

# Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

## 2021-2022 Family and Public Programs



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



### **CITIZEN SCIENCE AND INATURALIST**

**Saturday, August 14th 10am-12pm**

We have 6400 acres to keep up with here at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center, and we need your help! Come learn why citizen science is important and how you can assist us in documenting the various species of plants and animals that are found here. The class will learn about iNaturalist and how to record your observations for CEWC's page. Please bring your iPad, iPhone or tablet. All ages welcome.



### **FAMILY CAMPFIRE**

**Saturday, September 25th 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**

**Thursday, October 28th or Friday, October 29th 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.



### **MARVELOUS MAMMALS**

**Saturday, November 13th 10am-12pm**

What is the smallest mammal that lives in Georgia? What is the largest? There are almost 100 species of fuzzy, warm-blooded creatures that live here in our forests, yards and wetlands. Come learn about the surprisingly little-known mammals that are found in our state.



### **CHRISTMAS BIRD COUNT**

**Saturday, December 11th 8am-3pm**

Teams of children ages 8-16 will be led by experienced birders as they search the fields and forests of the Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center for birds. Children do not have to be experienced birders to participate. Binoculars and field guides will be provided to the child participants, and parents are welcome to join the teams. Thanks to a grant from The Environmental Resource Network, children eat for free. Adult lunch is \$9 per 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 so we can offer those vacant spaces to other 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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### OWL PROWL

Saturday, February 19th 6pm-8pm

Who cooks for you? Who's awake? We're going to find out about the different species of owls that inhabit our state. From the tiny screech owl to the hefty great horned owl, we will explore what makes these birds unique. Participants will dissect some owl pellets to see what the birds have been eating, and venture into the forest after dark to see if we can communicate with some of these silent flyers. Please dress for the outdoors and bring a flashlight.



### DUTCH OVEN COOKING 101

Saturday, March 12th 10am-12:30pm

Come join us as we explore one of America's most versatile and historically important pieces of equipment – the cast iron Dutch oven! We will learn its history as well as take time to discuss fire building and safety, a cornerstone of any camping experience. Bring a healthy appetite as we will be putting our equipment to use making a delicious meal over the open fire!



### SPRING INTO SUSTAINABILITY

Saturday, April 2nd 10am-12pm

In preparation for Earth Day, come discover some tips, tricks and ideas for living more sustainably. Topics like composting, recycling, gardening, energy saving and more will be discussed during this interactive program. Participants will make and take home a sustainably created craft as well.



### GOODNESS SNAKES

Saturday, April 23rd 10am-12pm

There are lots of reasons why we do not need to fear snakes. During this program, we will learn about the variety of snakes that can be found in our state, from the tiny Central Florida crowned snake to the mighty Eastern indigo snake. We will look at myths and misconceptions, discuss the facts, differentiate between venomous and non-venomous species, and meet some live specimens.



### KEEPING GA WILD DAY

Saturday, May 21st 9am-2pm

This Annual 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.



### A NIGHT OF FROGGERY

Friday, June 3rd 8:30pm-10pm

Come join CEWC education staff as we train our eyes and ears to identify frogs and toads of Georgia by sight and sound. A portion of the program will be outside searching for frogs, so please bring a flashlight or headlamp, and shoes (or boots) that can get wet.