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To register for a program, arrange group programs or receive additional information, please contact the program coordinator or register online at www.ncwildlife.org/pisgah/signup.

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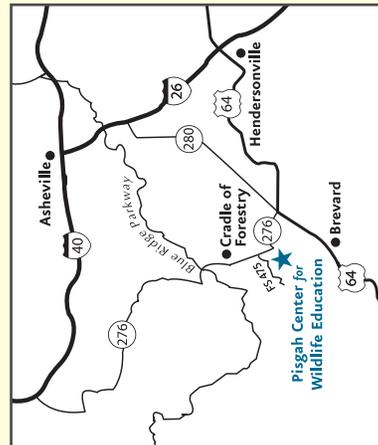
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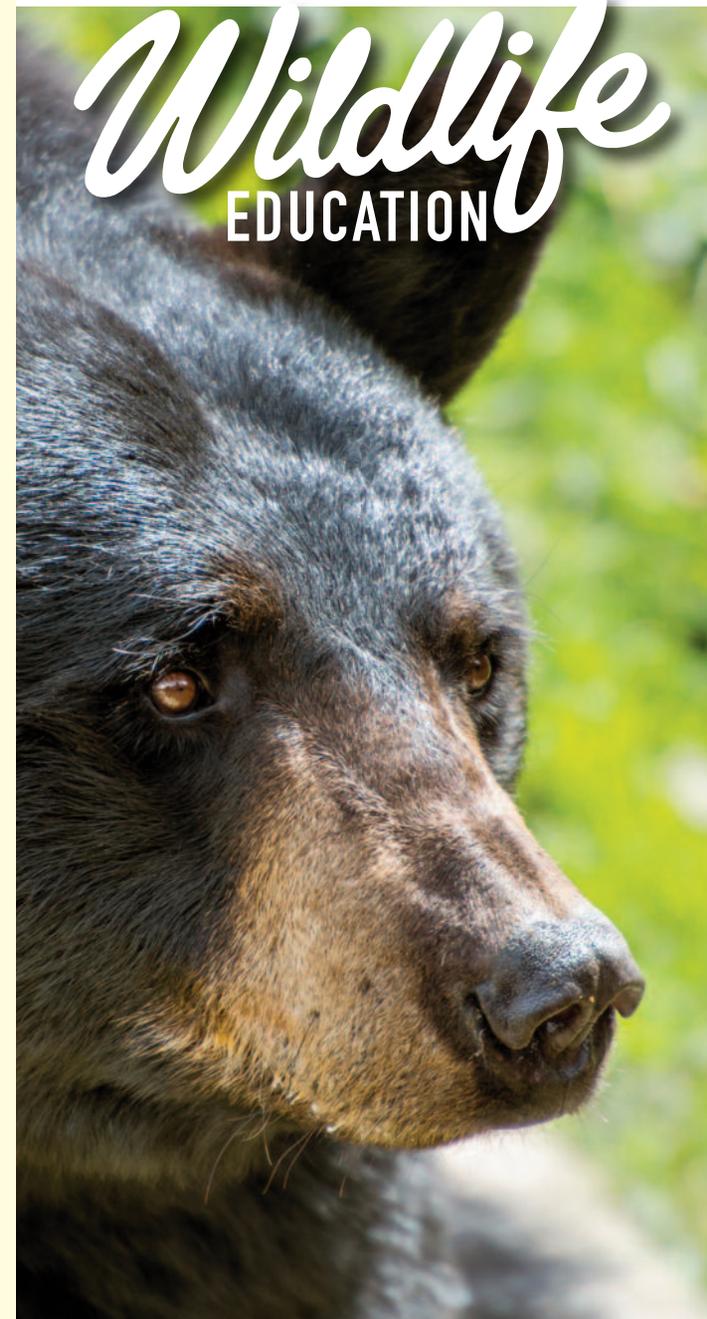


JULY–NOVEMBER 2016



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PROGRAMS FOR THE PUBLIC

2016

Programs for the public are free unless a registration fee is listed; however, donations are gladly accepted. Pre-registration is required for all programs. Please register online at www.ncwildlife.org/pisgah/signup or call 828-877-4423.

July

Nature Nuts: Stream Investigation

JULY 2 SA 9AM TO 11AM

JULY 18 M 9AM TO 11AM

Explore the Davidson River looking for aquatic macro invertebrates. We'll have snorkels and masks available, so come prepared to get wet! Swimming clothing and a towel is recommended. Ages 4-7.

Eco Explorers: Stream Stats

JULY 2 SA 1PM TO 3PM

JULY 18 M 1PM TO 3PM

Take a very hands-on approach to learning about water quality in the Davidson River. Plan on getting wet as we analyze flow rates, dissolved oxygen levels, pH levels, and more. Ages 8-13.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

JULY 1 F 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders. Ages 12 and up.

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing

JULY 9 SA 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders. Limited to 6 participants. For ages 12 and up.

A Week in the Water

JULY 4-8 M-F 9AM TO 12PM, DAILY

Join us for a weeklong series of hands-on classes that focus on the art and skill of fly-fishing. Learn about equipment, knots, casting techniques and more. Spend the last two days of the week fishing on the river. Ages 8-15.

Advanced WILD:

Mountain Streams

JULY 7 TH 9AM TO 4PM

Spend the day with one of our fisheries biologists and education staff as we share techniques used in the field to study our mountain streams and wildlife. Prepare to get wet and have lots of fun in the Davidson River. This workshop is suitable for formal and non-formal educators. CEU and EEC credits are available upon workshop completion. Ages 18 and up.

A Week in the Water

JULY 11-15 M-F 9AM TO 12PM, DAILY

Join us for a weeklong series of hands-on classes that focus on the art and skill of fly-fishing. Spend the last two days of the week fishing on the river. Ages 8-15.

Kids' Introduction to Archery

JULY 16 SA 9:30AM TO 11AM
& 1PM TO 2:30PM

Learn about archery! Topics covered will include: safety, variations in bows and arrows, and lots of time practice shooting at targets! Ages 8-15.

Kebari Fly Tying 101

JULY 16 SA 9AM TO 12PM

Join special guest facilitator, Jason Sparks, as he introduces the art of Japanese fly tying, Kebari. All equipment and materials provided. Ages 14 & up. Limited to 10 participants.

Introduction to Fly Fishing: Lake Fishing

JULY 19 T 8AM TO 1PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing on a local lake. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and meet at High Falls parking area in DuPont State Recreational Forest. Limited to 6 participants. *Must have completed Intro to Fly Fishing or have equivalent experience before taking this class. Ages 12 and up.

BB Gun Shooting Range

JULY 20 W 9AM-11AM

Learn about fire arm safety and shooting and have the opportunity to practice shooting skills on an outside BB gun range. Ages 8-15.

Stream Investigation

JULY 20 W 9AM TO 11AM

Explore the Davidson River in search of aquatic macro invertebrates. We'll have snorkels and masks available, so come prepared to get wet. Swimming clothing and a towel is recommended. Ages 8 & up.

Casting for Beginners: Level I

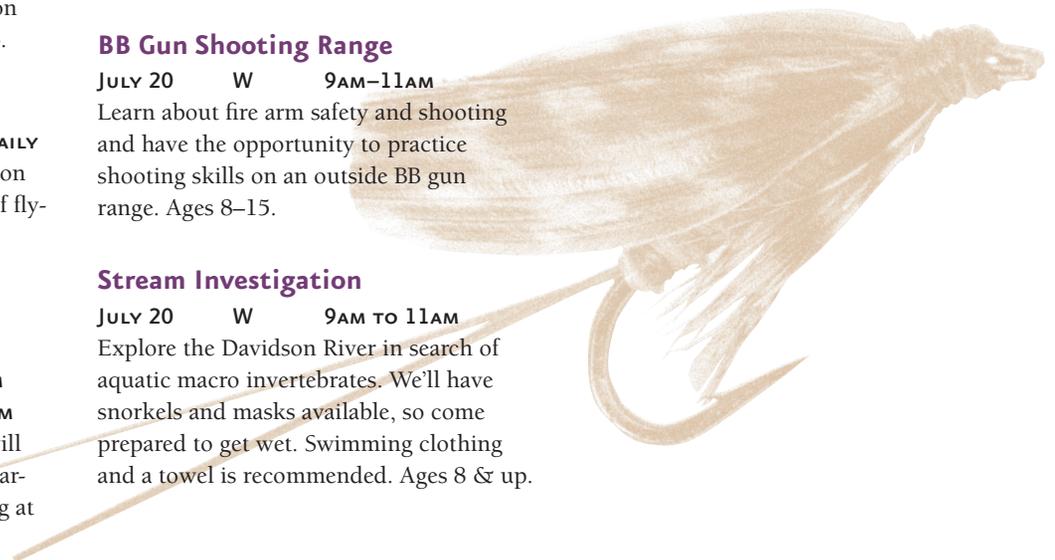
JULY 21 TH 10AM TO 3PM

Learn the overhead cast, roll cast and the art of false casting. Advanced instruction is available upon request. This class is held at Lake Imaging in DuPont State Forest. All equipment and materials are provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

On the Water: Looking Glass Creek

JULY 22 F 8AM TO 12PM

Practice your fly-fishing skills on the Looking Glass Creek in Pisgah National Forest. Learn about Wild Trout regulations, wading, reading the water, fly selection, presentation, casting, knots and stream entomology during a fun and relaxed morning of fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Ages 12 and up.



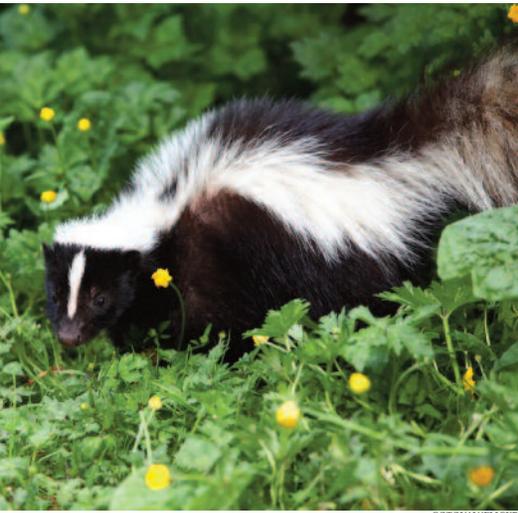
August

Nature Nuts: Skunks

AUG 2 T 9AM TO 11AM

AUG 20 SA 9AM TO 11AM

Explore the stinky world of the skunk! Activities include a story, craft, and outside skunk hike. Ages 4–7.



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Eco Explorers: Compass

AUG 2 T 1PM TO 3PM

AUG 20 SA 1PM TO 3PM

Know how to navigate your way in the world. Learn the fundamentals of the compass. Ages 8–13.

Week in the Woods

AUG 1–5 M–F 9AM TO 12PM, DAILY

Join us for a weeklong series of hands-on classes that focus on the tradition of hunting. Spend two days of the week on the BB gun and archery range. Ages 8–15.

Kids' Introduction to Archery

AUG 6 SA 9:30AM TO 11AM

Learn about archery! Topics covered will include: safety, variations in bows and arrows, and lots of time practice shooting at targets! Ages 8–15.

Fly Tying for the Beginner

AUG 6 SA 1PM TO 4PM

Learn the basics of fly tying during this introductory level class. Work at your own pace to tie a basic pattern. Equipment and materials provided. Ages 12 and up.

Week in the Woods

AUG 8–12 M–F 9AM TO 12PM, DAILY

Join us for a weeklong series of hands-on classes that focus on the tradition of hunting. Spend two days of the week on the BB gun and archery range! Ages 8–15.

Fly Tying: Level II

AUG 13 SA 9AM TO 12PM

If you have learned the basics of fly tying, then come spend a day with our experienced fly-tiers who will teach you a few more advanced patterns and techniques. Equipment and materials provided. Ages 12 and up.

Casting for Beginners: Level II

AUG 19 F 10AM TO 3PM

So you've learned the basics of casting. Join us for a day at Lake Imaging in DuPont State Forest for more advanced casting techniques. All equipment and materials are provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Hunter Education Course

AUG 23 T 6PM TO 9PM

AUG 24 W 6PM TO 9PM

Everyone must successfully complete a hunter education course before hunting in N.C. This course covers hunter responsibility and firearms and is accepted in every state in the U.S. No minimum age. This course is offered over a two day period. Attendees must be present both days.



Leader Building

AUG 26 F 9AM TO 2PM

Join us for lessons on why different leaders make your fly fishing more effective. Try your hand at constructing your own leaders for fly fishing. Construct both furled leaders and hand-tied leaders. Bring a bag lunch. Ages 12 and up.



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Kebari Fly Tying 101

AUG 27 SA 9AM TO 12PM

Join special guest facilitator, Jason Sparks, as he introduces the art of Japanese fly tying, Kebari. All equipment and materials provided. Ages 14 & up. Limited to 10 participants.

Backyard Birding by Ear: For Beginners

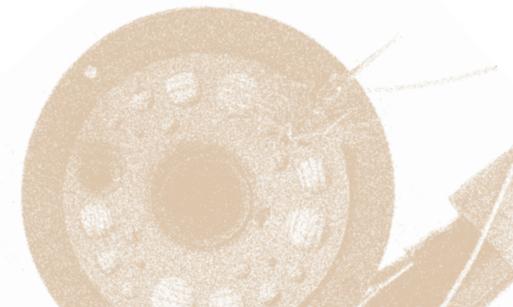
AUG 27 SA 9AM TO 12PM

Identify common backyard birds by their calls and songs. We'll start in the classroom with some listening quiz games and then move outside to put our skills to the test. Come prepared for light hiking outside. Ages 10 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing: Lake Fishing

AUG 30 T 8 AM TO 1 PM

Learn the basics of fly-fishing on a local lake. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and meet at High Falls parking area in DuPont State Recreational Forest. Limited to 6 participants. *Must have completed Intro to Fly Fishing or have equivalent experience before taking this class. Ages 12 and up.



September

Nature Nuts: Coyotes

SEPT 3 SA 9AM TO 11AM
SEPT 13 T 9AM TO 11AM

Learn about the newest canine to call N.C. home. Activities include a story, craft, and time spent outside. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: BB Gun

Shooting Range

SEPT 3 SA 1PM TO 3PM
SEPT 13 T 1PM TO 3PM

Learn about fire arm safety and shooting. This program will focus on firearm safety as participants learn about different types of fire arms and how to properly handle them, and then practice their shooting skills on an outside BB gun range. Ages 8–15.

Wildlife Photo Hunt Competition

SEPT 3 SA 9AM TO 12PM

Bring a camera, running shoes, and your competitive spirit. Your team will stalk, find, and photograph wildlife and their signs and earn points to win prizes. Only one camera per “team” needed. Teams can consist of 1–5 members. All ages.

Hunter Education Course

SEPT 20 T 6PM TO 9PM
SEPT 21 W 6PM TO 9PM

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National Hunting and Fishing Day

SEPT 24 SA 10AM TO 3PM

Hands-on activities for all ages will include: archery, BB gun shooting range, tree stand safety, fly tying and casting, tracking, and much more. No registration required. All ages.

Women’s Introduction to Fly Fishing

SEPT 30 F 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders. Limited to 6 participants. For ages 12 and up.

October

Nature Nuts: Nocturnal Animals

OCT 8 SA 9AM TO 11AM
OCT 17 M 9AM TO 11AM

Learn about the habits of animals that are active at night. Activities include a story, craft, and time spent outside. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: Mountain Habitats

OCT 8 SA 1PM TO 3PM
OCT 17 M 1PM TO 3PM

Learn about mountain stream and mountain cove forest habitats through hands-on exploration. Ages 8 and up.

Introduction to Tenkara

OCT 1 SA 10AM TO 3PM

Jason Sparks of Appalachian Tenkara introduces the newly popular form of traditional Japanese fly fishing, Tenkara. Topics covered will include history of angling style, equipment orientation, a unique perspective on Japanese flies (Kebari), and the ways and methods to use Tenkara. Bring your own lunch, and afterwards they’ll be a hands-on learning session. Limited to 15 participants. Ages 14 and up

Introduction to Fly Fishing

OCT 1 SA 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders. Ages 12 and up.

On the Water: Little River

OCT 6 TH 9AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly fishing skills on the Little River in DuPont State Recreational Forest. Learn about Delayed Harvest regulations, wading, reading the water, fly selection, presentation, casting, knots and stream entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Meet at the Hooker Falls Parking Area. Ages 12 and up.

Advanced Fly Tying: Dry Flies

OCT 7 F 9AM TO 12PM

Nymph fishing is an effective tactic when there are no fish rising and is one of the most common fly fishing techniques used today. This course will teach you how to tie a variety of mayfly, caddis and stonefly patterns for subsurface fishing techniques. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Hunting

OCT 8 SA 9AM TO 3PM

The course is designed to introduce a variety of topics new hunters will benefit from learning. This will include hunting skills and methods, game species and signs, hunting safety, game processing, regulations and where to hunt.

On the Water: East Fork French Broad

OCT 11 T 10AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly-fishing skills on the East Fork French Broad River. Learn about Delayed Harvest regulations, wading, reading the water, fly selection, presentation, casting, knots and stream entomology during a fun and relaxed morning of fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Meet at the Exxon/Kountry Mart store in Rosman, N.C. Ages 12 and up.

Hunter Education Course

OCT 11 T 6PM TO 9PM

OCT 12 W 6PM TO 9PM

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Fishing the Dry Fly

OCT 14 F 9AM TO 3PM

Angling for trout with a dry fly is challenging but rewarding. Learn the techniques and tactics to enhance your fly fishing experience. This course will include sections on equipment, presentation skills for dry flies, selecting the best dry fly for the situation, and adapting to selective trout. Ages 12 and up.

Outdoor Smart Phone Photography

OCT 15 SA 9AM TO 1PM

Learn the basics of photography and composition while focusing on wildlife and their habitats using your mobile device. Wear sturdy shoes and bring your smart phone, tablet, or other mobile device to enjoy a morning of learning and clicking. Ages 12 and up.

Beyond B.O.W: Introduction to Fly Fishing

OCT 21–23 F–SU

Designed for women, this class is an extension of the Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BOW) program. Learn the basics of fly-fishing: knots, fly-tying, casting, and aquatic entomology and on the water fishing. Equipment, materials, and meals provided. Ages 18 and up. To register contact B.B. Gillen at 919-218-3638.

Women’s Introduction to Fly Fishing

OCT 29 SA 9AM TO 3PM

Learn the basics of fly-fishing. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders. Limited to 6 participants. For ages 12 and up.



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November

Hunter Education Course

Nov 1 T 6PM TO 9PM
Nov 2 W 6PM TO 9PM

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Nature Nuts: Tracking

Nov 7 M 9AM TO 11AM
Nov 17 TH 9AM TO 11AM

Who made those tracks? What is scat? What bird left that feather? Learn the answers to these questions and more as we explore the exciting world of animal tracking. Ages 4-7.

Eco Explorers: Turkey

Nov 7 M 1PM TO 3PM
Nov 17 TH 1PM TO 3PM

Join us for an exciting afternoon of learning and fun as we explore the world of turkey. Activities include constructing your own turkey call! Ages 8-13.



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Introduction to Tenkara

Nov 5 SA 10AM TO 3PM

Jason Sparks of Appalachian Tenkara introduces the newly popular form of traditional Japanese fly fishing, Tenkara. Topics covered will include history of angling style, equipment orientation, a unique perspective on Japanese flies (Kebari), and the ways and methods to use Tenkara. Bring your own lunch, and afterwards they'll be a hands-on learning session. Limited to 15 participants. Ages 14 and up.

On the Water: Tuckasegee River

Nov 10 TH 10 AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly fishing skills on the Tuckasegee River. Learn about Delayed Harvest regulations, wading, reading the water, fly selection, presentation, casting, knots and stream entomology during a fun and relaxed morning of fishing. Equipment and materials provided. Call for directions. Ages 12 and up.

Leader Building

Nov 18 F 9AM TO 2PM

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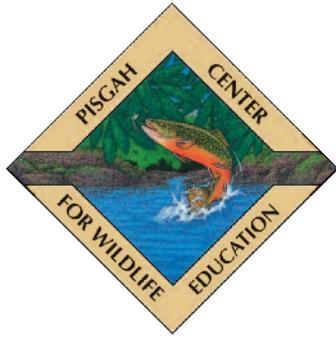
Outdoor Cooking

Nov 19 SA 10AM TO 2PM

Learn how to prepare a tasty meal over an open wood fire or charcoal briquettes. Prepare and eat the food created in this class. Bring a lawn chair. Your courtesy in not registering for this class if you've already taken it is greatly appreciated. Ages 12 and up.



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Mountain streams, where water and life begin

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Mountain habitats are the theme of this education center, dedicated to exploring North Carolina's wildlife. A part of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, the Pisgah Center for Wildlife Education is located in Pisgah National Forest next to the state's largest trout hatchery—the Bobby N. Setzer State Fish Hatchery.

On Your Visit

Trout Hatchery: A visit to the Center starts with a walk around the hatchery raceways. Once trout reach fingerling size, they feed and grow in a series of 54 outdoor raceways, which channel 3,500 gallons per minute of cold mountain water from nearby Davidson River and Grogan Creek. You'll enjoy watching and even feeding the brook, rainbow and brown trout that supply the Commission's hatchery-supported streams.

Outdoor Trails: Check out what spring brings to the model backyard wildlife garden. From the garden, a universally accessible interpretive trail winds through a hardwood forest habitat providing a glimpse of native wildlife.

Mountain Animals and Habitats: Next stop is the Center's mountain wildlife exhibit where you can get a close look at live animals. Large aquariums representing five aquatic habitats hold colorful fish, toads, salamanders and snakes. Then, view an award-winning documentary on the natural history of the mountains and the ways that the Commission works with you to conserve our wildlife diversity.

Take a Class

Programs for the Public: Individuals can register for programs listed in this brochure. Special programs for adults and youth provide a variety of outdoor learning experiences. The Nature Nuts series offers activities and topics for children ages 4–7. Eco-Explorers engages youth ages 8–13 in natural history exploration.

Programs for Groups/Schools: The Center offers classes for groups of 10 or more. Call the Program Coordinator at 828-877-4423 to arrange a group program. Many classes give participants a chance to learn a particular skill, such as tracking, orienteering or biological water sampling. All group programs are hands-on and most are conducted outdoors. These programs are scheduled at each group's convenience and generally last one to three hours depending on the topic.

Programs for Educators: The Center's outreach educator leads Project WILD, Aquatic WILD and CATCH workshops for educators and youth leaders. Programs are offered at the Center and offsite. For more information, visit ncwildlife.org, or contact the outreach educator at 828-329-3472.



Distance Learning: Too far from a wildlife education center to manage a field trip? Videoconferencing connects groups of 10 or more with a wildlife specialist at the Centennial Campus Center for Wildlife Education in Raleigh. Interactive programs span a variety of wildlife themes correlated with the N.C. Department of Public Instruction Essential Standards. Materials for hands-on activities are shipped to your site prior to the program date. Contact the distance learning coordinator at 919-707-0205 for information, or click on Learning/Workshops at ncwildlife.org.

Outdoor Skills: Participants receive hands-on training from experts in activities such as archery, fishing and tracking in the Commission's Outdoor Skills workshops. The Becoming an Outdoors-Woman® program offers women a day-long or overnight experience with activities such as fly-fishing, archery, shooting and boating. Youth Hunts teach responsible hunting for youth, ages 13–15, accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more information on Outdoor Skills programs, visit ncwildlife.org or call 919-218-3638.

Visit ncwildlife.org for details on all programs offered by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission.