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STEP INTO AN ADVENTURE THIS SPRING

*Forsyth County Parks and Recreation's
Outdoor Division offers many activities in April and May*

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – With spring in bloom, it is a great time to head to Sawnee Mountain Preserve. Throughout the months of April and May, the Forsyth County Park and Recreation Department's Outdoor Division will offer many activities.

Introduction to Tree Climbing

*Activity #261520-D: Saturday, April 16; 2 - 5 p.m., ages 8 and up**

*Activity #261520-E: Saturday, May 7; 2 - 5 p.m., ages 8 and up**

*The cost is \$30.00 for county residents, \$36.00 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 Sawnee Mountain Preserve Visitor Center (SMPVC). All equipment will be provided.

Junior Girl Scout Wildlife Badge

Activity #269320-B: Saturday, April 23; 2 - 3:30 p.m.

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

Junior Girl Scouts are invited to participate in activities to earn their Wildlife badge. Naturalists will lead scouts along the trails of Sawnee Mountain while learning about wildlife. All activities are from the Junior Girl Scout Badge Handbook. Registration is open to troops or individual scouts. Badge not included.

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Georgia Master Naturalists

Activity #260020-B: Tuesdays, April 12 - May 31; 8 hour sessions, ages 18 and up
The cost is \$200.00 for county residents and \$240.00 for non-county residents.

This Adult Environmental Education Course, developed by the University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service and the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources, is perfect for those who wish to be more informed about habitats, natural resources and the environment of our state and county. The program is a combination of lectures and outside hands-on learning.

Nature Tales - Grandparent/Grandchild Program: Searching For Spring

Activity #268220-B: Saturday April 16; 1 - 2 p.m.

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

Geared toward children between ages 3 and 5, the program will be a time for children and their grandparents to learn about nature together and will feature a story, nature activities and a walk. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Container Gardening

Activity #262120-A: Mondays, May 16 - 30; 10:30 a.m. - noon*

Activity #262120-B: Tuesdays, May 17 - 31; 12 - 2 p.m.*

*The cost is \$66.00 for county residents and \$79.20 for non-county residents

Used as a complete garden or an accent in your landscaping, container gardening is a great way to showcase your love for gardening. Learn the basics of container types, use of textures, shapes, heights and colors, soil requirements and complete plant care.

Birders Morning Out

Activity #267520-A: Saturday, May 21; 9 a.m. - noon

The cost is \$10.00 for county residents and \$12.00 for non-county residents.

Do you want to learn more about birds but have a hard time concentrating with the kids around? Parents and grandparents are invited to an adult-only bird walk along the Forsyth County Big Creek Greenway. While you are exploring, your children ages 4 - 10 can be dropped off at the Sawnee Mountain Preserve for a nature program of their own. Forsyth County will provide vans at Sawnee Mountain Preserve to and from the Greenway. Children should bring a water bottle and snack. Binoculars will be provided for adult birders.

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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