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HIKE OR CLIMB INTO SPRING

Outdoor Division offers activities for springtime fun

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – Spring starts soon, and the Forsyth County Parks and Recreation’s Outdoor Division encourages all ages to go outdoors and enjoy some springtime fun. In March and April, the Outdoor Division will offer activities for children, adults and families.

Early Release Hike

Activity 268120-B: Thursday, March 18; 2 to 4 p.m.*

Activity 268120-C: Friday, March 19; 2 to 4 p.m.*

*The cost is \$6 for county residents and \$7.20 for non-county residents.

Children ages 6 and up will spend an afternoon away from television and video games to hike the trails of Sawnee Mountain. Meet at the Sawnee Mountain Preserve Visitor Center (SMPVC).

Introduction to Tree Climbing

Activity 261520-B: Saturday, March 20; 2 to 5 p.m.; ages 8 and up*

Activity 261520-C: Saturday, April 3; 2 to 5 p.m. ages 8 and up*

*The cost is \$30 for county residents and \$35 for non-county residents.

Climbing a tree can provide fun and a great workout for the entire family. Climbers will be given instruction and guidance while climbing trees at the SMPVC. All equipment will be provided.

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Tree Top Canopy Walk

Activity 265820-B: Saturday, April 3; 10 a.m. to noon; ages 10 and up; \$25 for county residents and \$30 for non-county residents

Using ropes and harnesses, participants will access the suspension bridge, trolley and platforms of the canopy walk at the SMPVC.

Family Hike

Activity 266920-A: Saturday, April 3; 10 to 11 a.m.; \$6 for county residents and \$7.20 for non-county residents

Join a naturalist on a guided hike focusing on Native American history. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by a paying adult. Meet at the Sawnee Mountain Preserve entrance at 2500 Bettis-Tribble Gap Road.

Breakfast with the Birds

*Activity 267520-A: Saturday, April 10; 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; ages 6 and up**

*Activity 267520-B: Saturday, April 24; 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. ages 6 and up**

**The cost is \$3 for county residents and \$3.60 for non-county residents.*

View spring songbirds from the comfort of a rocking chair on the relaxing porch at the SMPVC. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Bring your binoculars and field guides if you have them. A limited supply of binoculars and field guides will be available to borrow. Children ages 12 and under must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Nature Night for Kids at the SMPVC

Activity 264520-A: Saturday, April 17; 5 to 10 p.m.; ages 6 and up; \$25 for county residents and \$30 for non-county residents

Children will participate in an evening of nature and science activities, eat pizza and watch a movie.

The SMPVC is located at 4075 Spot Road in Cumming. Pre-registration is required for all programs. An activity registration form can be found on the Parks and Recreation Department page at www.forsythco.com. Online registration is also available. To receive additional program information, call the Outdoor Division at 770.781.2217.

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