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News Release

For Immediate Release

Outdoor Initiatives schedule for November and December

The Springfield-Greene County Park Board's Outdoor Initiatives offers a variety of outdoor and nature-based programs throughout November and December for youth, families and adults, including:

Archery Clinics

Try archery for the first time or brush up on your skills with National Archery in Schools Program instructors. Registration required by 5 p.m. the Tues. before.

Valley Water Mill Park 833-8647

Age: 8 yrs. and up

Date: Nov. 16 & Dec. 14

Time: Sat., 1-2:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5/Person

Youth Archery Tournaments

Put your eagle-eye archery shooting skills to the test in this Archery Tournament with National Archery in Schools Program instructors. Prizes awarded. Registration required by 5 p.m. the Tues. before.

Valley Water Mill Park 833-8647

Age: 8 yrs. and up

Date: Nov. 16 & Dec. 14

Time: Sat., 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$5/10-shots

Backpacking Cooking Clinics

Learn how to cook while backpacking. Includes packing, setting up camp kitchen and hands-on cooking with fun and easy recipes. Registration required one week in advance.

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Age: 11 yrs. and up (15 yrs. & under with Adult)

Date: Sat., Nov. 2

Time: 10 a.m.-noon

Fee: \$15/Person; \$25/2 people

Natural Wonders of Lost Hill

A guided walk in Lost Hill Natural Resource Park, including: cave and karst features, fossils, glades and cactus, loosing streams, the "Cozy Cave Clubhouse" and Leave No Trace trail ethic. Registration required by 5 p.m. the Tues. before.

Lost Hill Park 833-8647

Age: 7 yrs. and up

Date: Sat., Nov. 2

Time: 9 a.m.

Fee: Free

Ritter's Ecology & Wildlife

A guided walk at Ritter Springs Park, including cave and bat awareness, endangered species, wildlife, glades and Leave No Trace trail ethics. Registration required by 5 p.m. the Thurs. before.

Ritter Springs Park 833-8647

Age: 7 yrs. and up

Date: Sun., Nov. 3

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Fee: Free

Little Critters Holiday Nature Crafts & Games

Make a holiday nature craft and play games. Participants receive a take-home packet.

Registration required one week in advance.

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Age: 3-6 yrs. (with an adult)

Date: Sat., Dec. 14

Time: 10-11:30 a.m.

Fee: \$5/Child; \$3/Child-3 or more

Winter Outdoor Safety & Preparedness

Prepare for being stranded in your car or home in a winter storm, learn what to do if lost in a remote location or if you fall into cold water. Registration required by 5 p.m. the Tues. before.

Watershed Center In Valley Water Mill Park 833-8647

Age: 9 yrs. and up

Date: Sat., Nov. 9, Dec. 7 & Jan. 11

Time: 7 p.m.

Fee: Free

Wilson's Creek National Battlefield Day Trip

Visit the museum and explore the Civil War battlefield by van and short walks. Fee includes transportation to and from the Springfield-Greene County Park Board office at 1923 N. Weller Ave. Bring your own sack lunch, snacks and water. Registration required one week in advance.

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Age: 9 yrs. and up (9-17 yrs. with an adult)

Date: Sat., Nov. 9

Time: 1-5 p.m.

Fee: \$10/Person

For more information on Outdoor Initiatives programs, call Melvin Johnson, Outdoor Initiatives Supervisor, at 417-833-8647. For media inquiries, call Jenny Fillmer Edwards, Public Information Administrator for the Springfield-Greene County Park Board, at 417-874-2176 or 417-224-5510.