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Canoeing Class Enjoys Lay Lake



*Frontier Skills
Class with
"Huggin' Bear"*

becoming an



Alabama *outdoors- Woman* Workshop

Sponsored by the Alabama
Department of Conservation &
Natural Resources

October 1-3, 2004

Alabama 4-H Center
Columbiana, Alabama



Step Outside is a partnership of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System, the Alabama Farmers Federation, the Alabama TREASURE Forest Association, and The Nature Conservancy.

Becoming an Outdoors Woman

BOW is a 3-day workshop designed for women. It is an opportunity for women 18 years and older to learn new outdoor skills—skills not only associated with hunting and fishing, but also useful for many other outdoor pursuits.

Becoming An Outdoors Woman will offer information, encouragement, and hands-on instruction in numerous sessions dealing with outdoor skills. You may select from such activities as camping, camp cooking, map/compass, shooting sports, fishing, hunting, canoeing, crafts, archery, rock climbing, and more.

This workshop is for you if . . .



- You have never tried these activities but have hoped for an opportunity to learn.
- You are a beginner who hopes to improve your skills.
- You do some of these activities but would like to

try your hand at some new ones.

- You are just looking for the camaraderie of like-minded individuals.

Hunter Education Certification

Since 1974, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has taught Hunter Education to new hunters. In 1992, a law passed making it mandatory for anyone born on or after August 1, 1977, to complete a 10-hour course. Based on firearms safety, laws, ethics, and wildlife conservation and identification, the course has been very successful in lowering hunting incident rates.

Alabama's BOW is offering Hunter Education in its curricula as a way for attendees to receive their certification.

Participants who pre-register for the course must take a portion of the Hunter Ed class from the Internet or a CD-ROM.

Participants must complete and bring the printout of the completed exam with them to BOW. They must pre-register for and attend at least one firearms safety course and the Hunter Education course during the BOW workshop to receive their certification. Participants must be prepared to climb a tree stand and pass a written and oral evaluation during this course using information received from the CD or the Internet as well as classroom instruction.

Workshop Agenda

Friday, October 1, 2004

- 12:00 p.m.Registration, Check-in
- 1:00 p.m.Introduction, Welcome
- 2:00 p.m.SESSION 1
- 5:00 p.m.Free Time
- 6:00 p.m.Supper
- 7:15 p.m. Evening Activities in the Rec Hall

Saturday, October 2, 2004

- 7:30 a.m.Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m.SESSION 2
- 12:00 p.m.Lunch
- 1:30 p.m.SESSION 3
- 5:00 p.m.Camping Setup/Free Time
- 6:00 p.m.Supper
- 7:00 p.m.Evening Activities
Visit an early pioneer camp, hear about life in the old days, sit around a campfire, hear tall tales and be entertained by "Huggin' Bear."

Sunday, October 3, 2004

- 7:30 a.m.Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m.SESSION 4
- 12:00 p.m.Lunch, Wrap-Up & Dismiss

ALABAMA BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATION

Every Alabama boater born on or after August 28, 1954, must successfully complete an Alabama Boating Safety Course. The lifetime certification is accepted in other states and provinces. To obtain your certification during the BOW workshop, you must register for the following courses:

Session 1 — Select **only** AL Boating Safety Certification course. Participants must take and pass a required exam. The pass rate among BOW participants is still 100 percent. You can do it, too!

Session 2, 3, 4 — Select any courses of interest, since no other courses are required for certification. However, participants will greatly benefit by also taking Motor Boat Handling.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

BOATING/CANOEING

Alabama Boating Safety Certification—See details, p.2.

Motor Boat Handling—Learn how to trailer, launch, board, and operate an outboard motorboat. Safety equipment is demonstrated as well. Practice backing trailers, launching boats, and starting motors. A real confidence builder! **Prerequisite:** Boating Safety Certification.

Canoeing I—Learn the basic knowledge and skills needed to be safe on the water and have a good time tandem (two-person) paddling. Equipment and preparation will begin the class. Learn basic paddling strokes, moving around in a canoe and maneuvering. Safety and rescue will also be covered.

Canoeing II—Must have already taken Canoeing I or have intermediate canoeing knowledge or skills. Refresh your knowledge and skills and take the next step. Learn additional strokes and skills. Opportunities for solo paddling, beginning moving water (river) skills, and fine tuning flatwater (lake) strokes.

Canoeing III/River Adventure Pre-session—Pre-requisite session for those participating in the Canoeing III/River Adventure. Review strokes, moving in the boat, trip preparation and other moving water skills. River reading and rescue will be introduced and you are likely to get wet. Bring to class the gear you will be taking on the trip. A full gear list will be provided upon registration for the session.

Canoeing III/River Adventure—ALL DAY COURSE. Apply your skills on a class 2 river with one class 3 rapid (easy portage if you decide not to try), for an all-day adventure. Carpool to the Coosa River launch site. Lunch will be provided. Return to the 4-H Center in time for dinner. Be prepared to get wet (dress in layers)! Bring your own PFD and paddle or use the ones provided on site. **Prerequisites:** Canoeing I, II, and the Canoeing III/River Adventure Pre-session.

Kayaking—Learn the basic knowledge and skills needed to be safe on the water and enjoy kayaking. Topics include safety, equipment, preparation, strokes, maneuvering and much more. This course will be using sit-on-top/sea-style kayaks and therefore will not require rolling over. You are likely to get wet, so dress in layers!

COOKING

Camp Cooking (Utensil-less)—Stop cooking with heavy pots and pans. Learn to use basic materials such as aluminum foil, paper products, hot coals and your imagination to cook in the outdoors. Once you've cooked with orange peels and reflector ovens, you'll become known as the "Queen of Hobo Dinners."

Dutch Oven Cooking—Achieve gourmet taste while cooking in the outdoors. Learn a variety of techniques from rustic camp cooking to dutch oven cooking. Prepare simple to elaborate recipes, then eat the results!

CRAFTS

Nature Crafts—Fun, hands-on session for the creative person! Learn to transform nature's bounty into treasures for home, school, or office. **Participants must bring their own light-colored t-shirt for this class.**

Nature's Creative Decor—Nature crafts with a seasonal flair. Each class will be different according to the season. This is a class that you can take over and over again because we will try to bring new ideas to each class. Examples: Christmas ornaments, hummingbird floral arrangement. Great ideas to decorate your home and create fond memories!

Outdoor Memories—Learn to embellish and enhance your photographs and create lasting memories. Create fabulous effects on your special photos by cutting, matting, adorning, and embellishing. **Bring your favorite outdoor photos for this class.**

Sticks to Staffs—Learn how to select and design your own personalized walking staff. Participants will learn various woody plants from which to choose, then will get hands-on as they customize their very own. A real make-and-take!

FISHING

ABC's of Flyfishing—Catch 'em on a fly! Master basic fly casting techniques and learn about lines, leaders, knots and fly selection. Participants will become familiar with the necessary equipment for fly fishing and discover places to go to fly fish. Glasses or sunglasses and a hat required.

Angler Adventures—End the weekend with lots of fish fun. Brush up on fishing skills such as knot tying, casting, or baiting a hook. Make your own fishing lanyard and fly. Put all these skills together and go fishin' at Lay Lake.

Bass Class—Learn basic bass fishing theories, equipment use, lure selection, etiquette, identification and management. Requirements: sunglasses or glasses, hat and fishing license (unless an Alabama resident 65 or older).

Introduction to Fishing—Develop basic skills needed to catch fish: casting, knot tying, lure selection, bait use, fish identification, and equipment choice. Practice new skills in Lay Lake. Fishing license, hat, and glasses or sunglasses required!

Wooly Buggers and Friends—Explore basic aquatic ecology, equipment and techniques used in lure selection for fly fishing. Learn how to tie your own flies including wooly buggers and other favorite fish foods. Becoming familiar with these hand-tied flies that imitate fish foods plays a key role in having a successful flyfishing trip. **It is recommended that fly fishing be taken in conjunction with this course.**

HUNTING

Alabama Hunter Education Course—Participants who sign up for this course will receive a Hunter Ed CD-ROM. **Complete the course on the Internet or CD-ROM and bring the printout to BOW.** Choose at least one firearms related course Fri. or Sat. Also, choose the Hunter Ed course on Sunday for review and examination.

Deer Hunting—This course covers the biology and habits of the white-tailed deer. Equipment, clothing, camouflage, hunting techniques and safety considerations will be discussed. Outdoor session will include scouting, treestand use and safety.

HUNTING, Continued

Falconry—Falconry, once considered the “sport of kings,” is the ancient art and practice of taking game with a trained bird of prey. Fun and thought-provoking, this brief look at falconry will introduce you to the birds, the prey and the art from medieval to modern times. A definitive demonstration of the predator/prey relationship, falconry affords human participants opportunities to witness nature in action. Enthusiasm is the only prerequisite for this course!

From Field to Table—Learn to field dress, cut, and package fish or wild game. From choosing and sharpening a knife, to dressing and putting it on the table, learn the whole process and cap things off with a delightful sampler of wild game and fish.

Waterfowling—This class will introduce the participants to the techniques of hunting migratory birds. Learn strategies for calling and luring. This will include gear selection, decoy placement and blind construction.

NAVIGATION SKILLS

Get Your Bearings—Learn the basics of map and compass. Feel comfortable enough in the woods to venture off the trails to experience those “wild places.” Have an exciting hands-on experience. This is always one of our most popular courses!

OUTDOOR SKILLS

Basic Outdoor Photography—This class will focus on getting the pictures you want, not technical camera operation. Learn basic techniques used in outdoor photography, including choosing a location, use of blinds, stalking and cover, composition, and the importance of lighting and timing. We will also briefly cover artistic options associated with digital photography. Bring your own camera (any kind will do—35mm, point-and-shoot, or digital).

Backpacking—Learn what to take along and what to leave behind. Discussion and hands-on practice covers tents, sleeping bags, stoves, menu, camp site selection, and more. Learn how to have a safe, comfortable backpacking experience!

Frontier/Survivor Skills from the 1800s—In this class led by “Huggin’ Bear,” learn how to load and shoot muzzleloading firearms; build a fire with old time flint and steel; use and throw a tomahawk (hand axe); use and throw old time knives; and learn about survival skills from the past and present.

Pioneer Village Tour—Take a walking tour of an authentic pioneer town from around the 1800s. Learn about the history of the era and how people survived without modern necessities. Tour includes a grist mill, church and home.

Rock Climbing—Adventurous hands-on session! Conquer your fear of heights. Build self confidence and practice safety. Yes, participants actually climb! And, yes, you can do it!

Twig Detectives—Southeastern forests are extremely diverse. Many species of trees and plants are found here. Walk through the forest and discover how these trees and plants have been and are used to provide people and wildlife with food, shelter, medicine and everyday products. Learn to use field identification guides.

RIDING SPORTS

ATV Handling—This course stresses safety techniques for riding an ATV (All Terrain Vehicle or 4-Wheeler). Learn proper gear, environmental concerns, pre-ride inspections, as well as proper maneuvers. ATVs and safety equipment will be provided. Participants may bring their own ATV.

Mountain Biking—Learn bike selection, maintenance, safety, and proper riding techniques. Bring your own mountain bike and helmet and join us for an off-road adventure.

SAFETY

Alabama Boating Safety Certification—See page 2.

Alabama Hunter Education Course—See page 2.

Beyond Band-Aids—Learn what to do if a mishap occurs while you are miles from medical help. What you know may mean the difference between life and death. Learn basic first aid for minor injuries as well as lifesaving tips and techniques for serious injuries.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Archery—Learn how to fit and select bows and arrows. Participants will have plenty of time to hone shooting skills at the range. A favorite among participants!

Pistol I—Get hands-on with a handgun! Learn firearms safety and the fundamentals of shooting. Learn the various types of handguns, calibers and actions. Practice your skills on the firing range.

Pistol II—Okay! Okay! You asked for a challenging advanced pistol tactics course. Well, you got it. Now, “lock and load” because the range is “hot.” **Pistol I is a prerequisite.**

Riflery—Learn firearms safety and basic marksmanship skills. Learn rifle types, calibers and actions such as target rifles and popular hunting rifles. Enjoy fun and action on the firing range!

Shotgun I—Learn the basic types of shotguns, as well as how to load, shoot, and clean shotguns. Skeet shooting session provides opportunity to practice. This course is a real BLAST!

Shotgun II—Ready to test your skills learned in *Shotgun I* session? Advanced skeet shooting session teams ladies up for fun and friendly competition. **Shotgun I session is a prerequisite.**

WILDLIFE

Backyard Wildlife—If you want to make your backyard a haven for wild creatures, don’t miss this class. Learn the habitat needs, plant selection and other limiting factors.

Bird Watching—A must for beginning birders. Learn the basics of bird identification, field guide and equipment selection. Bring your binoculars for the field session!

Reading the Woods—The woods are full of “signs” that reveal fascinating facts about the wildlife inhabiting them. Hike the forests and fields as wildlife specialists and skilled outdoorsmen share secrets for recognizing and interpreting “signs.”

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Becoming An Outdoors Woman (BOW)

October 1-3, 2004

Registration Fee: \$175; Includes Meals and Lodging

Name _____ Work Phone () _____ Home Phone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ T-shirt size (circle one) S M L XL 2X

First-time Participant? (circle one) Yes No

All courses are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, with preference given to first-time participants until July 15, 2004.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Rank your 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th choice for EACH session.

SESSION 1 - Friday p.m.	SESSION 2 - Saturday a.m.	SESSION 3 - Saturday p.m.	SESSION 4 - Sunday a.m.
<input type="checkbox"/> AL Boating Safety Cert.	<input type="checkbox"/> Archery	<input type="checkbox"/> ABC's of Flyfishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Angler Adventures
<input type="checkbox"/> Archery	<input type="checkbox"/> ATV Handling	<input type="checkbox"/> Archery	<input type="checkbox"/> ATV Handling
<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing I	<input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking	<input type="checkbox"/> ATV Handling	<input type="checkbox"/> Backyard Wildlife
<input type="checkbox"/> Deer Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/> Bass Class	<input type="checkbox"/> Camp Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> Bird Watching
<input type="checkbox"/> From Field to Table	<input type="checkbox"/> Beyond Band-Aids	<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing I	<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing II
<input type="checkbox"/> Frontier Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing I	<input type="checkbox"/> Falconry	<input type="checkbox"/> Deer Hunting
<input type="checkbox"/> Introduction to Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Dutch Oven Cooking	<input type="checkbox"/> Get Your Bearings	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Education Cert.
<input type="checkbox"/> Pistol I	<input type="checkbox"/> Falconry	<input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Mountain Biking
<input type="checkbox"/> Reading the Woods	<input type="checkbox"/> Frontier Skills	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Boat Handling	<input type="checkbox"/> Nature Crafts
<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing	<input type="checkbox"/> Get Your Bearings	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Memories	<input type="checkbox"/> Pistol II
<input type="checkbox"/> Sticks to Staffs	<input type="checkbox"/> Motor Boat Handling	<input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor Photography	<input type="checkbox"/> Reading the Woods
<input type="checkbox"/> Twig Detectives	<input type="checkbox"/> Nature's Creative	<input type="checkbox"/> Pioneer Village Tour	<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing
<input type="checkbox"/> Waterfowling	<input type="checkbox"/> Decor	<input type="checkbox"/> Pistol I	<input type="checkbox"/> Sticks to Staffs
	<input type="checkbox"/> Riflery	<input type="checkbox"/> Rock Climbing	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun I	<input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun II	
	<input type="checkbox"/> Woolly Buggers & Friends		
<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing III Pre-Session	<input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing III: River Adventure (ALL DAY CLASS) Must take pre-session on Friday		

Lodging is dormitory style and is based on four ladies per room. Use the space below to request up to three roommates:

(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

Registration Checklist:

- Both pages of registration form completed and signed
- Top 5 choices are clearly marked for Sessions 1, 2, 3, and 4
- \$175 check made payable to "Alabama 4-H Center" enclosed
- Mail check and registration form to:

**Information & Education Section
Alabama Dept. of Conservation
64 N. Union St., Suite 449
Montgomery, AL 36130**

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

(participant signature)

By signing above, I recognize the event involves risk and I take responsibility for action or injury that may result by participating. I agree to the following workshop policies.

Cancellation at least 14 days prior to the workshop entitles me to a full refund. After that date, a partial refund equal to half the registration fee will be returned. Written confirmation will be sent after receipt of my registration and payment. The AL Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources may use photographs taken at the event for promotional purposes.

Medical Information

For Office Use Only

I.D. _____

Date Rec. _____

1. Emergency, contact: _____

Weekend Phone (if different from home #) _____

Relationship: _____

2. List all prescription and non-prescription medicines currently being taken _____

3. List any allergies (foods, medicines, insects, etc.) _____

4. Medical History: (Check any of the following conditions you currently have or ever had.):

_____ Asthma _____ Heart Problems

_____ Stroke _____ Migraines

_____ Back Surgery _____ Chronic Back Problems

_____ Diabetes - If so, are you insulin dependent?
Yes _____ No _____

5. Do you wear contact lenses or glasses? Yes _____ No _____

6. Have you had a tetanus immunization within the past two years? Yes _____ No _____

7. Describe any physical condition that will require special assistance during the workshop. _____

BOW Sponsors

- Alpen Outdoor
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- The Orvis Company
- Tilia, Inc.
- Weatherby Foundation
- White Oak Plantation
- Wildlife Forever
- Wildlife Research Center
- Woods Wise Products
- Wrap It Up

Workshop Information

Register Online at
www.outdooralabama.com

Registration

Participants must be at least 18 years old to attend BOW. Classes are filled on a first-come, first-served basis, with preference given to first-time participants. Participants who register early are more likely to get their top choices of classes.

Confirmation letters will be sent via email or postal service for registrations received at least two weeks prior to the event. A map to the 4-H Center is on the back of this brochure. Driving instructions are also on the BOW website, www.outdooralabama.com/outdoor-adventures/events_for_women/bow/

Meals

Meals are cafeteria style and begin with supper on Friday. **Please eat lunch before arriving on Friday.** If you have special dietary needs, please let us know and we will try to accommodate them.



What to Bring

Classes are held outdoors, so bring clothing suitable for a variety of weather conditions. Also bring comfortable shoes, rain gear, bug spray, medications, and sunglasses/hat/visor. You may also bring money for the raffle, silent auction, soda machine, etc.

Cancellations

If you cancel more than 14 days prior, you will receive a full refund. If you cancel less than 14 days before the workshop, half the registration fee will be refunded.

Lodging

Lodging is dormitory style. Most dorm rooms have two bunk beds with a bathroom. Cabins sleep up to 10 with a bathhouse nearby. All buildings are heated and cooled. Linens are provided.

Silent Auction

Proceeds from the Silent Auction provide BOW scholarships for those who need financial assistance. Your donation of items to be auctioned is appreciated. Items such as walking staffs, handmade crafts and birdhouses have been donated in the past. Please be prepared to pay for all purchases before leaving on Sunday.

Scholarship Raffle

A raffle for a free BOW scholarship will take place with proceeds going to provide registration fees for those who need financial assistance. Tickets are \$5 each.

Please Note

Organizing the BOW workshop takes place months in advance, and every effort is made to offer all scheduled classes. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, instructors, topics and schedules may change. In the event of an unforeseen cancellation, participants are offered an alternative class.

Questions

If you have questions that are not answered in this brochure, call 1-800-262-3151 or email spayne@dcnr.state.al.us.

Mark Your Calendar!

March 4-6, 2005

is the next Alabama

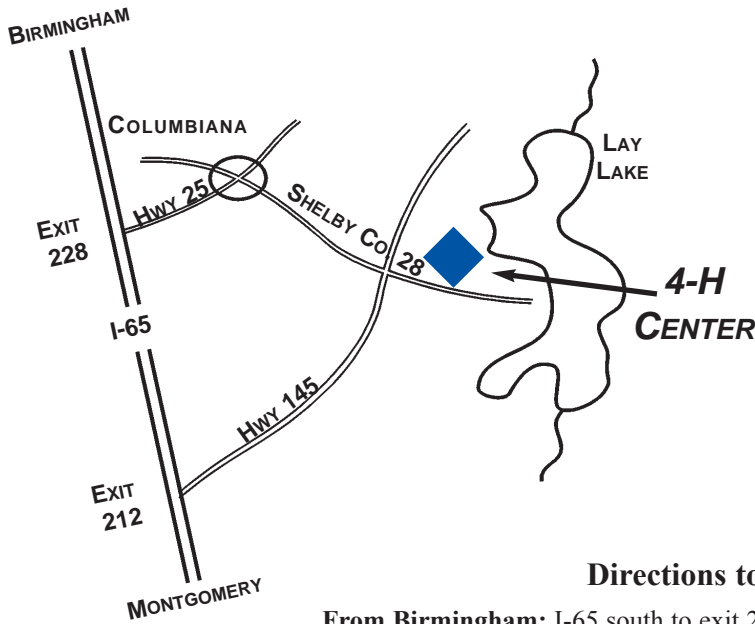
***Becoming an
Outdoors-Woman***

Workshop!

The Alabama 4-H Center

The 4-H Center is a modern conference center located in the forested hills of Shelby County overlooking Lay Lake. The Center's facilities provide all necessary amenities for *Becoming an Outdoors Woman* participants, including dormitory lodging, cafeteria-style meals, and bath facilities. Linens are provided. All buildings are heated and cooled, and within walking distance of workshop activities. Alcohol is prohibited at the facility. If you have special dietary requirements that cannot be accommodated by standard buffet-style dining, refrigerator space will be made available.

More information about the Center is available from:
Alabama 4-H Youth Development Center
(205) 669-4241 — www.alabama4hcenter.org



Directions to the Alabama 4-H Center

From Birmingham: I-65 south to exit 228; then follow AL Hwy 25 to Columbiana; at first stop light (Hwy 25/70 intersection), turn right onto College St; continue through Columbiana on College St. until Shelby County Road 28 forks right; follow Co. Rd. 28 to “4-H Center” sign.

From Montgomery: I-65 north to exit 212; turn right onto AL Hwy 145, continue for approximately 20 mi; turn right onto Shelby County Road 28; follow Co. Rd. 28 to “4-H Center” sign.

For more information on BOW contact Sylvia Payne, Information and Education Section
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