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Shawnee National Forest

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FALL 2014 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

August

Smokey Bear Birthday Celebration	Wednesday, August 20 th 3:30pm – 5:30pm Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds, Jonesboro, IL	Join the Forest Service as we celebrate Smokey Bear’s 70 th Birthday! There will be fun activities for all family members to enjoy. Don’t forget your camera for photo opportunities.
DuQuoin State Fair Parade	Friday, August 22 nd 6:00pm DuQuoin Fairgrounds	Come and enjoy the DuQuoin State Fair Twilight Parade. Be sure to keep your eye out for Smokey Bear and the USDA Forest Service.

September

Disabled Veterans Dove Hunt and Fishing Event <i>Limited to 25 participants. Pre-registration is required. Call 1-800-699-6637</i>	Wednesday, September 6 th Dove Hunt – 6:30am-10:00am <i>Check in at 6:00am</i> Fishing – 10:00am-12:00pm <i>Bait and tackle provided</i> Pennant Bar Openlands, Grantsburg, IL	Lunch will be provided by the Friends of the Shawnee National Forest to event participants. Disabled veterans possess Disabled Veterans ID card. All participants must possess proper requirement under the IL hunting and fishing laws.
Wilderness Explorer Training <i>Preregistration is required; call the Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station 618-833-8576</i>	Saturday, September 20 10:00am – 12:00am Panther Den Trailhead	Celebrate the 50 th anniversary of the Wilderness Act by becoming a certified Wilderness Explorer. Join the Forest Service in the wilderness as they help you begin the workbook. Recommended ages 7-15. Please bring water, wear sturdy shoes and appropriate clothing.
Oakwood Bottoms 50th Celebration	Saturday, September 27 1:00pm – 3:00pm Oakwood Bottoms Interpretive Site, Grand Tower, IL	Join the U.S. Forest Service, Nat’l Wild Turkey Federation, IL. Audubon Society & Ducks Unlimited for the 50 th anniversary celebration of Oakwood Bottoms. This family friendly event includes special speakers, information sharing and site visits. Oakwood Bottoms provides habitat for nesting and migrating birds, fish, and a variety of other wildlife.

Questing Workshop

For more information and to register please contact Wendy Cowsert at 618-253-7114 or via email: wcowsert@fs.fed.us

Saturday, September 27
9:00am-12:00pm
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A quest is a community treasure hunt that guides people through and teaches them how to see a unique community treasure. This treasure might be a natural feature in the community, a cultural site, or perhaps the unfolding of a particular story. Join us as we guide everyone as a group in developing a new Shawnee National Forest Quest.

October

Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR)

ENTICE Workshop – Wild Cats

Registration fee for this workshop is \$10.00. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.enticeworkshops.com>

Saturday, October 4
9:00am-3:00pm
Lincoln Memorial Picnic
Grounds, Jonesboro, IL

This workshop is part of the ENTICE (Environment and Nature Training Institute for Conservation Education) program from the IDNR. Although targeted to educators of grades K through 8th teachers of other grade levels are welcome to register and attend the workshop but may need to adapt the information. CPDUs are available.

Young Trekkers

Preregistration is required for any Young Trekker program; call Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station 618-833-8576

October 8th, 15th, and 22st
4:00pm – 5:00pm
Vienna City Park,
Vienna, IL

This is an afterschool program designed to encourage children to get outdoors and discover the many wonders of the world around them. Each Wednesday we will set forth on a journey that will allow us to uncover the biodiversity that is happening in our very own backyard.
Strong storms and bad weather will cancel program

Critter Night

Large groups (Scouts, 4-H Club, etc.) please call ahead to preregister; Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station 618-833-8576

Friday, October 17, 2014
4:30pm-6:30pm
Lincoln Memorial Picnic
Grounds, Jonesboro, IL

Come join the Forest Service, Friends of the Shawnee National Forest, and UNIMIN Minerals, Inc. in an educational evening of activities and crafts centered on nocturnal animals. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket.

Trigg's Ozark Trails and Tours

For tour itinerary, fees, and registration contact the Shawnee National Forest at 1-800-699-6637

Saturday, October 25th

Please join us by experiencing an Ozark Tour of southeastern Illinois just like the ones made famous by Col. L.O. Trigg during the 1930s. There will be astonishing sites to see, short hikes, catered meals, and campfire stories under an amazing array of autumn forest colors.

Event made possible with the help of the Illinois Ozarks www.illinoisozarks.com



All events are free unless otherwise noted



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