

Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

2022-2023 Family and Public Programs

Family and public programs are programs that cover a variety of natural history and outdoor recreation topics. Participants will learn something new while having fun with our staff. Cost is \$5 per participant, unless otherwise noted. Register for these programs on our website at <https://georgiawildlife.doubleknot.com/selection/73913> or by calling 770-784-3059*.



FAMILY CAMPFIRE

Saturday, September 17th 6:30pm-9pm

Join the staff at Charlie Elliott for some campfire fun! This family program will include an animal encounter, storytelling, games, S'mores and a chance to see some nocturnal wildlife. It will be a hoot! Please bring a flashlight, camping chairs and be dressed for the outdoors. All ages encouraged!



HAUNTED HISTORY TOUR

Tuesday, October 25th or Wednesday, October 26th 6pm-8pm

Journey with us for a sunset haunted ride through the backroads of Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. We will visit a few of the historic cemeteries of Jasper county found on our property, as well as learn about some of the lore about how Murder Creek got its name. Dress for the outdoors and wear comfortable shoes for some brief walking.



WINDOW INTO YOUR WOODS

Saturday, November 19th 9:30am-12pm

Have you ever wondered who left those tracks in your yard or what is making all that racket after the sun goes down? Perhaps you'd like to learn about the critters that rarely show themselves. Trail cameras can provide peeks into the hidden lives of wildlife, as well as provide some information that can be useful in citizen science. Come learn what species might live in your neighborhood.



GIVING THE GIFT OF CONSERVATION

Saturday, December 10th 10am-12pm

Come celebrate Wildlife Conservation Day with us! Wildlife Conservation Day seeks to spread awareness about preserving and protecting the natural world and its inhabitants. Participants will spend time doing some winter bird watching and then building a small structure to benefit the birds in their own yard. Bring your binoculars and a camera and get out into nature to celebrate wildlife.



BAT HOUSE WORKSHOP

Saturday, January 21st 10am-12pm

Feeling a bit batty about bats? Bats are fascinating creatures that provide us with amazing ecosystem services. Come join DNR staff as we talk about the special adaptations and jobs that bats do. We will have a presentation, bat-themed activities, and even a chance to see bats in person.

*Public programs are for individual families, not groups or organizations. Space is limited so pre-registration is required for most sessions. As a courtesy to others, only sign up for programs that you know you can attend and be sure to mark those dates on your calendar. If you need to cancel, please let us know at least 3 days in advance so we can offer those vacant spaces to the folks on our waiting list. Please check our website and Facebook page for the latest updates on our public program calendar schedule. Most activities will happen rain or shine. In the event of inclement weather, participants will be notified.

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BIRDS AND BEES (AND BEARS, OH MY!) Saturday, February 11th 4pm-6pm

Forget the red roses, heart-shaped chocolates and sappy cards! Come learn about the love languages and courtship rituals of some of our native animals. From the endearing, to the mildly alarming, to the downright strange, nature covers it all. Non-alcoholic drinks and light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Please note because of the nature of this program, this is for participants 21 years old and up. Cost is \$10 per participant.



IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN Saturday, March 18th 10am-12:00pm Program, Lunch, 1pm-3pm Workday

Is your garden full of invasive species? You may not know that some of your favorite ornamental and display species are not advisable to plant. They can easily take over an area or may harm another species. Learn about different types of common garden plants that can be detrimental to your local ecosystem. Come for the program, bring a lunch to eat, then help staff with invasive species removal around the Visitor Center.



PLANTING NATIVES FOR POLLINATORS Saturday, April 15th 9am-11am

Interested in having a yard or garden that requires less maintenance than traditional landscaping? Maybe you want to attract some of Georgia's beautiful butterflies, hummingbirds, or bumblebees? Come learn about some native plants you can add to your yard that are better adapted to survive in the Piedmont Region's unique climate and soil, along with helping to support your local pollinators. At the end of the class you will also get to take home some native plants seeds for your yard!



KEEPING GA WILD DAY Saturday, May 20th 9am-2pm

This event is sponsored by the GA Department of Natural Resources, GA Wildlife Federation, National Wild Turkey Federation and FCA Outdoors. Participants can try their hand at archery, fishing, shooting sports, and other outdoor recreation activities. Wildlife and conservation presentations and exhibits, face painting, and more add to the festivities.



SUNSET CANOE PADDLE Friday, June 2nd 7pm-9:30pm

Come join CEWC education staff as we glide across the surface of Lake Margery while the day fades. Listen for the calls of crepuscular birds and frogs, and learn about some of the wildlife that are most active as the sun goes down. This program will be outside on the water, so please bring a flashlight or headlamp, and shoes/clothes that can get wet.