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ADVENTURE ABOUNDS THIS FALL
AT SAWNEE MOUNTAIN PRESERVE

*Forsyth County Park and Recreation's Outdoor Division
offers outdoor adventures for all ages*

FORSYTHCOUNTY, Georgia – Get ready for outdoor fun and adventure this fall at Forsyth County's Sawnee Mountain Preserve Visitor Center (SMPVC). In the coming months, the Forsyth County Parks and Recreation Department's Outdoor Division will offer a variety of activities for all ages.

Introduction to Tree Climbing

*Activity #461520-B: Saturday, September 17, 2-5 p.m., ages 8 and up**

*Activity #461520-C: Saturday, October 1, 2-5 p.m., ages 8 and up **

**The cost is \$30 for county residents and \$36 for non-county residents.*

Lots of fun and a great workout for the whole family! Climbers will be given instruction and guidance while climbing. All equipment will be provided and is manufactured specifically for climbing. Climbers remain secured to the rope the entire time they are off the ground. Registered participants will be notified if a program is cancelled due to weather conditions. Rain date will be the Sunday after the scheduled class.

Home School Afternoon: Tree Identification

Activity #468320-A: Thursday, September 15, 3-4:30 p.m., ages 5 and up

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

Classes for area home school students will be led by trained naturalists.

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Family Hike

Activity #466920-B: Saturday, October 1, 1-2 p.m.

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

Join a naturalist on a guided hike along the trails of Sawnee Mountain Preserve. Children under 12 must be accompanied by a paying adult.

Nature Tales - Grandparent/Grandchild Program: Tremendous Trees

Activity #468220-A: Saturday, September 10, 1-2 p.m., ages 3-5

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

Nature Tales is intended to be a time for both children and their grandparents to learn about nature together. This hour-long program features a story, craft, nature activities and a walk. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Junior Girl Scout Wildlife Badge

*Activity #469320-A: Saturday, September 17, 2-3:30 p.m.**

*Activity #469320-B: Saturday, October 22, 2-3:30 p.m.**

*The cost is \$6.00 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 is not included.

Geocaching

Activity #468720-A: Saturday, October 15, 1-3 p.m., ages 12 and up

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

Have you ever heard of Geocaching? Are you curious about what it is? Do you have a handheld GPS unit and want to know more about it and what it can do? If so, this class is for you. Come and learn about the adventure sport of Geocaching and using your GPS. We will be finding some hidden geocaches and learning about waypoints and using some of your GPS features. Some GPS units will be available to borrow - bring your own if you have one.

Tree Top Canopy Walk and Zip Line

Activity #465820-B: Saturday, October 1, 10 a.m.-noon, ages 10 and up

The cost is \$30 for county residents and \$36 for non-county residents.

Experience the tree tops at Sawnee Mountain! Participants will use ropes and harnesses to access the suspension bridge and ride the zip line on the canopy walk. Instruction and equipment will be provided and all climbers remain secured to a safety line the entire time they are off the ground.

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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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