



**Janet Huckabee Arkansas River Valley Nature Center
REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES
SEPT – DEC 2018**

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 – 4:30

Sunday 1:00 – 5:00

Closed Mondays

Closed Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd for Thanksgiving

Closed Tuesday, December 25th for Christmas

DAILY

2pm Daily “Critter Crunch” Animal Feeding

Friday – snake feeding

Saturday – fish feeding in the large aquarium

For the rest of the week, stop by to see which surprise critter is having lunch.

WEEKLY

Friday 3:45 pm Nature Break – Join the nature center staff for a short 30 minute nature break activity designed for 3-7 year olds.

Saturday 10:00am Guided Hike – A member of the education staff will lead a hike along one of our many trails. Dress for the weather, and don't forget your camera!

Saturday Noon – 2:00pm Canoe and Kayak Program – Staff members will assist boaters on Wells Lake. It's a great family activity. A parent or guardian must accompany children. Participants are required to wear a life jacket, which will be provided. This activity is weather permitting, and will not be available in the winter months of Dec – Feb.

Saturday 3:00 pm Laser Shot – Think you're a “dead-eye”? Sharpen your hunting skills using a computer program similar to a video game, complete with laser gun. This activity is dependent upon the availability of the Multipurpose Room.

Sunday 2:30 pm Archery – Everyone is encouraged to take part in this beginner's guide to archery. We provide the bows and arrows, safety and basic instruction.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

SEPTEMBER 2018

Mid-Summer Moth Watch- Friday, September 14th at 8:30 p.m. - University of Arkansas entomologists will attract night-flying moths using bright white lights and black (ultraviolet) lights. As the moths are attracted to the lights they will light on a large white background suitable for photos. We'll supplement the lights with a fruit and sugar mixture designed to attract moths in to our local area. It'll be a great night to get acquainted with moths we don't often see because of their later flight times. Bring cameras, insect books for moth identification and a healthy curiosity about the moths of the night!

Hunter Education- Saturday, September 15th from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **See details on the back of this brochure.

Reduce, Reuse, & Recycle- Tuesday, September 18th at 6:00 p.m. - Keep Fort Smith Beautiful will discuss the impact of litter on our world and what actions people can take to keep our environment clean, green and beautiful. This program is geared toward children, but adults will also benefit.

Fab Five National Hunting and Fishing Day Event- Saturday, September 22nd Noon to 4:00 p.m. Join us for our 11th Annual National Hunting and Fishing Day events. All ages are invited to play just for fun!

Sportsmen's Alliance Heritage Fishing Day- Saturday, September 29th from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Join the Sportsmen's Alliance for a fishing derby that will include teaching skills such as casting, knot tying, fish handling, regulations & seasons, and cleaning & prepping of your catch! Register online at SPORTSMENSALLIANCE.ORG/HDFDFORTSMITH

OCTOBER 2018

Trapping Program- Saturday, October 6th at 1:00 p.m. - Join us for a learning experience on trapping: what to trap, the different kinds of traps, and how they work.

Introduction to Bowfishing- Friday, October 12th at 6:00 p.m. – Join the Nature Center staff in this introductory program on the basics of Bowfishing. We will discuss rules and regulations, seasons, and equipment. Then we will go out to Wells Lake and try our hand at shooting some of our Bowfishing targets.

Hunter Education- Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday, October 15th, 16th, & 18th from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. – All three nights are required. **See details on the back of this brochure.

Evening Canoes on Wells Lake- Tuesday, October 16th at 6:00 p.m. Staff members will assist boaters on Wells Lake. A parent or guardian must accompany children. Participants are required to wear life jackets, which are provided. This activity is weather permitting.

How to Hunt on a Wildlife Management Area- Saturday, October 27th at 10:00 a.m. – Don't have access to private land for hunting? Arkansas Game & Fish Biologists will go over the ins and outs of hunting on WMA's, specifically Mount Magazine WMA.

November 2018

Youth Duck Hunt Workshop- Friday & Saturday, November 2nd 6:00-8:30 p.m. & November 3rd 10-12:30 p.m. – This two day event is directed towards youth (16 & under) interested in learning about duck hunting in Arkansas. Participants will learn about the requirements and techniques for Waterfowl hunting as well as duck identification. The following day, participants will meet offsite to try their hand at trap shooting with the Nature Center staff. Equipment will be provided. A parent or guardian must be present. Registration is required. **Call 479-452-3993 to register.**

Duck Decoy Painting- Saturday, November 10th at 1:00 p.m. - For thousands of years, man has created waterfowl decoys to entice birds into range for harvest. That tradition is still carried on today with a more modern day approach. Come paint your very own decoy you can take home. Registration not required but requested.

Basic Crappie Fishing- Tuesday, November 13th at 6:00 p.m. -We will discuss introductory methods and techniques that will help improve your ability to target Crappie. Some of the topics will include locating Crappie, habitat, equipment needs, baits (live/natural and artificial) and techniques for working artificial baits. Registration is not required but requested.

Hunter Education- Saturday, November 17th from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. **See details on the back of this brochure.

December 2018

Basic Vine Wreath Making- Saturday, December 8th at 10:00 a.m. - Learn the basics of making and decorating a wreath. Registration is required. You may bring your own accents or use those provided.

Game Meat Recipes- Saturday, December 14th at 6:00 p.m. - From forest to the table, Staff will show participants the various techniques to cook and prepare meals using game meat such as squirrel, deer, and other meat. This event will include tasting of different dishes and recipes for members. Registration is not required but requested.

HUNTER EDUCATION COURSE

The course teaches fundamentals of safe and responsible hunting, is free and open to all ages. Anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1969, must complete a hunter education course and carry a valid hunter education card to hunt in Arkansas. This is an instructor led class with hands on demonstrations. This class will end with a test to pass the course. Registration is required. Register at <https://register-ed.com>. Pick Arkansas as the state, and view upcoming events for Hunter Education Classroom until you find the specific date you want.