

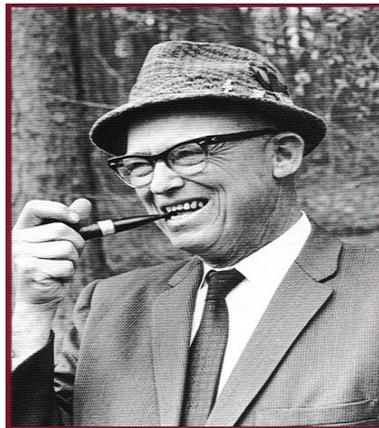
Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

Program Calendar

Autumn 2016- Summer 2017



See all that we have to offer



Created in 1993, the 6400 acre Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center (CEWC) encompasses the Clybel Wildlife Management Area (WMA), the Marben Public Fishing Area (PFA), and the Preaching Rock Wildlife Education Center. The 300 acre education center includes hiking trails, a visitor center with a gift shop and museum dedicated to Charlie Elliott, and the Brooke Ager Discovery Area. The Charlie Elliott Conference Center includes 3 conference rooms, 28 hotel style lodge rooms, and a large banquet hall.

The CEWC gift shop sells unique items as well as hunting and fishing licenses. Licenses may also be purchased at another license dealer, by calling 1-800-366-2661, or online: www.georgiawildlife.com.

How to find us:

From I-20 east take Exit 98 (GA Hwy. 11, Monroe-Monticello). Head south on Hwy. 11 for approximately 12 miles. Marben Farm Rd. marks the north entrance to CEWC and allows access to the Visitor Center, BADA, Conference Center, fishing, hiking, and shooting ranges. Continue down Hwy. 11 to access the CEWC south entrance at Shepherd Rd.

How to contact us:

For more information

visit: <http://www.CharlieElliott.org> or contact us by phone:

Visitor Center main line 770-784-3059. **Use this number to register or request more information about any of our programs.**

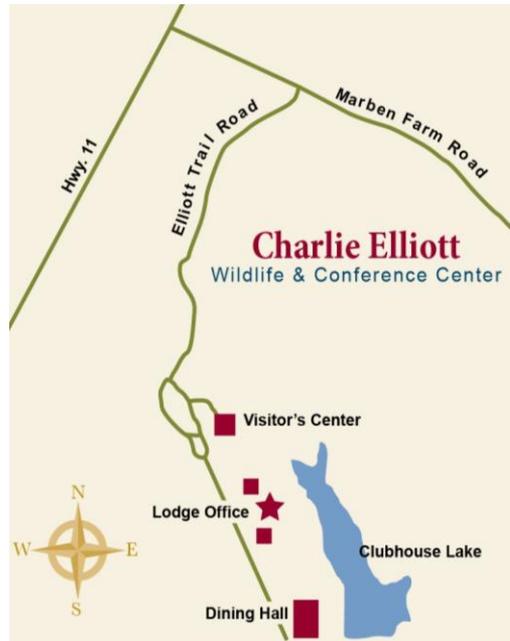
Hours: 9:00 – 4:30 Tuesday – Friday;

Saturdays 9:00-12:30 and 1:30-4:30

Closed for all state holidays

Visitor Center accepts cash, check, and Visa/MasterCard

Conference Center main line: 770-784-3122



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We want you! If you're willing to help out, meet people, and have fun then CEWC is the place to be. Want to test the waters before jumping in with both feet? For more information on how to offer your time and talents please contact us at 770-784-3059 or email jody.rice@dnr.ga.gov

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

CEWC's educational mission is to instruct Georgia's youth and adults about wildlife, natural resources, and the outdoors; to help them become wise stewards of the environment. We accomplish this by offering a variety of educational opportunities both on site and through our public outreach program.

CEWC Outreach offers a choice of 5 program topics that bring the wild to you. While our programs target 3rd—7th graders, we can cater to civic groups, scout or youth groups, colleges, and private organizations within a 90 minute drive of CEWC. We also offer auditorium programming for larger audiences. There is a fee schedule of \$120 per day (up to 3 1-hour programs in a day) to cover animal care expenses and programming. To book an outreach contact Pete Griffin at pete.griffin@dnr.ga.gov

The Outdoor Discovery School (TODS) for overnight field trips

4th - 10th grade

2-day/1-night - \$60/person

3-day/2-night - \$90/person

These programs allow students to connect with nature as they participate in a wide variety of hands-on, outdoor learning adventures. Programs include all meals and lodging. For more information or to book a group, contact the residential coordinator James Murdock at james.murdock@dnr.ga.gov or at 770-784-3163



Day Field Trips – \$5/child (minimum \$120)

Grades K – 2 from 9:30am-12:00pm

Grades 3 - 6 from 9:30am-1:30pm

Maximum class size – 50

The Brooke Ager Discovery Area (BADA) provides the perfect setting for learning about wildlife and basic environmental concepts through hands-on investigations, forest hikes, and live animal presentations. All lessons and activities correlate to Georgia Performance Standards. For more information, or to book a school group, contact Amber Barrow at (770) 784-3059 or by email at amber.Barrow@dnr.ga.gov

CEWC Homeschool Program offers outdoor learning for home school students' grades 3-7. All classes take place at the BADA and surrounding habitats. Indoor classrooms and live animals enhance students' learning experience. This drop-off program emphasizes peer cooperation, self-discovery, individual exploration, and outdoor fun. For more information, or to book a school group, contact Amber Barrow at (770) 784-3059 or amber.Barrow@dnr.ga.gov

Class Schedule: October 2016 – April 2017 (3rd Friday each month)

Time: 9:30am – 1:30pm **Cost:** \$70 for entire school year per child

Registration: August 23-24, 2017 **Maximum:** 25 students

Homeschool Field Days offer an opportunity for parents and kids to come together and learn about nature and wildlife in an outdoor setting. Kids will get hands-on lessons while parents will obtain resources and ideas to add to their lessons to extend back at home. These singular programs are offered quarterly throughout the academic year. Each program has different prices, depending on the size of the family. For prices and registration, contact Amber Barrow at (770) 784-3059 or amber.Barrow@dnr.ga.gov.

Teacher Workshops (For Formal and Non-formal Educators)



Project WILD is an interdisciplinary K-12 conservation and environmental education program emphasizing wildlife. Project WILD provides educators with tools to bring the wild inside and get students outside. These fun, educational, hands on activities meet Georgia Performance Standards. Georgia DNR offers both Facilitator and Educator workshops throughout the state.

Flying WILD: An offshoot of Project WILD geared towards middle school students. The curriculum focuses on bird



conservation and education through bird festivals and hands-on activities. The guide also provides suggestions on service learning and community projects.

Growing Up WILD: Exploring Nature with Children is Project WILD for ages 3-7. This project builds upon the natural curiosities of young children by providing, activities that invite exploration and develop positive impressions about nature and lifelong social and academic skills. Activities allow students to eat dirt cake, learn about worms, and paint with pine needles, go fishing and more!



Advanced Project WILD workshops teach special topics about ecosystems and wildlife in Georgia. Past workshops have focused on Long-leaf Pine Ecosystems, Wild Turkey, Birds, Endangered Species, and Sandhill Ecosystems.

For more program information, contact Georgia Project WILD Assistant Coordinator, Amber Barrow at amber.barrow@dnr.ga.gov , 770-784-3059, or www.gaprojectwild.org. Check in our calendar of events to see pworkshops scheduled right here at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center

FAMILY PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Public programs are for individual families, not groups or organizations. Space is limited so pre-registration is required for most sessions. As a courtesy to others, only sign up for programs that you know you can attend and be sure to mark those dates on your calendar. If you need to cancel, please let us know at least 3 days in advance so we can offer those vacant spaces to the folks on our waiting list. Most of the public programs are **FREE**. A few (i.e. Family Day at the Range) have a small fee base. **More expensive fee based programs (marked with a #) have a 10 day refund/cancellation policy. All prices are listed as per person (pp).** Any organized groups wishing to attend may schedule a special program for your group on another day for a fee. For more information or to pre-register for public programs, stop by or call the Visitor's Center 770-784-3059, 9am – 4:30pm, Tuesday – Saturday.

Junior Ranger Summer Camps (Registration Jan 20- May 15)

New themes and new experiences await this year's summer campers!

Come explore all our camps have to offer! **Full payment + all required/completed forms must be submitted by the registration deadline in order for your child to attend summer camp (Registration will continue to occur up 2 weeks before the camps begin, but only if spaces are still available).** Space is limited so register early!

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Hunt and Learn Programs

Children ages 17 and under are invited to bring an adult and stay for the weekend. These hand-on programs teach conservation strategies, hunting skills, and hunter safety. Participants will be led on a



hunt and taught how to care for their harvested game. A “field to table” discussion rounds out the weekend. Hunter Ed classes will be offered for anyone who has not yet taken the course. The program fee of **\$90** per person includes lodging and meals at the Charlie Elliott Conference Center. Adults and children over 16 must possess current hunting and fishing licenses (See state hunting regulations for more information).

Dates for 2016/2017 Hunt and Learn programs (Check out our [website/](#) state hunting regulations for confirmed dates). Registration for 2016-2017 events opens August 1, 2016. Be sure to register early as these events fill quickly.

Deer (Quota 10) - October 14-16	Squirrel 2 - December 2-4
Quail 1 – October 28-30	Rabbit 2 - January 6-8
Squirrel 1 - November 11-13	Falconry - January 6-8
Rabbit 1 - November 11-13	Turkey - May 12-14
Quail 2 - December 2-4	

**note if you have attended a Hunt and Learn in the past, you cannot attend for the exact same game animal the subsequent year.*

Hook and Learn Programs

Like Hunt and Learn, children, ages 10 - 17, and their supervisors are invited to stay for the weekend to participate in a variety of skills-based and conservation-focused programs all centered around fishing.

Technicians and biologists will conduct classes fishing techniques, fishing equipment, fish management and much more! Participants will have the opportunity to fish the lakes at CEWC as well as a local river and reservoir. Participants will stay and eat at the conference center at Charlie Elliott. Adults and children over 16 must possess current fishing licenses. (See state regulations for more information.) \$50 per person covers lodging, food and program fees. The low cost is due to a grant received from the Georgia Natural Resources Foundation and Walmart.

Dates for 2016/2017 Hook and Learn programs

October 14-16, 2016

Astronomy Programs

Free

The Charlie Elliott Astronomy Club (member of the Night Sky Network) meets at CEWC every third Saturday of each month for discussion and viewing the night sky. These free meetings are open to the public. No equipment needed. Go to <http://ceastronomy.org> for start times, and meeting space notifications.

Tree Climbing (Ages 8 and up)

Variable Fees

Come experience the rush of Canopy-Adventure-Research-Educational



Technical Tree Climbing (CARE TTC) tree top excursions. We offer introductory climbs, night climbs, and group climbs. With prior arrangements, we offer treetop canopy assistance to special needs individuals. For more information, please visit our website at

<http://www.georgiawildlife.com/TreeClimbing>

Family Day at the Range

\$3 nonrefundable

Dates offered: 12/3; 1/14; 2/18; 3/11

Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center and the Hunter Development Program offer a variety of firearm training courses to provide participants the opportunity to learn firearm safety, hunter education and proper shooting techniques.



Photo Credit: James Brinck

Introduction Training Courses:

The Family Day at the Range series offers “Introduction Trainings” for individuals that wish to learn basic firearm safety. Participants will have the opportunity to shoot a variety of firearms. This program is for ages 8 and up. www.georgiawildlife.com/FDR

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (B.O.W.) and Beyond BOW

Becoming an Outdoors-Woman and Beyond BOW is a non-profit educational program offering hands-on workshops to women of all ages and fitness levels. Developed by the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, these workshops are hosted at various locations in the state and allow participants to develop hunting, fishing, boating and other outdoor recreation skills while also providing insight into the management and preservation of the natural, historical and cultural resources of Georgia. These sessions provide novices and more experienced participants enough knowledge and experience to pursue their outdoors interests at the conclusion of the workshops! This year's date is Nov 4-6, 2016. For more information, go to www.georgiawildlife.com/BOW or contact Jody Rice at jody.rice@dnr.ga.gov



The National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) is an approved physical education program within Georgia and has been in the state since 2003. It is a joint venture between state departments of Education



**NATIONAL ARCHERY
IN THE
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and Wildlife. Several archery equipment manufacturers and organizations are also partners. The program promotes student education and participation in the life-long sport of archery. The program's focus is to provide Junior Olympic Archery Development

(JOAD)-style target archery training in K-12 physical education classes. The core content of the program covers archery history, safety, technique, equipment, mental concentration, and self-improvement. Before presenting the 2-week archery course, teachers undergo a certification process through the National Archery in the Schools Program. Charlie Elliott hosts basic instructor workshops throughout the

year. To learn more about this program visit:
<http://www.georgiawildlife.com/NASP>

SINGULAR PROGRAMS

September

9/8 Hunter Ed Review & Test Course **Free**
6pm-8pm Charlie Elliott Visitor Center Classroom

See pg. 22 for description.

Must complete CD or online course prior to arrival. Register online at
<http://www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting/education>

9/10 Charlie Elliott Astronomy Meeting **Free**
Evening See pg. 6 for description

9/23-9/25 Advanced TCW/Project WILD-Wetlands **Variable Prices**
8am-6pm each day See pg. 4 & 16 for description

9/29-10/2 Tree Climbing Rendezvous **\$190-250 (#)**

October

10/1 Deer Hunting Basics **Free**
10am-12pm Charlie Elliott Visitor Center Classroom

Do you have interest in deer hunting but you're not sure how to get started? If so, this class is for you. Join Charlie Elliott naturalist James Murdock and company as they guide you through tips, techniques, and tactics to make your hunting experience fun, safe, and successful. Specific topics of this program include natural history of white-tailed deer, equipment selection, management, and maintenance, tree stand set-up and safety, deer tracking, rifle use, and conservation of deer populations. (Maximum 30 participants)

10/15 Family Campfire **Free**
7pm-9pm Charlie Elliott Visitor Center Classroom

Join the staff at Charlie Elliott for some campfire fun! This family program will include a storyteller, games, S'mores and a chance to see some nocturnal wildlife. It will be a hoot! Please bring a flashlight,

camping chairs and be dressed for the outdoors. All ages welcome.
(Maximum 150 participants)

10/19 **Homeschool Field Days: Sweet Science** **Variable Prices**
10am-2pm **Brooke Ager Discovery Area**

Homeschoolers, do you want to see some neat magic on your Halloween candy? Join our naturalists as they provide several experiments on several types of sweets that have nature as their origins. Sign up today! (Maximum 40 participants)

10/29 **Charlie Elliott Astronomy Meeting** **Free**
Evening **See pg. 6 for description**

November

11/1 **Hunter Ed Review & Test Course** **Free**
6pm-8pm **Charlie Elliott Visitor Center Classroom**

See pg. 22 for description.

Must complete CD or online course prior to arrival. Register online at <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting/education>

11/3 **Hunter Ed Review & Test Course** **Free**
6pm-8pm **Charlie Elliott Visitor Center Classroom**

See pg. 22 for description.

Must complete CD or online course prior to arrival. Register online at <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/hunting/education>

11/4-11/6 **Becoming an Outdoors-Woman** **Fee: TBA (#)**
Weekend **See pg. 7 for description**

11/19 **Charlie Elliott Astronomy Meeting** **Free**
Evening **See pg. 6 for description**

11/19 **Dutch Oven Cooking 101** **Free**
10am-12pm **Brooke Ager Discovery Area**

Come join us at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center's Brooke Ager Discovery Area to explore one of America's most versatile and historically

important pieces of equipment – the cast iron Dutch oven! Since revolutionary America, this excellent tool has changed and supported the growth of our nation in ways that people are not commonly familiar with. We will take a look at this history as well as taking time to discuss fire building and safety, a cornerstone of any camping experience. Also, bring your healthy appetite along with you because we will be putting our equipment to use in making you a delicious open fire meal! We look forward to seeing you around the campfire! (Maximum 25 participants)

December

12/7 **Homeschool Field Days: Gifts from Nature** **Variable Prices**
10am-2pm **Maximum: 40 participants**

Homeschoolers, how about a day of fun learning for both students and adults? Would you like to see how nature provides gifts for the holiday season? Join our naturalists as they give inspiration for unique and fun gifts that parents and kids can create together to give to the family this winter holiday. Participants can also learn lessons in the importance of trees, sustainable living, and much more.

12/10 **Charlie Elliott Astronomy Club Meeting** **Free**
Evening **See pg. 6 for description**

12/10 **Growing UP WILD Educator Workshop** **\$20 (#)**
9am-12:30pm **See pg. 3 for description**

January

1/14 **Family Day at the Range-Intro to Handgun** **\$3**
10am-3pm **See pg. 6 for description**

1/16 **Volunteer Work Day: Hunter Ed** **Free**
10am-4pm **Maximum: 100 Participants**

Join us to improve wildlife conservation and hunter education opportunities for our visitors. Volunteer duties will vary from range maintenance to wildlife habitat improvements such as removing non-native invasive plants and hunter access areas. We will also be working to develop a hunter education outdoor classroom for school groups and organized youth groups. Please bring gloves, lunch, water and hand tools (shovels, bow saws, etc.). Check in and registration will

occur at the Visitor Center parking lot. For more information please contact Jody Rice at jody.rice@dnr.ga.gov or 770-784-3062

1/21 Bears of Georgia Free
10am-12pm Charlie Elliott Visitor Center Classroom

Come join our naturalists and learn about the black bears that live here in Georgia; their range, their habits, and their behaviors.

1/28 Charlie Elliott Astronomy Meeting Free
Evening See pg. 6 for description

February

2/4 Artin' on Nature Free
10am-12pm Charlie Elliott Visitor Center Classroom

Nature has always played a central role in our creative will to express. If nature inspires you to create, come join Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center's education staff as we explore the many artistic mediums in which people can express their love for things wild and free. We'll be covering most every art form, from poetry to drawing to photography. No artistic "talent" is required, just a love to capture the beautiful moments a life outdoors gives us. Please bring a notebook in which to put your work; we'll supply everything else. Prepare for indoor and outdoor conditions. (Maximum 30 participants)

2/18 Bird Nesting Basics Free
10am-12:30pm Charlie Elliott Visitor Center Classroom

DNR staff will guide you through various bird nesting methods and show you how you can help nesting birds. You'll even get to build a blue bird box to take home! Pre-registration is required. **(Maximum: 20 participants)**

2/25 Charlie Elliott Astronomy Meeting Free
Evening See pg. 6 for description

2/25 Flying WILD Educator Workshop \$15 (#)
1pm-4pm See pg. 4 for description

MARCH

TBA Youth Birding T-shirt Art Contest Submission Deadline

Hey kids! If you like birds and enjoy drawing, this art contest is for you! The grand prize winner’s artwork will appear on this year’s Georgia Youth Birding Competition t-shirt. Each age division winner will receive a Michael’s gift card redeemable for free art supplies. Visit www.georgiawildlife.com and search for the “YBC T-shirt Art Contest” for instructions on entering. Contest is open to Georgia residents that are in pre-K through high school. Although participation in the Youth Birding Competition on April 22-23th is encouraged, it is not required in order to submit artwork. For more information, contact Linda May at 770-557-3226 or at linda.may@dnr.ga.gov.

**3/11 Family Day at the Range-Intro to Muzzleloading \$3
10am-3pm See pg. 6 for description**

**3/15-3/16 Project WET, WILD, Learning Tree Facilitator’s Workshop
8am-6pm each day \$70-\$155 (#)**

This workshop is designed for individuals who have already taken a Project Learning Tree, Project WET, or Project WILD workshop and are now interested in becoming facilitators for these great programs. Space is limited, so register today! Contact Monica Kilpatrick at 404-362-6536 or Monica.Kilpatrick@gaepd.org.

**3/25 Charlie Elliott Astronomy Meeting Free
Evening See pg. 6 for description**

**3/25 Project WILD Educator Workshop \$34 includes lunch (#)
9am-3:30pm See pg. 3 for description**

APRIL

TBA Give Wildlife A Chance Poster Contest Submission Deadline

This popular conservation art contest provides a unique opportunity for K-5th graders to explore the wonders of Georgia’s native plant and animal species through an art theme that changes annually. School level winners will progress to the state contest. Submissions must feature at least one Georgia nongame species or plant species. State level 1st-, 2nd-, and 3rd-place winners artwork will be displayed publicly and may be featured in a calendar or recognized in other ways. For more information, visit www.georgiawildlife.com/PosterContest

4/22 Evening Charlie Elliott Astronomy Meeting Free
See pg. 6 for description

4/15 10am-12pm Edible Plant Hike Free
Charlie Elliott Visitors Center

The past inhabitants Of Georgia did not live in the age of convenience which we are privy to; the forest was their grocery store, pharmacy, and place of resource. As the flowers are beginning to bloom in April, come join the Charlie Elliott Education Team as they explore some of the lost knowledge of our plants and how they were once commonly used. We will be taking a hike along the Clubhouse Lake Trail to identify and discuss how many different plant (and tree) species were used as both food sources and to treat common ailments. (Maximum 25 participants).

4/15 9am-12:30pm Growing UP WILD Educator Workshop \$20 (#)
See pg. 3 for description

4/29-4/30 All day Youth Birding Competition (YBC) Free
Locations vary

Hosted by the GA DNR and The Environmental Resources Network (TERN), Georgia's 9th Annual Youth Birding Competition is open to pre-K through high school teams of 2-5 people. Kids will compete against other teams their age to find as many bird species as possible, starting anywhere in Georgia as early as 5 pm on Saturday and ending at the CEWC's "finish line" by 5 pm on Sunday. While judges tally each team's bird checklists, kids will enjoy a live animal show and a meal at the Charlie Elliott Banquet Hall. The t- shirt art contest award and other prizes will be given away, too! You don't need to be an expert to join in the fun. By registering youth teams in advance, participants will gain the knowledge needed for the competition and receive help from a birding mentor if needed. Registration deadline is March 31st, 2016 and is FREE to all participants. For details, contact Tim Keyes by email at tim.keyes@dnr.ga.gov.

MAY

5/6 10am -12pm Snakes Alive Free
Charlie Elliott Visitor Center Classroom



DNR's herpetologist John Jensen will help us learn more about frogs and toads. We will catch frogs to find out how to identify these croaking creatures by sight and sound, and why they call. Our program begins with a presentation, then a



hike to nearby ponds. Then we will travel via caravans (bring your own vehicle) around the CEWC property. Bring a headlamp or flashlight and dress for the outdoors (especially if you want to go after frogs in the water.) Boots and shoes to get muddy are welcomed. Program is held rain or shine.

All ages are welcome, but children must be supervised. Register now!

6/13-6/16 Wildlife Rangers Day Camp Session I (ages 9-10) \$135 (#)
6/20-6/23 Wildlife Rangers Day Camp Session II (ages 9-10) \$135 (#)
Tues-Wed 9:00am-4:00pm, Thurs 9am- overnight, Fri pick-up -12pm

Wildlife Rangers will travel back in time to imagine what life was like for the Native Americans and early settlers of this area. Campers will learn basic survival skills such as shelter building, outdoor cooking, animal tracking, fishing, canoeing, archery, games and old-time music. This camp also features a Thursday night *campfire and tent camp-out*, with parent pick-up Friday morning!

6/17 Birds of Prey Free
10am-12pm Charlie Elliott Visitor Center Classroom

Join us for a program with Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center's Birds of Prey at 10:00 am in the visitor center classroom. Live birds will help demonstrate why they are called Raptors. All ages welcome. **Program is limited to 60 people and will be available on a 1st come 1st serve basis.**

6/19-6/23 Teacher Conservation Workshop \$50 (#)
Mon 2pm – Fri 1pm Conference Center

This workshop focuses on conservation topics related to the benefits of forestry, including the cycle of growing trees, utilization of trees for products, and how trees are managed for wildlife habitat. Participants will be certified in Project Learning Tree, Project WILD and Project WET. Teachers will receive 3 PLU's and a \$100 check upon completion of a follow-up activity. Our sponsors and partners include many

organizations and companies from the forestry and wildlife communities. As the event is underwritten by sponsors, all field trips, lodging, meals and teacher resource kits are included in a \$50 registration fee. It is recommended for Georgia educators of grades 5-12, but other educators may apply. Registration is limited to 30 participants. To register, go to www.gfagrow.org. Registration begins January 1st, 2017.

6/24 Evening Charlie Elliott Astronomy Meeting Free
See pg. 6 for description

6/26–6/30 Outdoor Adventure Team Challenge Camp I \$250 (#)
Mon 2:30pm- Fri 2:00pm (ages 11-13) Charlie Elliott Conference Center
Team work and team spirit abound as campers work together to complete challenges utilizing the outdoor skills they've learned and developed throughout the week. This is a fast-paced, high energy camp. Campers' days will be brimming with outdoor pursuits such as hiking, canoeing, fire building, and wilderness survival. Our trained and certified counselors will guide campers along their journey culminating in an all-out, every-team-for-themselves competition!

JULY

7/3-7/6 Shooting Sports Overnight Camp (ages 12-16) \$250 (#)
Mon 2:30 pm – Thurs 12pm Charlie Elliott Conference Center
We've expanded and improved this popular camp. Campers will receive hands on instruction from DNR Professionals in Archery, Shotgun, Air rifle, and .22 rifle shooting. Campers may also participate in a Youth Hunter Education Challenge (YHEC) which qualifies them to participate in the state YHEC.

7/7-7/8 GA BBOW: Women's Handgun Preparedness Fee: TBA (#)
Women 18+ Only

Join Glock and GA Beyond Becoming an Outdoors Woman (BBOW) for a handgun training course that will take you A —Z on Glock handguns. The training course will cover firearm safety, firearm basics, ammunition, shooting sequence, hunter development education and cleaning handguns. There will be time on the range to fire various calibers of Glocks. . For more



information, go to www.georgiawildlife.com/BOW. (Maximum: 70 participants)

**7/9-7/11 Wild and Wonderful Garden Club Overnight Camp
(Rising 5th and 6th grade Garden Club Members)**

We will highlight ideas from The Garden Club of Georgia; we have programs on attracting birds and butterflies, fishing, outdoor recreation. Enjoy the quietness outside the city. Register by June 1st, 2017; the cost will be \$125.00 per camper. **To register or for more information** contact: Molly Kimler 770-464-3589 or mkimler@uga.edu

**7/10-7/14 Outdoor Wildlife Leadership School \$100 (#)
Mon 2:30pm-Fri 1pm (For Educators) Conference Center**

O.W.L.S. is a workshop focused on wildlife conservation for K-12 and non-formal educators. Participants will spend five days immersed in Georgia wildlife education via activities and day trips with real research biologists across the state, learning to shoot shotguns, and participate in management practices. Also, spend time learning basic conservation biology concepts and field techniques that can be used with students in and out of the classroom. Finally, participants will be trained as Project WILD Facilitators and given curriculum guides.

**7/17- 7/21 Adventures in Conservation Education Overnight Camp
Mon 2:30pm- Fri 12:00pm (Middle School Students) \$100 (#)**

ACE is a workshop for middle school students focused on wildlife conservation. Participants will spend five days immersed in Georgia wildlife via hands-on activities and day trips with real research biologists across the state, learning to shoot shotguns, and participate in management practices. Thanks to a grant from The Environmental Resources Network, the cost of the program is only \$100 per person which covers all room and board and program fees. For more information on how to apply, please check our website at www.CharlieElliott.org or contact Rusty or Amber at 770-784-3059.

**7/22 Charlie Elliott Astronomy Club Meeting Free
Evenings See pg. 6 for description**

TBA: Georgia Coastal BBOW at Sapelo Island Women 18+ only

Georgia Coastal Beyond BOW will provide participants with outdoor skills related to the



coast and introduce them to the resource management and education of the natural, historical and cultural resources of Georgia’s Coast. . For more information, go to www.georgiawildlife.com/BOW or contact Jody Rice at jody.rice@dnr.ga.gov (**Maximum: 27 participants**)

7/24–7/28 Outdoor Adventure Team Challenge Overnight Camp II
Mon 2:30pm- Fri 2:00pm (ages 11-13) \$250 (#)
See Session I for description

August

8/11 Sunset Paddle Free
7pm-9pm Brooke Ager Discovery Area

Are you someone who enjoys exploring the diverse ecosystems that Georgia has to offer? Have you ever taken the opportunity to do so from the water? Come join us on Lake Margerie, one of Charlie Elliott’s most popular fishing destinations, as we take a canoe caravan out on the water to investigate some truly interesting habitats. The group will take a slow-moving tour toward the backside of the lake while discussing some of the basics of the pond ecology along the way. Once near the wetlands area, where Murder Creek empties into the Lake, we will port our canoes on the sandy banks and take a short hike on our new Wetlands Edge Trail, hopefully spotting some of the interesting life forms which call this fascinating place home. Please join us for this free and exciting expedition!(Maximum 16 participants).

8/19 Charlie Elliott Astronomy Meeting Free
Evenings See pg. 6 for description

RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Georgia Outdoor Recreational Pass (GORP) is required of all non-traditional WMA users such as horseback riders, cyclists, and hikers to defray the cost of maintaining recreational areas. Visitors ages 16-64 who do not possess a valid WMA, honorary, sportsman’s, lifetime or three-day hunting and fishing license, must have a GORP. A GORP can be purchased at our Visitor’s Center or online at: <http://www.georgiawildlife.com/recreational-licenses>

Organized Group Events

Any individual(s) or organization(s) who desires to sponsor or conduct an event or activity involving more than eight (8) individuals on a WMA or PFA may be required to obtain a “Right of Entry” agreement from the DNR. A Right of Entry agreement must be formally requested from DNR not less than thirty (30) days prior to the proposed event or activity. **For more information, please call the Fort Valley Game Management office at 478-825-6354.**

Primitive Camping (no water, electricity, or restrooms provided) is allowed only in the designated primitive campground off Murder Creek Church Road. The 22 camp sites each have a parking space and are available on a first-come, first-serve basis (**GORP is required**). Some sites include fire rings and picnic tables. Campers may stay for up to 14 consecutive days. Loaded firearms are prohibited, unless the individual processes a valid carry permit. Noise restrictions are in place from 10pm to 7am. Check the campground kiosk for more information.

Birdwatching Designated by the Atlanta Audubon Society as an “Important Bird Area”, CEWC hosts more than 200 species of birds. New this year at CEWC is the Larry Ross Birding Trail. Whether you walk the existing trails with your binoculars or sit on our deck with your camera, you’re sure to find plenty of feathered wonders about. (Some trails are in designated hunting areas; refer to the current Hunting Seasons and Regulations booklet under “Clybel” for specific hunting dates).



Trails – (GORP is required) Several miles of trails provide the perfect opportunity to get outside and view wildlife. **Trails are open sunrise to sunset. Dogs must be leashed at all times.** Trails are not wheelchair accessible. Trail use is at your own risk. Trail maps are available. Stay on the trails. Check signage for temporary trail closures. For safety, consider hiking with a companion, or at least tell a friend or relative where you’re going and when you plan to return. **Most cell phones DO NOT work on this property!**



The **Hiking-only trailhead** is located near the Visitor’s Center. A series of looped trails (about 4.5 miles total) leads you through pines, hardwoods, along streams, and past a pristine granite outcrop. These

trails are within the education center's no hunting safety zone. Trails are marked with colored blazes and trail maps are available at the trailhead kiosk.

MUT (Multi-Use Trail) - 5.6 miles located off Marben Farm Road. This trail is well suited for hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking. MUT lies outside the safety zone and is closed to non-hunters during firearms deer hunts and before 10am during archery and turkey hunts (see Hunting Regulations guide under "Clybel" or www.georgiawildlife.com for hunt dates; dates also are available at the Visitor's Center). **A GORP or WMA is required for MUT use.** MUT rules are posted on the sign at the MUT trailhead/parking area.

Driving Trail - For a driving tour of CEWC stop at the north entrance information board and pick up a brochure. Follow the numbered Driving Trail signs and read the corresponding information in the brochure.

Larry Ross Birding Trail - This one mile long trail commemorates Larry Ross, a technician with Georgia Wildlife Resources Division. Larry had a great interest in birds, and promoted active management to improve their habitat. On this trail you can see several viewing areas and different habitat types along Lake Margery.

Shooting Ranges

Three shooting ranges (50-yard, 100-yard, and shotgun) offer recreational shooters an opportunity to take aim.

The 50-and 100 yard ranges have covered shooting stations with tables and benches. You must bring your own eye and ear protection and paper targets. Target stands may be provided, depending on availability.



The shotgun range, featuring state of the art equipment, is equipped with two skeet/trap ranges that are controlled remotely by the shooter. In addition, the range includes a 5-stand sporting clays range featuring 8 different target throwers and 5 shooting positions. Target throwers are rearranged periodically to continually provide a variety of shooting challenges. On your first visit to this range you will need to go to the CEWC Visitors Center to

purchase a reloadable range card to operate the machines. The range card costs \$15.00 (one-time fee) and includes your first round of clays. Additional clays are \$6.25 per round of 25. Range hours and Visitor's Center hours do not always coincide, please check hours and plan accordingly since clays must be purchased in advance at the Visitor's Center. Remember to bring your own shotgun and shells, and only shells with shot size of 7.5 and smaller are allowed.

The shooting range complex is open Tuesday–Saturday from 10am–6pm*. A \$250+ fine is imposed for shooting outside range hours. All range rules are posted and strictly enforced. **You must have either a GORP or a WMA license to access the shooting ranges.** Sign in is required. The DNR Range Safety Officer on duty can help you with any questions.

Archery Ranges

Archery at CEWC is fresh and exciting with static and 3-D ranges. The static range has covered targets at 10, 20, 30, and 40 yards. The 3-D range features 23 North American wildlife targets strategically placed for a fun, yet challenging shooting experience. Ten additional large and fun targets are set specifically for young/novice shooters. Our newest addition is an archery tower with deer stands where you can shoot at four different North American mammals.

A GORP or WMA is needed to use either range. Both archery ranges are located at Greenhouse Lake across the road from the gun ranges. Open daily from sunrise to sunset*.

***DNR may temporarily close one of the ranges for educational programs. For example, the 50-yard range will be closed to the general public for "Family Day At the Range" classes. If in doubt, please call 770-784-3059 to verify if the range will be open when you want to come. For more information, please visit our website at www.georgiawildlife.com/FDR**

HUNTER and BOATER EDUCATION

Hunter education courses teach firearms safety, hunter ethics, and wildlife conservation. If you were born on or after January 1, 1961 and are 16 years old or older, you need to satisfy hunter education requirements prior to buying a hunting license (see the current "Hunting Seasons and Regulations" guide for details). Boater education courses cover boating practices, laws, and requirements. To register for

a course or to replace a hunter safety certificate: visit www.georgiawildlife.com or call the Georgia Resource Center

- inside metro-Atlanta at 770-389-7275
- outside metro-Atlanta at 1-800-864-7275

For other information, call the DNR's Safety Education office at 770-761-3010.

Fishing at Marben Public Fishing Area (PFA)

GA DNR manages Marben PFA's 17 bodies of water which range in size from 1 to 95 acres. Concrete boat ramps and access trails allow both boat and bank angling on most lakes.

Maps showing handicapped-accessible fishing piers, public restrooms, and lake closures can be found at the north and south entrance kiosks. Fishing is allowed sunrise to sunset Wednesday to Sunday. Rods and reels are the only gear allowed. Minnows are allowed. Alcohol consumption and swimming are prohibited.

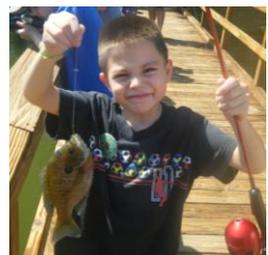
To fish at Marben PFA, anglers ages 16 to 65 must have on them all proper permits. For licensing information please call 770-784-3059. Licenses may be purchased at any license dealer, our Visitor's Center (Tuesday – Saturday 9am - 4:30pm), or at www.georgiawildlife.com click "Recreational Licenses".

Refer to *Georgia Sport Fishing Regulations* guide or call Marben PFA Management staff 770-784-3063 for specific Marben PFA regulations and creel limits.

Marben PFA allows electric boat motors or paddles in all waterways. Gasoline motors operated at idle speed may be used in Fox and Bennett Lakes only. All gasoline and electric boats must be registered and carry required safety equipment, including appropriate flotation devices. To register your boat, call 1-800-366-2661 or visit www.georgiawildlife.com click "Vessel Registration".

Free Fishing Days

To celebrate National Boating and Fishing week (June 3-11, 2017) as well as National Hunting and Fishing Day, Georgia offers three free fishing days. These dates will be posted when the 2017-2018 fishing regulations come out on January



2017. On these 3 days Georgia residents of any age can fish in public waters without a license. State fishing laws and area limits still apply. For more information call Marben PFA Management staff 770-784-3063 or visit www.takemefishing.org.

Kids' Fishing Events

KFEs are for ages 15 and under meaning that no license is necessary. A DNR Fisheries Education Specialist leads the event and provides limited amounts of tackle and bait. KFEs are held at 'high catch' rate ponds. Catch and keep limits vary per event.

Marben PFA hosts several public KFEs every year. The 2016 dates are: **March 11, April 15, May 20 (CEWC J.A.K.E.S. Day), June 10, July 22, August 19 and September 23**. Each public KFE lasts from 8am-12pm. Signs will be posted directing public to the KFE. Private KFEs may be scheduled in advance with DNR Fisheries staff.

For more information or to schedule a private KFE call 770-784-3059 ask for extension 212 or 213 or call 678-767-3114

Hunting at Clybel Wildlife Management Area (WMA)

Clybel WMA is managed for deer, turkeys, rabbits, doves, waterfowl, and squirrels. Quail, woodcock, and feral hogs are found in limited numbers. Hunting season dates can be found in your "Georgia Hunting Seasons and Regulations 2016-2016" guide or www.georgiawildlife.com. Licenses may be purchased by calling 1-800-366-2661, online at www.georgiawildlife.com, or at the CEWC visitor center 9:00am-4:30pm Tuesday - Saturday.

For designated "Sign-In" or "Check-In," hunts the hunter check station is located on Clybel's south side; Shepherd Rd. about a mile from Highway 11 in a yellow house on the right. **For more information, call Fort Valley Game Management at 478-825-6354.**

"I wish for you a long life outdoors, one that is filled with as much drama, humor, and suspense as the one I have survived."

- Charlie Elliott

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