

# Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

## 2024-2025 Family and Public Programs

These programs cover a variety of natural history and outdoor recreation topics. The cost is \$7 per participant, unless otherwise noted. Youth attending must have a registered adult with them. To register for these programs\* please visit our website at: <https://georgiawildlife.doubleknot.com/selection/73913> or by calling 770-784-3059.



### **SUMMER SEASONAL HIKE**

**Saturday, August 31st 7:00pm-8:30pm**

Join John Jensen, former biologist for the DNR, and all-around naturalist, for a wander in the forest each season. Topics discussed and species seen will vary with each program. Come learn something new each time. Dress for the outdoors and wear comfortable shoes for walking.



### **FAMILY EVENING CANOE**

**Friday, September 27th 7:00pm-8:30pm**

Come join CEWC education staff as we glide across the surface of Lake Margery while the day fades. Listen to the calls of crepuscular birds and frogs and learn about some of the wildlife that are most active as the sun goes down. Minimum age for this activity is 6 years old. This program will be outside on the water, so please bring a flashlight or headlamp, bug spray and shoes/clothes that can get wet.



### **HAUNTED HISTORY TOUR 1**

**Tuesday, October 8th 6:00pm-8:00pm**

### **HAUNTED HISTORY TOUR 2**

**Wednesday, October 9th 6:00pm-8:00pm**

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. The same program will be offered each evening, please choose just one date.



### **FALL SEASONAL HIKE**

**Friday, November 15th 6:00pm-8:00pm**

Join John Jensen, former biologist for the DNR, and all-around naturalist, for a wander in the forest each season. Topics discussed and species seen will vary with each program. This month's hike will coincide with the full Beaver Moon. Dress for the outdoors, bring a small flashlight if you would like, and wear comfortable shoes for walking.



### **OWL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS**

**Saturday, December 14th 10:00am-12:00pm**

Are those ears on top of an owl's head? How do they fly so quietly? Learn about all the characteristics that make owls so cool, and get to meet a live owl during a presentation. We'll make a small craft ornament and some enrichment pieces for the owls (presents!) then tour through our animal exhibits with an open house.



### **TALES OF SCALES**

**Saturday, January 18th 10:00am-12:00pm**

It may be winter outside, but we are not poikilothermic. Staff will teach what that term means and how it applies to snakes. During this program you'll learn all sorts of neat information about our legless friends and get to meet plenty of live examples too.



### **TURTLE-Y AMAZING VALENTINES**

**Saturday, February 8th 10:00am-12:00pm**

Don't you just love turtles? We do! In this program staff will talk about all things turtle: species, natural history, and even the threats that they face and how you can help them. We'll meet some live examples and make a turtle themed Valentine's Day craft as well.



### **LEAPING LEPRECHAUNS**

**Saturday, March 15th 10:00am-12:00pm**

There's leprechauns in me woods! Feeling lucky? Join staff for a hike to look for hidden leprechauns, gnomes and four leaf clovers. Afterward, make a St. Patrick's Day themed craft to take home.



### **NATURAL EGG DYEING**

**Friday, April 19th 2:00pm-4:00pm**

We will provide the dye ingredients, you bring the eggs. Come learn about dye colors that come from nature, for an all-natural egg dyeing experience followed by an Easter egg hunt while the eggs soak in their baths.



### **KEEPING GA WILD DAY**

**Saturday, May 17th 9:00am-2:00pm-FREE!**

Come try your hand at archery, fishing, shooting sports, and other outdoor recreation activities. This fun filled day has wildlife and conservation presentations and exhibits, face painting, raffles and more! This event is sponsored by the GA Department of Natural Resources, GA Wildlife Federation, National Wild Turkey Federation and FCA Outdoors.

**\*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 others that may be 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.