of Missouri's 20th largest spring, the history of Roaring River State Park and hatchery, the life cycle of the trout, how they are raised and stocked in the stream.

2:30 p.m. Knife Sharpening. Instructor: *Jay D Browning*

Class will be held at the green area next to the hatchery office. Jay D is a long time fisherman at Roaring River. A good sharp knife is a good thing to have in so many outdoor activities. Jay D will show kids the right way to sharpen a knife. Bring your own pocket knife to sharpen.

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