

Jacksonville State University

Field School



29th Annual Calendar of Events

We are pleased and delighted to announce our 2020 programs! They are all designed for those who want to know more and do more. Thank you for taking a look, signing up and contacting us if you have any questions or suggestions. JSU Field School partners with the National Park Service, Alabama State Parks, US Forest Service, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Alabama Cooperative Extension, and many others to provide these unique educational opportunities.

For more information and registration, please contact us at jwayner@jsu.edu or 256-845-3548:

Niki Wayner, Assistant Education Director JSU Field School

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January

Hike with a Naturalist

Join the JSU Field School staff on these monthly hikes as we hit the trail and explore Little River Canyon National Preserve. Trails will be determined and announced closer to time and hike time will be dependent on trail (stay tuned to FB for further details) Things to bring: Plenty of water and/or sports drink, snacks, hiking poles/staff (optional), sturdy shoes (open toe shoes are not recommended). Please be sure to dress appropriately according to seasonal temperatures/weather.

WEATHER: As with all outdoor events, if it's raining/stormy or very poor trail conditions, we may have to cancel. If the weather is questionable, please check with the park before leaving home. Please make every effort to arrive early or on time so that

you do not hold up the group.

When: Monday, January 27, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9 am (CST)

For more details call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu

Winter Photography Workshop

Come visit Little River Canyon and join Fine Art Photographer John Dersham for a two-day seminar on winter photography. On Friday evening, you will be in the classroom learning how to improve your photography by utilizing tried and true compositional rules. In addition, you will learn about lighting and strategies that will provide more visual impact to your pictures. Saturday will be spent in the field putting everything you have learned into action at Little River Falls and at the amazing overlooks of the Scenic Rim road. (Hikes are short and are easy to moderate and optional.)

Date: Friday evening, January 31st and Saturday, February 1st, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, (Bring a day pack with lunch/drinks on Saturday)

Fee: \$20 supply fee, pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 15 students (ages 14 and up)

February

Canyon Kids-Animals

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and neighbors to creatively learn about animals, plants, bugs, and more with JSU Field Schools. Your children (ages 3 years-3rd graders) will want to attend ALL of these hands-on outdoor adventures!

Date: Friday, February 7, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (CST)

Pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 15 students

Longleaf Pine Needle Basketry Class

Learn the basics of pine needle basketry, an old craft with a long history.

Join artist Brittney Hughes to learn the basic steps to making a coiled basket from longleaf pine needles. Each participant will learn the basic skills of pine needle basketry and take home their very own creation.

The art of coiling baskets is universally common to indigenous peoples. Coiling is the technique of creating baskets and art from pine needles and was a part of pre-Columbian Native American crafts. Today, pine needle baskets and art are made primarily for decorative purposes.

All materials (pine needles, thread, and small center for basket) will be furnished. Class is for ages 10 and up.

When: Saturday, February 8, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, Alabama

Time: 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (CST)

Fee: \$25 supply fee- Supply fee due day of class

Pre-registration required; class number is limited to 12. To register and for details, 256-997-5025 or email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov

Dutch Oven Campfire Cooking Demo

Dutch ovens have been in use for hundreds of years; especially when our country was expanding and families were on the move. Unable to bring their large cook stoves with them, women learned how to cook entire meals from stews & soups to bread & desserts, in their Dutch ovens. Learn the basics about Dutch ovens, how to clean & care for your cookware, AND cook (& eat!) dinner & dessert at the same time!

Starts around 10:00 am, located at JSU's Little River Canyon Center. This is a demonstration, so the best part is when food is just coming off the fire- drop in whenever you like & check out the food!

Date: Sunday, February 9, 2020
Time: 10 am-Until the food runs out
Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center
Call 256-845-3548 for more details

The Art of Woodburning: Welcome Sign

Pyrography or woodburning is the art of decorating wood or other materials, the term meaning “writing with fire” dating back to the 17th century. Participants in this class will learn the basic techniques of decorative wood burning and painting designs from artist, April Blanks, and will work on a 6 x 9 inch welcome sign piece. This class is for ages 14 to adult.

Date: Saturday, February 22, 2020
Time: 2 options: 10 am-Noon OR 1 pm-3 pm CST
Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center

Fee: \$25 supply fee, pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 10 students per workshop time (ages 14 and up)

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When: Monday, February 24, 2020
Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9 am (CST)

For more details contact 256-845-3548.

March

Waterfalls Van Tour & Easy Hike

Join JSU Field School and DeSoto State Park staff on a tour exploring Little River Canyon National Preserve and DeSoto State Park waterfalls. These are easy to moderate hikes on rocky dirt trails. You will see some well-known waterfalls, as well as some hidden treasures. This trip is dependent on water levels.

Things to bring: Plenty of water and/or sports drink, snacks, hiking poles/staff (optional), sturdy shoes (open toe shoes are not recommended). Please be sure to dress appropriately according to seasonal temperatures/weather. We will be stopping at DeSoto State Park's restaurant for lunch or if you prefer, please bring your lunch.

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Date: Wednesday, March 4, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon and Desoto State Park. Meet at JSU's Little River Canyon Center.

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (CST); JSU Van shuttle for tour

Fee: \$25, pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu by March 2, 2020 Limit 9 participants (ages 14 and up)

Canyon Kids-Discovery Hike

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and neighbors to creatively learn about animals, plants, bugs, and more with JSU Field Schools. Your children (ages 3 years-3rd graders) will want to attend ALL of these hands-on outdoor adventures!

Date: Friday, March 6, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (CST)

Pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 15 students

Archaeology Hike: Sacred Stone Structures

Rock mounds, stone effigy structures and more...join JSU archaeologist, Dr. Harry Holstein, for this fascinating hike in the Mountain Longleaf Refuge near White Plains, AL. The group will begin with a 45 minute 'Sacred Stone' program in the Archaeology Lab at JSU. Hikes are moderate level with some steep, short trails to get to these structures.

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2020

Where: Meet in Room 142 Martin Hall (JSU Campus)

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (CST)

Fee: \$20, pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 10 participants (ages 14 and up)

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Date: Saturday, March 7, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon and DeSoto State Park. Meet at JSU's Little River Canyon Center.

Time: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm (CST); JSU Van shuttle for tour

Fee: \$25 supply fee, pre-registration required by March 5, 2020, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 9 participants (ages 14 and up)

Season of Spring: Plants and their Remedies

Join Field School Instructor, Donna Smith, for our Spring class in the *Seasonal Wellness Series*. For the beginner to the experienced, this series will assist you in learning more about our native plants, their many uses, and seasonal preparation of your herbal medicine garden.

When: Saturday, March 21, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, Alabama

Time: 9 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (CST)

Fee: \$25 supply fee, pre-registration required by calling 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 20 students (ages 14 and up)

Note: Be sure to bring your lunch for the day, since lunch is not provided.

Spring Break Camp for Kids

Has your child ever wanted to learn more about being outdoors? This class presented by Robert Wilson of Seven Pines Survival is perfect for them! The Spring Break: Survival Adventure for children ages 9- 13 years of age is a five day class focused on keeping you safe in the woods. Topics include:

- 1) Introduction to survival/Building your own survival kit
- 2) Core Temper Control
- 3) Shelters-from a survival kit and primitive
- 4) Fire Safety and fire building
- 5) Water- how to collect safely and how to purify it
- 6) Navigation-how to use a compass and read basic maps
- 7) Methods to prevent yourself from getting lost and how to evaluate your area
- 8) Food-what you can and cannot eat, how to find food and what to do with it

Space is limited to 10 kids, so sign up now by emailing jwayner@jsu.edu or by calling Niki Wayner at 256-845-3548.

We don't provide meals for this adventure, so we would ask for you to pack 2 snacks and a lunch for your kids' days out. Don't forget a water bottle filled with water and also bring sun and bug screen. Proper clothes: we would suggest pants and hiking boots, hat if they wish, and some gloves if they want. We will be tramping around in long grass, briers, and mud (aka having a blast!)

This camp will also focus on nature and art, just like all of JSU Field School camps!

Dates: Spring Break, March 23-27, 2020

Time: 8 am drop off-3 pm pick up

Where: Meet at the Little River Canyon Center

Fee: \$200 per child, pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 10 students (minimum of 5)

Nature's Classroom: Plants

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Date: March 30, 2020

Every Monday from March 30 to May 18, 2020

Time: 9:30 a- 3:00 p

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Fee: \$200 per family for the full 8 weeks, pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration contact Robert Wilson at Seven Pines Survival (sps@sevenpinessurvival.com). Must have a minimum of 3 families for this class

Hike with a Naturalist

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When: Monday, March 30, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9 am (CST)

For more details contact 256-845-3548

April

Canyon Kids-Primitive Skills

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and neighbors to creatively learn about animals, plants, bugs, and more with JSU Field Schools and Seven Pines Survival. Your children (ages 3 years-3rd graders) will want to attend ALL of these hands-on outdoor adventures!

Date: Friday, April 3, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (CST)

Pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 15 students.

Photography Workshop

Join Fine Art Photographer John Dersham for a two-day seminar on how to improve your photography by learning tried and true compositional rules. In addition learn about lighting and strategies that will provide more visual impact to your pictures. Hikes are short and are easy to moderate (optional).

Date: Friday evening, April 3rd and Saturday, April 4th, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne (Bring a day pack with lunch/drinks)

Fee: \$20 per person; pre-registration required; call 256-845-3548 for more details and to register (Limit 15)

Stalking the Wild with the Southern Herbalist (Darryl Patton)

This workshop is designed for both homesteader and prepper alike to learn the art of using plants in everyday life. This program will be presented by Darryl Patton, well-known herbalist and author of "The Southern Herbalist."

Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Fee: \$20, pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 20 students (ages 14 and up)

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focus on plant education and also some wildcrafting. This is a must have class if you want to learn to forage from the landscape for both medicinal and edible use. This a great class for kids: draw, write, build your own journal for plant identification, and build your own herbariums. Extra information is also provided each week so that the parents can go home and reinforce/ further instruct on that week's lesson material.

Date: April 6, 2020

Every Monday from March 30 to May 18, 2020

Time: 9:30 a- 3:00 p

Where: Little River Canyon Center

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Date: April 13, 2020

Every Monday from March 30 to May 18, 2020

Time: 9:30 a- 3:00 p

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Fee: \$200 per family for the full 8 weeks, pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration contact Robert Wilson at Seven Pines Survival (sps@sevenpinessurvival.com).

Must have a minimum of 3 families for this class

Earth Fest

Celebrate Earth Day with JSU Field Schools at the Little River Canyon Center. Come visit with different environmental groups from the state, see live animal shows, meet Big Foot, listen to music, visit artists, make crafts, and join us for a hike. Call 256-845-3548 for schedule starting in April.

Date: Saturday, April 18, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm (CST)

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Date: April 20, 2020

Every Monday from March 30 to May 18, 2020

Time: 9:30 a- 3:00 p

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Fee: \$200 per family for the full 8 weeks, pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration contact Robert Wilson at Seven Pines Survival (sps@sevenpinessurvival.com).

Must have a minimum of 3 families for this class

Compass 101

Your compass does more than just point North! Come join Robert Wilson of Seven Pines Survival and JSU Field School Staff for the day as we teach you and your family some of the basic skills and uses of compasses. In this class, we will focus on maps and compass skills. What to bring: water bottle, snacks/lunch, notebook, pencil. What to

wear: pants and closed toed shoes are recommended, a hat if desired, and bug repellent/sunscreen. Space is limited!

Date: April 25, 2020

Time: 9 am-4 pm

Class Size: limited to 10

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Date: April 27, 2020

Every Monday from March 30 to May 18, 2020

Time: 9:30 a- 3:00 p

Where: Little River Canyon Center

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When: Monday, April 27, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9 am (CST)

For more details contact 256-845-3548

May

Canyon Kids-plants

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and neighbors to creatively learn about animals, plants, bugs, and more with JSU Field Schools. Your children (ages 3 years-3rd graders) will want to attend ALL of these hands-on outdoor adventures!

Date: Friday, May 1, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (CST)

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great class for kids: draw, write, build your own journal for plant identification, and build your own herbariums. Extra information is also provided each week so that the parents can go home and reinforce/ further instruct on that week's lesson material.

Date: May 4, 2020

Every Monday from March 30 to May 18, 2020

Time: 9:30 a- 3:00 p

Where: Little River Canyon Center

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Date: May 11, 2020

Every Monday from March 30 to May 18, 2020

Time: 9:30 a- 3:00 p

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Fee: \$200 per family for the full 8 weeks, pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration contact Robert Wilson at Seven Pines Survival (sps@sevenpinessurvival.com).

Must have a minimum of 3 families for this class

Birch Bark Baskets

Birch bark baskets have been used for hundreds of years for a number of different applications. Traditionally they were used for carrying food, water and storage. Birch

bark is a surprisingly durable material. Natural waxes in the tree make it water proof and when prepared properly even fire resistant. Join Robert Wilson of Seven Pines Survival to learn the art of making a birch bark basket.

Date: Saturday, May 16, 2020

Time: 9 am-Until baskets are complete

Fee: \$20 (includes all supplies)

Class Size: Minimum of 5, maximum of 15

Contact Robert Wilson at Seven Pines Survival for more information and to register (sps@sevenpinessurvival.com)

Primitive Painting with Nature

For many years, nature has supplied inspiration and also supplies for artists around the world. Join Robert Wilson of Seven Pines Survival to learn about various methods of utilizing nature for art. (Note: if you attend the Birch Bark Basketry class on May 16th, you can utilize this class to decorate it further.)

Date: Sunday, May 17, 2020

Time: Noon until done

Fee: \$20

Class Size: Minimum of 5, Maximum of 20

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Date: May 18, 2020

Every Monday from March 30 to May 18, 2020

Time: 9:30 a- 3:00 p

Where: Little River Canyon Center

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When: Monday, May 25, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9 am (CST)

For more details contact 256-845-3548

June

"The Art of Science" Canyon Camp for Children (Little River Canyon Center)

Our annual summer camp is back! This year's upper level camp will focus on art and science and how they mix. Hands-on environmental education, outdoor fun, art, and

exploration of the natural world abound in this camp. Remember that all camps fill quickly, so please register early. (Note: no lunch will be provided, so please bring lunch/snacks)

4th-6th Graders (Grade just completed)

Date: June 2-5, 2020 (Tuesday-Friday)

Time: 8 am-4 pm (Drop Off begins at 7:30 am) (CST)

Fee: \$200 per child (Covers materials and instructors)

Location: Canyon Center (Fort Payne, Alabama) Limit-10 kids

**Pre-registration required for all Canyon Camps by calling 256-845-3548.*

Canyon Kids

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and neighbors to creatively learn about animals, plants, bugs, and more with JSU Field Schools. Your children (ages 3 years-3rd graders) will want to attend ALL of these hands-on outdoor adventures!

Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (CST)

Pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 15 students

Canyon Kids

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and neighbors to creatively learn about animals, plants, bugs, and more with JSU Field Schools. Your children (ages 3 years-3rd graders) will want to attend ALL of these hands-on outdoor adventures!

Date: Wednesday, June 10, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (CST)

Pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 15 students

Canyon Camp for Children (Little River Canyon Center)

Our annual summer camp is back! Hands-on environmental education, outdoor fun, arts and exploration of the natural world abound in this camp. Children learn all about Little River Canyon and DeSoto State Park...the river, the plants and the animals! Remember that all camps fill quickly, so please register early. (Note: no lunch will be provided, so please bring lunch/snacks) **Pre-registration required for all Canyon Camps by calling 256-845-3548.*

2nd-4th Graders (*Grade just completed*)

Location: Canyon Center (Fort Payne, Alabama) Limit-10 kids

Date: June 16-19, 2020 (Tuesday-Friday)

Time: 8 am-4 pm (Drop Off begins at 7:30 am) (CST)

Fee: \$200 per child (Covers materials and instructors) Limit-10 kids

Canyon Kids

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Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (CST)

Pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 15 students

Season of Summer: Plants and their Remedies

Join Field School Instructor, Donna Smith, for our Summer class in the *Seasonal Wellness Series*. For the beginner to the experienced, this series will assist you in learning more about our native plants, their many uses, and seasonal preparation of your herbal medicine garden.

When: Saturday, June 27, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, Alabama

Time: 9 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (CST)

Fee: \$25 supply fee, pre-registration required by calling 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu

Limit 20 students (ages 14 and up)

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Hike with a Naturalist

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When: Monday, June 29, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9 am (CST)

For more details contact 256-845-3548

July

Canyon Kids

Bring your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews and neighbors to creatively learn about animals, plants, bugs, and more with JSU Field Schools. Your children (ages 3 years-3rd graders) will want to attend ALL of these hands-on outdoor adventures!

Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (CST)

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Date: Wednesday, July 8, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (CST)

Pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 15 students

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Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (CST)

Pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 15 students

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Date: Wednesday, July 22, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9:00 am – 10:00 am (CST)

Pre-registration required, for more details and for pre-registration call 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu Limit 15 students

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When: Monday, July 27, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9 am (CST)

For more details contact 256-845-3548

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Where: Little River Canyon Center

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August

Guided Archaeology Tour of Calhoun & St. Clair Counties

Come along with JSU's Dr. Harry Holstein for a guided archaeology tour of various sites throughout Calhoun and St. Clair counties. We will visit Janney Iron Furnace, a 19th century battlefield and river locks, a prehistoric Indian village, and much more. Participants should bring their own lunch and drinks. Transportation is provided; space is limited. Be sure to register early!

Date: Saturday, August 8, 2020

Where: Jacksonville, AL (Meeting location to be disclosed upon registration)

Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm (CST)

Fee: \$20 per person (ages 14 and older) Pre-registration is required by calling 256-845-3548.

Longleaf Pine Needle Basketry Class

Learn the basics of pine needle basketry, an old craft with a long history.

Join artist Brittney Hughes to learn the basic steps to making a coiled basket from longleaf pine needles. Each participant will learn the basic skills of pine needle basketry and take home their very own creation.

The art of coiling baskets is universally common to indigenous peoples. Coiling is the technique of creating baskets and art from pine needles and was a part of pre-Columbian Native American crafts. Today, pine needle baskets and art are made primarily for decorative purposes.

All materials (pine needles, thread, and small center for basket) will be furnished. Class is for ages 10 and up.

When: Saturday, August 15, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, Alabama

Time: 10 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (CST)

Fee: \$25 supply fee- Supply fee due day of class

Pre-registration required; class number is limited to 12. To register and for more details, call 256-997-5025 or email Brittney.Hughes@dcnr.alabama.gov

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When: Monday, August 31, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9 am (CST)

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September

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When: Monday, September 28, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9 am (CST)

For more details contact 256-845-3548

October

9th Annual Canyon Half Marathon

The Little River Canyon Center will host its eighth annual "Little River Half Marathon." This certified 13.1 mile course follows the rim of the canyon before winding its way through the area's beautiful farm country.

Date: Saturday, October 10, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: 8:00 am (CST) Fee: pre-registration required; call 256-782-8010 for more details

Seventh Annual Barktoberfest

Bring your dogs and human family to this event where the Canyon Center staff features dog games, and presentations on all topics canine such as dog adoption, dog advocacy, service dogs, and much more! More details to come!

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Call 256-845-3548 for more details/schedule

Season of Fall: Plants and their Remedies

Join Field School Instructor, Donna Smith, for our Fall class in the *Seasonal Wellness Series*. For the beginner to the experienced, this series will assist you in learning more about our native plants, their many uses, and seasonal preparation of your herbal medicine garden.

When: Saturday, October 3, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, Alabama

Time: 9 a.m.-3:00 p.m. (CST)

*Fee: \$25 supply fee, pre-registration required by calling 256-845-3548 or email jwayner@jsu.edu
Limit 20 students (ages 14 and up)*

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When: Monday, October 26, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9 am (CST)

For more details contact 256-845-3548

November

Guided Archaeology Tour of Cherokee and DeKalb Counties

Come along with JSU archaeologist Dr. Harry Holstein for a guided tour of sites throughout Cherokee and DeKalb counties. Participants will visit the 19th century Cornwall Iron Furnace, a Spanish contact site at Coosa village, a rock shelter in use as early as 3000 B.C., and much more. This will be an unforgettable all-day event. Bring your own food and drinks. Transportation is provided. Space is limited so register early!

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2020

Where: Near Fort Payne, AL (Meeting location disclosed at registration)

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm (CST)

Fee: \$20 per person (Ages 14 and over); pre-registration required by calling 256-845-3548

12th Annual Canyon Fest

Join us for this 12th annual celebration! Don't miss the live music, nature and art activities, demonstrations, great food, vendors, and fun at this signature festival designed to celebrate our canyon and the natural world.

Date: Saturday, November 7, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, AL

Fee: No Fee; call 256-845-3548 for more details (Anna Lindsey)

Photography Workshop

Join Fine Art Photographer John Dersham for a two-day seminar on how to improve your photography by learning tried and true compositional rules. In addition learn about lighting and strategies that will provide more visual impact to your pictures. Hikes are short and are easy to moderate (optional).

Date: Friday evening, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center in Fort Payne, (Bring a day pack with lunch/drinks on Saturday)

Fee: \$20 per person; pre-registration required; call 256-845-3548 for more details (Limit 15)

5th Annual Black Friday #OptOutside Hike

Join us for this gathering on Black Friday. Spend the morning hiking in the beautiful Little River Canyon area with our staff. Things to bring: Plenty of water and/or sports drink, snacks/lunch, hiking poles/staff (optional), sturdy shoes (open toe shoes are not recommended). Please be sure to dress appropriately according to seasonal temperatures/weather.

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Date: Friday, November 27, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Time: TBD

Fee: Free; call 256-845-3548 for more details

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When: Monday, November 30, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9 am (CST)

For more details contact 256-845-3548

December

Canyon Christmas

An annual tradition to celebrate the season that is filled with holiday spirit and activities including Christmas arts and crafts, a gift shop, a visit with Santa, and more!

Date: Saturday, December 12, 2020

Where: Little River Canyon Center

Call 256-845-3548 for more details/ schedule

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When: Monday, December 28, 2020

Where: JSU's Little River Canyon Center

Time: 9 am (CST)

For more details contact 256-845-3548