

PISGAH CENTER FOR *Wildlife* EDUCATION

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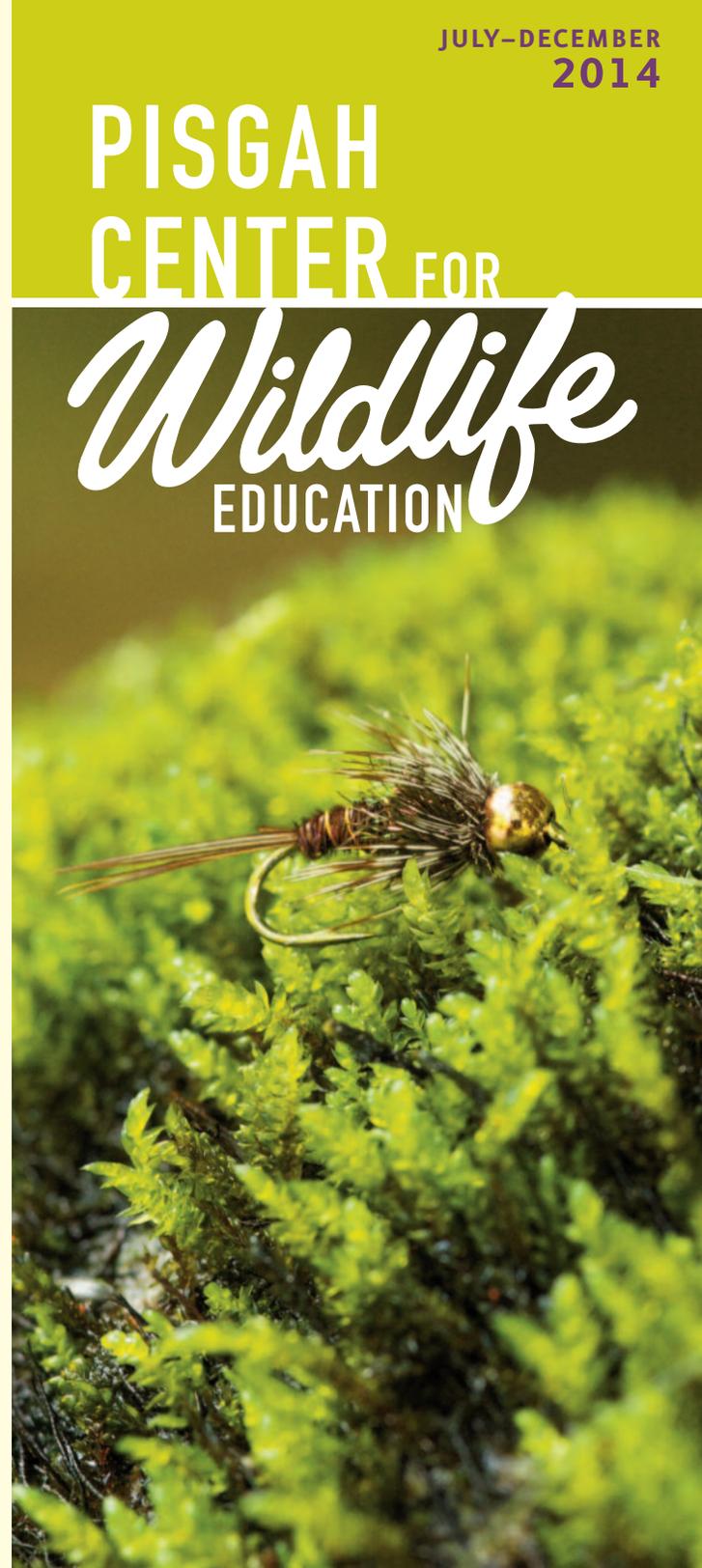
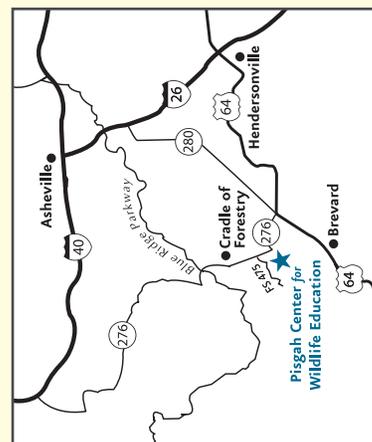
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July

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing

JULY 2 W 9AM TO 3PM

Join our instructors for a day of fun and learn the basics of fly fishing. Topics include appropriate equipment, knots, casting techniques and aquatic entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and nonslip shoes or waders. Limited to 6 participants. For ages 12 and up.

Nature Nuts: Stream Investigation

JULY 3 TH 9AM TO 11AM

JULY 16 W 9AM TO 11AM

JULY 26 S 9AM TO 11AM

Come spend the morning with experienced PCWE staff as we explore the Davidson River looking for aquatic macro invertebrates. Based on what we find, we can determine the water quality of the river and discuss how these little critters play such an important role in the ecosystem and to our beloved mountain trout. Ages 4-7.

Eco Explorers: Raising Trout

JULY 3 TH 1PM TO 3PM

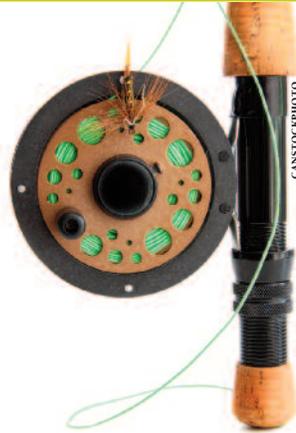
JULY 26 S 1PM TO 3PM

Spend the afternoon with PCWE staff as we learn about the Bobby N. Setzer trout hatchery operations, participate in an outdoor activity that simulates trout life, and feed the fish. Ages 8-13.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

JULY 3 TH 9AM TO 3PM

Join our knowledgeable instructors for a day of fun and education as they introduce you to the basics of fly fishing. Topics covered will include equipment, knots, casting techniques, and aquatic entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and nonslip shoes or waders. Ages 12 and up.



Advanced WILD: Mountain Streams

JULY 9 W 9AM TO 4PM

Mountain streams are amazing habitats for people and wildlife. Come 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 the wildlife that inhabit them. Some of the questions we'll discuss are: How healthy are our trout populations? What about the other animals that live in or use the rivers and streams? What are the factors affecting our mountain waterways? You'll also pick up activities you can take back to your classroom. Prepare to get wet and have lots of fun in the Davidson River. This workshop is suitable for formal and informal educators. CEU and EEC credits are available upon workshop completion. Ages 18 and up.

A Week in the Water

JULY 7-11 M-F 9AM TO NOON, DAILY

Young people join us for a weeklong series of hands-on classes that focus on the art and skill of fly fishing. Participants are taught equipment, knots, casting techniques and more. Spend the last two days of the week fishing on the river. Ages 8-15.

Kids' Introduction to Archery

JULY 12 S 9AM TO 11AM

1PM TO 3PM

Come spend the morning or afternoon with experienced PCWE staff as we learn about archery. Topics covered will include: safety, variations in bows and arrows, and lots of time practice shooting at targets. Ages 8-15.

A Week in the Water

JULY 14-18 M-F 9AM TO NOON, DAILY

Young people join us for a weeklong series of hands-on classes that focus on the art and skill of fly fishing. Participants are taught equipment, knots, casting techniques and more. Spend the last two days of the week fishing on the river. Ages 8-15.

Fly Fishing Skills: Casting for Beginners

JULY 22 T 10AM TO 3PM

This is the perfect introductory class for beginners. Topics include casting theory, mechanics and practice techniques. Our experienced instructors allow you to learn at your own pace as they teach 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 Recreational Forest. All equipment and materials are provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing: Lake Fishing*

JULY 24 TH 10AM TO 3PM

Come join us for the day as we introduce you to the basics of fly fishing while fishing on a local lake. Topics covered will include equipment, knots, casting techniques, and aquatic entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and meet at High Falls parking area in DuPont State Recreational Forest. Limited to 6 participants. Ages 12 and up. *Must have completed Intro to Fly Fishing or have equivalent experience before taking this Lake Fishing class.

B.B. Gun Shooting Range

JULY 25 F 9AM TO 11AM

Join our experienced PCWE staff as we learn about firearm safety and shooting. Participants will be taught different types of fire arms and how to properly handle them, and then have the opportunity to practice their shooting skills on an outside B.B. gun range. Ages 8-up.

A Week in the Woods

JULY 28-AUG. 1 M-F 9AM TO NOON, DAILY

Young people join us for a weeklong series of hands-on classes that focus on the tradition of hunting. Participants learn about equipment, tracking, firearm and bow safety, and much more! Spend the last two days of the week on the B.B. gun and archery range. Ages 8-15.

Stream Investigation

JULY 29 T 9AM TO 11AM

Come spend the morning with experienced PCWE staff as we explore the Davidson River looking for aquatic macro invertebrates. Based on what we find, we determine the water quality of the river and will discuss how these little critters play such an important role in the ecosystem and to our beloved mountain trout. Ages 8 and up.

Fly Fishing Skills: Wild Trout (Looking Glass Creek)

JULY 30 W 10AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly fishing skills on Looking Glass Creek in Pisgah National Forest under the supervision of our fly fishing instructors. 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: Otters

Aug. 2 S 9AM TO 11AM

Aug. 8 F 9AM TO 11AM

Aug. 16 S 9AM TO 11AM

Spend the morning with PCWE educators and learn all about the fascinating world of otters. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: Tracking

Aug. 2 S 1PM TO 3PM

Aug. 8 F 1PM TO 3PM

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 8–13.

Fly Fishing Skills: Casting for Beginners II

Aug. 6 W 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.

Growing Up WILD

Aug. 6 W 9AM TO 4:30PM

Growing Up WILD is an early childhood education program that builds on children's sense of wonder about nature and invites them to explore wildlife and the world around them. These 6-hour workshops are primarily oriented towards formal and informal educators, who work with children ages 3–7. This may include childcare centers, daycare facilities and public school classes. Participants will receive the Growing Up WILD activity guide and qualify for CEU and EEC credits. The workshop will be held indoors and outside. Please dress for the weather. Ages 18 and up.

Fly Tying for the Beginner

Aug. 9 S 1PM TO 4PM

Spend a relaxing afternoon with our creative fly-tiers who teach the fundamentals of fly-tying. Work at your own pace to tie a basic pattern. Equipment and materials provided. Ages 12 and up.

Archery

Aug. 9 S 9AM TO 11AM

Come spend the morning with experienced PCWE staff and learn about archery. Topics covered will include: safety, variations in bows and arrows, with lots of time to practice shooting at targets. Ages 8–Adult.

A Week in the Woods

Aug. 11–15 M–F 9AM TO NOON, DAILY

Young people join us for a weeklong series of hands-on classes that focus on the tradition of hunting. Participants are taught about equipment, tracking, firearm and bow safety, and much more! Spend the last two days of the week on the B.B. gun and archery range. Ages 8–15.

Fly Fishing Skills: Wild Trout (Looking Glass Creek)

Aug. 12 T 10AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly fishing skills on the Looking Glass Creek in Pisgah National Forest under the supervision and experienced eyes of our fly fishing instructors. 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.

Hunter Education Course

Aug. 19, 20 & 21 T, W & TH

6PM TO 9:30PM

Everyone must successfully complete a hunter education course before hunting in N.C. Covers hunter responsibility and firearms. Accepted in every state in the U.S. No minimum age. **Attendees must be present all three days.**

Introduction to Fly Fishing: Lake Fishing*

Aug. 27 W 10AM TO 3PM

Come join us for the day as we introduce you to the basics of fly fishing while fishing on a local lake. Topics covered will include equipment, knots, casting techniques, and aquatic entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and meet at High Falls parking area in DuPont State Recreational Forest. Limited to 6 participants. Ages 12 and up.

**Must have completed Intro to Fly Fishing or have equivalent experience before taking this Lake Fishing class.*

Fly Tying: Level II

Aug. 30 S 9AM TO NOON

If you have learned the basics of fly tying and feel ready to take the next step, 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.

September

Nature Nuts: White-tailed Deer

SEPT. 2 T 9AM TO 11AM

SEPT. 26 F 9AM TO 11AM

Why is the white-tailed deer's tail white? What do these deer like to eat? Learn the answers to these questions and more as we explore the exciting world of these critters. Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: Primitive Outdoor Skills

SEPT. 2 T 1PM TO 3PM

SEPT. 26 F 1PM TO 3PM

Do you think you could survive if you were lost in the woods with only a few essential items? Together with Pisgah Center staff, learn the basics of wilderness survival. Topics will include building a fire, constructing a shelter, and finding food. Ages 8–13.

Women's Introduction to Fly Fishing

SEPT. 19 F 9AM TO 3PM

Join us for a day of fun as you learn the basics of fly-fishing. Topics include appropriate equipment, knots, casting techniques and aquatic entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and non-slip shoes or waders. Limited to 6 participants. For ages 12 and up.

Outdoor Photography for the Beginner

SEPT. 20 S 9AM TO 1PM

Are you disappointed in the quality of your outdoor photographs? This program teaches the basics of outdoor photography focusing on wildlife and their habitats. Bring your camera and enjoy a morning of learning and clicking. Ages 14 and up.

National Hunting and Fishing Day Celebration

SEPT. 27 S 10AM TO 3PM

Come help PCWE celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day! Hands-on activities for all ages will include: archery, BB gun shooting range, tree stand safety, fly tying and casting, tracking, and much more. All ages.

Hunter Education Course

SEPT. 30 & OCT. 1 & 2 T, W & TH

6PM TO 9:30PM

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October

Nature Nuts: Bats

Oct. 6 M 9AM TO 11AM

Oct. 11 S 9AM TO 11AM

Oct. 15 W 9AM TO 11AM

Come spend the morning with PCWE staff as we explore the fascinating world of bats! Ages 4–7.

Eco Explorers: BB Guns

Oct. 6 M 1PM TO 3PM

Oct. 11 S 1PM TO 3PM

Join our experienced PCWE staff as we 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 have the opportunity to practice their shooting skills on an outside B.B. gun range! Ages 8–13.

Fly Fishing Skills: Delayed Harvest (Catawba River)

Oct. 7 T 10AM TO 3PM

Practice your fly fishing skills on the Catawba River under the supervision of our fly fishing instructors. 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 driving directions and meeting location. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Tenkara 101

Oct. 10 F 9AM TO 11AM

Come join our special guest presenter, Jason Sparks, as he 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 in our local waters. Limited to 15 participants. Ages 14 and up.



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Fly Fishing Skills: Casting for Beginners

Oct. 14 T 10AM TO 3PM

This is the perfect introductory class for beginners. Topics include casting theory, mechanics and practice techniques. Our experienced instructors allow you to learn at your own pace as they teach 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 Recreational Forest. All equipment and materials are provided. Bring a lunch. Ages 12 and up.

Introduction to Tenkara: Level II

Oct. 18 S 9AM TO 11AM

Come join our special guest presenter, Jason Sparks, as he takes you to the next step of Tenkara fly fishing. This program will include: fishing techniques, detailed equipment options, casting mechanics for the fisher ready to step up to the next level. Limited to 15 participants. Ages 14 and up.

Close-up Outdoor Photography

Oct. 18 S 9AM TO 1PM

Some of the most fascinating photographs can be created in your own backyard – just think small! This program, designed for the advanced beginner, focuses on equipment and techniques that can help you become more aware of the fascinating world of tiny plants and animals. Wear sturdy shoes and bring a camera. A camera with manual control and extra camera batteries are suggested. Ages 14 and up.

Introduction to Fly Fishing

Oct. 25 S 9AM TO 3PM

Come join us for a day of fun and learning as they introduce you to the basics of fly fishing. Topics covered will include equipment, knots, casting techniques, and aquatic entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and nonslip shoes or waders if you have them. Limited to 6 participants. Ages 12 and up.

Project WILD: Aquatic

Oct. 11 S 9AM TO 4PM

NCWRC is now offering free workshops using the new Aquatic WILD activity guide. In addition to updating existing activities, the new guide contains field investigations, In Step With STEM activity extensions, connections to wildlife careers, new activities on fish conservation and angling, and an increased focus on outdoor activities. The 6-hour Aquatic WILD workshop counts towards CEU credits and EE Criteria I credits. If you have previously completed an Aquatic WILD workshop, you can still receive credit for this training since the guide has undergone significant changes. Contact the Regional Education Specialist in your area to inquire about training. The workshop will be held indoors and outside. Please dress for the weather. Ages 18 and up.

Kid's Introduction to Fly Fishing

Oct. 13 M 9AM TO 3PM

Join our experienced and knowledgeable instructors for a day of fun and learning as they introduce you to the basics of fly-fishing. Topics covered will include equipment, knots, casting techniques, and aquatic entomology. Equipment and materials provided. Bring a lunch and nonslip shoes or waders. Ages 9 to 15.





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November

Nature Nuts: Wild Turkey

Nov. 1 S 9AM TO 11AM
 Nov. 10 M 9AM TO 11AM
 Nov. 21 F 9AM TO 11AM

Spend the morning with PCWE staff as we learn all about our local feathered friend, the wild turkey. Activities will include a craft, story time, a game and more! Ages 4-7.

Eco Explorers: GPS

Nov. 1 S 1PM TO 3PM
 Nov. 10 M 1PM TO 3PM
 Nov. 21 F 1PM TO 3PM

Global Positioning System (GPS) is the strongest navigational aid in history, and it has revolutionized the way outdoorsmen and women navigate. Come enjoy a hands-on experience with a GPS unit provided by PCWE. Ages 8-13.

Hunter Education Course

Nov. 4, 5 & 6 T, W & TH 6PM TO 9:30PM
 Everyone must successfully complete a hunter education course before hunting in N.C. Covers hunter responsibility and firearms. Accepted in every state in the U.S. No minimum age. Attendees must be present all three days.

Fly Fishing Skills: Delayed Harvest (Little River)

Nov. 6 TH 10AM TO 3PM
 Practice your fly fishing skills on the Little River with our fly fishing instructors. 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. Ages 12 and up.

Backyard Bird Photography

Nov. 8 S 9AM TO 1PM

Winter is for the birds—especially photographing them. This program, designed for the advanced beginner, focuses not only on capturing bird images, but also on identification and attraction. A camera capable of manual control and extra batteries are suggested. Ages 14 and up.

Outdoor Cooking

Nov. 22 S 9AM TO 2PM

Whether in a camp setting or at home, you can learn how to prepare a tasty meal over an open-wood fire or charcoal briquettes. Discover other novelty methods of cooking, as well. Participants 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.

December

Fly Tying for the Beginner: Level I

Dec. 16 T 9AM TO NOON

Spend a relaxing afternoon with our experienced fly-tiers who teach the fundamentals of fly tying. Work at your own pace to tie a basic pattern. Equipment and materials provided. Ages 12 and up.

Fly Tying: Level II

Dec. 19 F 9AM TO NOON

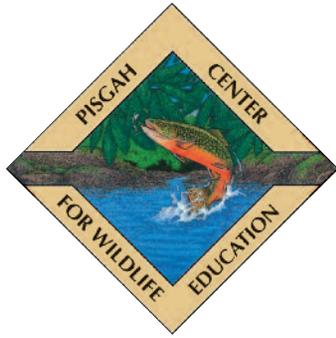
If you have learned the basics of fly tying and feel ready to take the next step, then come spend a day with our experienced fly-tiers who will teach you a few more advanced patterns and techniques. Equipment and materials provided. Ages 12 and up.



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Mountain streams, where water and life begin

THE PISGAH CENTER FOR WILDLIFE EDUCATION

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 of cold mountain water per minute 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 summer 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.