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SHAWNEE NATIONAL FOREST

Fall 2012
Programs and Activities



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SEPTEMBER

Trees Are Terrific

*A Roving Ranger Program, Hosted by the Harrisburg Park District
Memorial Park, Harrisburg, IL (bandstand picnic area)*

**Saturday, Sept. 15th
9AM-10AM**

Trees provide us many things on this earth that we all need. Like oxygen, food, and wood, just to name a few. Join us and learn all about what makes trees so terrific. The program will include fun activities and a craft.

Contact: Isaac Creek, Shawnee NF Headquarters 618-253-7114

Green Fire Documentary

Longbranch Coffeehouse, Carbondale, IL

**Thursday, Sept. 20th
7-8:30PM**

A documentary film about legendary environmentalist, Aldo Leopold, the film *Green Fire* highlights Leopold's extraordinary career, tracing how he shaped and influenced the modern environmental movement. Leopold remains relevant today, inspiring projects all over the country that connect people and land. Longbranch kitchen will have extended hours for those who wish to order dinner.

Contact: Forest Headquarters, 618-253-7114

Hunting and Fishing Days

John A. Logan College

**Sept. 22nd and 23rd
Saturday 9AM-5PM
Sunday 9AM-4PM**

Join us in celebrating the Silver Anniversary (25 years) of Southern Illinois Hunting and Fishing Days. This event was created to celebrate our heritage of hunting and fishing in Illinois. It is an educational, family event, dedicated to teaching ethics, safety, and conservation in order to enhance the outdoor experience.

Visit www.sihfd.org for more information.

National Public Lands Day

Saturday, Sept. 29th

*Panther Den Wilderness Service Day 9:30AM-1PM

*Garden of the Gods Service Day 9:30AM-1PM

Education Programs & Entertainment 2PM-7PM

Celebrate your public lands by volunteering for one of three service projects*, including trash cleanup at the Garden of the Gods observation trail, graffiti cleanup at the Garden of the Gods Indian Point trail, or trail maintenance at Panther Den Wilderness. Afterward, enjoy an afternoon of exciting and educational outdoor activities that are sure to inspire people of all ages to get outside. Choose from budget photography, hiking and orienteering, and canoeing. Finally, relax and cap off the day with live musical entertainment.

*Registration is required for the service projects portion of Natl. Public Lands Day.

Contact: Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station, 618-833-8576 Ext. 103 or
shawneevolunteer corps@yahoo.com

*Registration Required

All programs are free unless otherwise noted.

OCTOBER

Wildfire Prevention & Smokey Bear

**Saturday, October. 20th
9AM-10AM**

*A Roving Ranger Program, Hosted by the Harrisburg Park District
Memorial Park, Harrisburg, IL (bandstand picnic area)*

Wildfires are a threat to the forest and possibly to nearby cities. Many of these fires are caused by human neglect and can be prevented. Come meet Smokey Bear and learn what you can do to help prevent wildfires.

Contact: Isaac Creek, Shawnee NF Headquarters 618-253-7114

Critter Night

**Friday, Oct. 19th
4:30-6:30PM**

*Lincoln Memorial Picnic Grounds
521 N. Main St. Jonesboro, IL*

Come join the Forest Service and UNIMIN Minerals, Inc. in an educational evening of activities and crafts centered on nocturnal animals. New activities include a sensory hike around the pond, white-nosed bat syndrome and astronomy. Bring a lawn chair.

*Large groups (Scouts, 4-H clubs, etc.)--Please call ahead to pre-register.

Contact: Mississippi Bluffs Ranger Station, 618-833-8576

Sustainable Living Expo

**Saturday, Oct. 27th
9AM-4PM**

*Dixon Springs Agricultural Center
Hwy 145 near Glendale, IL*

Take a scenic drive to rural Pope county and experience this one-of-a-kind outdoor event focused on sustainability in the broadest sense. Over 150 available presentations and demonstrations on home energy, local foods, conservation, and survival. Exhibit tent featuring products and services related to sustainable living; artisan tent showcasing local creativity; kid's area with hands-on activities; energy wall exhibit; and more!

Good Choices. Smart Living. *Help Yourself.*

Contact: www.SLEexpo.org or www.facebook.com/SLEexpo or call (618) 638-6954

NOVEMBER

Professional Development:

**Saturday, Nov. 10th
9:30AM-3:30PM**

Population Connection/Facing the Future*

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Join the Shawnee National Forest in a day of engaging and fun activities from the Population Connection curriculum! Get informed about the connection between our human population, environmental concerns, and social dilemmas. Materials are geared towards 4th through 12th grade students, but those who work with other age levels are also welcome. Participants will walk away with plenty of new ideas and a variety of materials to take back to their site to use as well, so don't miss out! *Registration required.

Contact: Amanda Patrick, Public Affairs Officer, 618-253-1031 or apatrick@fs.fed.us

*Registration Required

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Shawnee Fall Service Days*

Enjoy the beauty of the Shawnee while making a difference on your national forest. Join the **Shawnee Volunteer Corps** in building and/or maintaining trails in different areas of the Forest. ***Preregistration is required for all workdays.**

Saturday, Sept. 15th	Panther Den
Saturday, Sept. 29 <i>(National Public Lands Day)</i>	Panther Den
Saturday, Oct. 6th	Hidden Springs
Saturday, Oct. 13th	Panther Den
Saturday, Oct. 20th	Panther Den
Sunday, Oct. 21st	Hidden Springs
Sunday, Oct. 28th	Panther Den
Saturday, Nov. 3rd	Panther Den
Sunday, Nov. 4th	Hidden Springs

Time: 9:00AM-3:00PM

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