



15th Annual BOW Workshop
Participant Information

2026 Event Schedule



Friday, October 23rd

10:00-11:30 am:

Registration and check-in

11:30 am-12:00 pm:

Welcome and Introductions

12:00-12:45 pm: Lunch

1:00-4:30 pm: Session I

- A. Intro to Handgun
- B. Intro to Archery
- C. Beach Combing in the Southeastern U.S.
- D. How to Field Dress & Quarter a Deer
- E. Intro to Fly Fishing
- F. Native Plant Gardening
- G. Self Defense
- H. Bring in the Birds!
- I. Nature Crafting

6:00-6:45 pm: Dinner

7:00 pm: *Keynote:* Vedia Barnett
The Vet Space

8:00 pm: Campfire*

Saturday, October 24th

7:00-7:45 am: Breakfast

8:00-11:30 am: Session II

- J. Land Navigation
- K. Falconry
- L. Fight or Flight: Situational Awareness
- M. Fishing 101
- N. Campfire Building
- O. Backcountry Nutrition**
- P. Intro to Rifle
- Q. Hunting 101

12:00 - 12:45 pm: Lunch

1:00-4:30 pm: Session III

- R. Wilderness Survival
- S. Camping 101
- T. Chainsaw 101
- U. Intro to Shotgun
- V. Fishing 102
- W. Dutch Oven Cooking
- X. Tying flies**
- Y. Georgia Marine Fishes

6:00-6:45 pm: Dinner

7:00-7:30 pm: Live & Silent
Auction supporting the BOW
Scholarship.
(Note: Check or Cash Only)

8:00 pm: Astronomy*

Sunday, October 25th

7:00-7:45 am:

Breakfast and check-out of rooms

8:00-11:30 am: Session IV

- Z. Pond to Plate
- AA. BOW Fishing Slam
- BB. Prescribed Fire
- CC. Edible Mushrooms
- DD. Identifying Georgia's Plants
- EE. Backpacking 101
- FF. Cleaning & Maintaining a Firearm**

11:45 am-12:00 pm:

Exit Survey Completion, Departure



Workshop Details

ATTENDANCE AND FEE OPTIONS

1. Onsite Lodging: \$300 (Lodging, Meals, and Program Fees)
2. Onsite CEWC Campground: \$275 (Full hookup RV or Tent Campsite with a Bathhouse, Meals, and Program Fees)
3. Onsite Primitive Group Camping: \$265 (Tent Campsite with a Port-O-Let, Meals, and Program Fees)
4. Offsite Housing or Commuter: \$255 (Meals and Program Fees)

Upon receipt of your registration and payment, you will be sent a confirmation receipt from CEWC. It will contain information on how to log back into your account should you need to make changes.

ONSITE LODGING

CEWC has dorm-style rooms with a private bathroom and shower. Space is limited and you will have roommates. If special arrangements are necessary, please email kim.morris-zarneke@dnr.ga.gov.

CEWC/CLYBEL CAMPGROUND

In 2024, Charlie Elliott renovated their campground to include full amenity RV (14 sites) and tent (6 sites) camping with a bathhouse. We allow a maximum of 4 people, 1 RV or 2 tents per campsite.

ONSITE PRIMITIVE GROUP CAMPING

CEWC has a primitive group campground with an outhouse. You will need to provide your tent and other weather-appropriate gear. There is a port-o-let, but no potable water or showers are available in this location.

OFFSITE OPTION:

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Covington has many hotel styles and prices to meet your needs at Exits 91 and 93. Please contact the hotel directly for booking.

CANCELLATION

A \$100 processing fee will be charged to all canceled registrations. Registrants who do not attend and do not cancel by close of business on September 25, 2026, will be charged the full fee. If sending a substitute, please get in touch with Kim at: kim.morris-zarneke@dnr.ga.gov or 770-784-3059 to complete the substitution process.

CLASS CHANGES

Due to the size of the Georgia BOW Program, we are unable to facilitate any class changes once you've registered. This includes going to classes other than those you've scheduled during the workshop. Our instructors plan according to the final counts provided at registration cut off.

SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have any special or dietary needs, please indicate this on the registration form. We will try our best to accommodate all requests.

EQUIPMENT

All equipment will be provided for training courses unless otherwise noted. Feel free to bring your own equipment. Please note on registration if you will be providing your own firearm or bow. Instructors will safety check all firearms and bows brought by participants. *Firearms and bows must be kept locked in your vehicle even if you know your roommates.*

WAIVER FORMS

Liability and waiver forms must be completed as part of your registration to attend a BOW workshop. Participants understand that:

- 1) photographs may be taken during sessions and may be used in future support of the program and
 - 2) in the event of an unavoidable cancellation, evening programs and instructors may change.
- BOW will provide alternatives if this situation arises.

BOW SCHOLARSHIPS

Ten scholarships are available to those unable to afford the full cost of the workshop fee. Preference will be given to full-time students, single-parent households, and first-time attendees. Scholarship applications, information, and deadlines can be found online at <https://georgiawildlife.com/BOW> or by emailing kim.morris-zarneke@dnr.ga.gov.

Course Choices in Detail*

Physical Activity Ratings:

BOW classes are geared toward beginners, and most are suitable for people of all physical ability levels. Classes below are described according to the level of physical activity required to participate fully. This classification is to help you decide if the class is right for you. If you are not sure, just ask us for more information. We're happy to help!

LEISURELY (L): Class is not physically demanding.

MODERATE (M): Class requires moderate level of physical activity; for example, lifting an 8-pound chainsaw, shotgun, paddling a canoe or kayak.

RUGGED (R): Class is strenuous and may require hiking/climbing over uneven terrain.

Each class includes a minimum and maximum number of participant slots available. Please note some classes are a onetime option so all women can have a chance to participate. **Subject to change.*

A. Intro to Handgun (M)

(Min 4/Max 10) Perfect for beginners, this session provides a 90-minute foundation of the basic skills necessary for the safe handling and operation of a firearm; it concludes with 90- minutes of live-fire shooting. By the end of this session, you'll have the confidence to safely handle a firearm and the technical foundation to continue defensive training A Georgia hunting license, fishing license, or lands pass is required for this class. **This class may not be repeated.**

B. Intro to Archery (M)

(Min 4/Max 12) In this beginners course you will learn basic archery techniques for target shooting with a Genesis bow. Participants will have hands on instruction, time to shoot, and the opportunity to shoots on one of our static archery ranges. A Georgia hunting license, fishing license, or lands pass is required. **This class may not be repeated.**

C. Beach Combing in the Southeast U.S. (L)

(Min 4/Max 20) Walk along the shoreline at low tide and you're likely to find all sorts of natural treasures. Shells, seeds, shark teeth, and more! These remarkable finds demonstrate the incredible diversity of marine species that live on our coast. Learn about the animals that make the shells we love to collect, identify shark teeth (fossils, too!), and discover how seeds travel to our beaches from habitats far away. Prep for your next beach trip with some marine biology fun facts! Please note: This course will be a half session (1.5 hours).

D. How to Field Dress & Quarter a Deer (M-R)

(Min 4/Max 12) In this class, the instructor will demonstrate how to field dress and quarter a freshly harvested deer. Attendees will be given the option of watching or participating as they discuss which parts are edible, how to identify the major cuts of meat, and how to keep the meat uncontaminated as they work their own deer. **This class may not be repeated.**

E. Intro to Fly Fishing (L)

(Min 4/Max 12) This class teaches you the basics of fly fishing. You will learn about equipment, casting techniques, and what flies will best attract your favorite fish.

F. Native Plant Gardening (M)

(Min 4/Max 12) Want to spruce up your property with some native plants? Discover the beauty and benefits of growing local with this course. This course teaches you how to select, plant, and care for native species that support local ecosystems, conserve water, and attract pollinators.

G. Self-Defense (M-R)

(Min 4/Max 20) Explore self-defense strategies through discussions on mindset, situational awareness, and the law. We will cover the most common types of grabs and how to get away from someone who wishes to harm you. It will be a hands-on physical class; however, the instructors will base it on the physical ability of those attending.

H. Bring in the Birds! (L-M)

(Min 4/Max 12) Learn lots of ways to attract birds to your backyard! By doing so, you'll enjoy close-up views while contributing to larger conservation efforts. Construct and bring home your own bluebird nest box too!

I. Nature Crafting (L)

(Min 4/Max 16) Nature Crafting can be a wonderful way to connect with the outdoors in a relaxed fashion. In this course you will be guided through the process of making your own items and learn new and unique ways to engage with nature.



J. Land Navigation (L-M)

(Min 6/Max 12) The sport of orienteering involves navigating from point to point across terrain with the help of a map and a compass. We will test your outdoor observation skill level and participate in fun, interactive activities that will provide basic information on topographical map reading and compass usage. Baseline compasses will be provided.

K. Falconry: Hunting with Birds of Prey (M)

(Min 4/Max 12) Falconry is the art of hunting wild game with a trained raptor. We will discuss the history, maintenance, training, and care involved with having a bird of prey. A demonstration hunt will be held to see the birds in action, please wear shoes for hiking.

L. Fight or Flight: Situational Awareness (M-R)

(Min 4/Max 15) This session will help you become a “hard target” by heightening your situational awareness and keeping you safe. This fun and informative class concludes with hands-on training using visual images to guide decision making in threatening or perceived threatening situations.

M. Fishing 101 (L-M)

(Min 4/Max 16) Learn basic angling skills such as knot tying, casting, and what to do once you catch that “Big One” in this fun beginner’s fishing class. A Georgia fishing license is required for this class.

N. Campfire Building (L)

(Min 4/Max 16) Get fired up to learn the basics of safely building a campfire! Gather round as we teach tips and techniques to use for your next outdoor adventure.

O. Backcountry Nutrition (L)

(Min 4/Max 20) Learn how to fuel your outdoor adventures with simple, lightweight, and nutritious foods. This hands-on workshop covers meal planning, trail snacks, hydration, and beginner-friendly strategies for staying energized on day hikes and overnight backpacking trips.

Please note: This course will be a half session (1.5 hours).

P. Intro to Rifle (M)

(Min 4/Max 10) This beginner course will give participants the opportunity to try out .22 rifles and practice their aim at an outdoor shooting range. Participants will learn the basics of rifle shooting in a fun and structured environment that will include some class time. A Georgia hunting license, fishing license, or lands pass is required. This class may not be repeated.

Q. Hunting 101 (Deer) (L)

(Min 4/Max 20) Discover the fundamentals of safe, responsible, and effective hunting. This introductory course covers essential deer hunting skills including tracking, scouting techniques, gear, and ethical hunting practices.



R. Wilderness Survival (M-R)

(Min 4/Max 16) Heading out into the woods? Make sure you are ready to survive whatever you might encounter. Discover what the proper contents of a survival kit are, the skills necessary for surviving a night outdoors, signaling for help, how to avoid getting lost, and other helpful hands-on activities.

S. Camping 101 – Tools and Tricks

(Min 4/Max 16) Want to go camping but not sure what to bring? This course will provide you with an overview of the equipment needed, where to find it, how to set it up, and other tips and tricks to successfully sleep under the stars.

T. Chainsaw 101 (M)

(Min 4/Max 16) Interested in learning about chainsaws but unsure where to start? This course will give you the background you need to get off on the right foot. Topics will include selection, operation & maintenance, and safety. Instruction will include some field exercises where you will have the opportunity to see and handle saws intended for homeowner use.

U. Intro to Shotgun (M)

(Min 4/Max 10) Step up and take aim at our outdoor shotgun range during this informative course. This is a beginner's course designed for participants who are new to shotgun shooting and provides an opportunity to learn the basics in an interactive way! A Georgia hunting license, fishing license, or lands pass is required for this class.

V. Fishing 102 (L-M)

(Min 4/Max 16) Go beyond the shallows and learn the basics of using artificial lures in this hands-on and educational course. Participants will learn about different lures and how to manipulate them to mimic prey. A Georgia fishing license is required for this class.

W. Dutch Oven Cooking (L)

(Min 4/Max 16) Settle in around the fire and learn while you cook! In this class you will learn multiple tasty recipes to use at the campfire. Participants will get experience using different methods of base camp cooking including using cast iron, skewers, and sticks!

X. Tying Flies (L)

(Min 4/Max 15) Learn the art and craft of creating your own fishing flies in this course. This hands-on course covers the basics of tools, materials, and techniques used to tie effective flies for various fish species. Please note: This course will be a half session (1.5 hours).

Y. Georgia Marine Fishes – Biology, Adaptations, and Art (L)

(Min 4/Max 15) Georgia's coastline is just 100 miles long, but it is home to a wide variety of marine fish species. Join us for an overview of fish biology, Georgia marine fish identification, and Gytaku. Participants will have the opportunity to create their own Gytaku fish prints during the class. Please note: This course will be a half session (1.5 hours).



Z. Pond to Plate (L-M)

(Min 4/Max 12) This course will teach participants how to get a fish from the hook to the plate! Participants will have the opportunity to see the steps of cleaning and preparing the fish for cooking. The course will end with a delicious fish tasting!

AA. BOW Fishing Slam (M)

(Min 4/Max 16) Grab a fishing pole and head to one of our lakes! It's time to compete against other participants and complete the BOW Fish Slam. Participants will need to catch 3 of the 5 most common fish species at Charlie Elliott.

BB. Prescribed Fire - Learn and Burn (L-M)

(Min 4/Max 12) Ever wanted to learn about how to use fire for a healthy ecosystem? This class will teach you the history and tools of this historical management style. You'll have a chance to practice your new knowledge with sand table scenarios and demos.

CC. Edible Mushrooms (M-R)

(Min 4/Max 16) Is that mushroom poisonous or delicious? How does someone properly harvest a mushroom anyway? Find out the answers to these questions and more in this course! We will wrap up with a hike to find some mushrooms on the CEWC property.

DD. Identifying Georgia's Plants (M-R)

(Min 4/Max 16) Come on a hike to learn about some of the unique and amazing plants in Georgia. You'll discuss how to identify different species and consider ethical collection methods.

EE. Backpacking 101 (M)

(Min 4/Max 15) Get ready to hit the trails with confidence! This course covers the essentials of planning, packing, gear, and site selection all while following Leave No Trace Principles.

FF. How to Clean and Maintain a Firearm (M)

(Min 4/Max 20) A well-maintained firearm can literally last for generations. Learn the essentials needed to safely and effectively care for your firearm. The instructor will outline and demonstrate the steps of cleaning before you practice by cleaning one of CEWC's firearms. Once that is completed, you will have the opportunity to use this knowledge with one of your personal firearms. You will learn how to properly disassemble, clean, and store your firearm to keep your equipment reliable, functional and safe. Once registration is complete, the instructor will reach out with additional information and instructions for bringing one personal firearm to the class. Please note: This course will be a half session (1.5 hours).

Items to Bring and Licenses Needed

WHAT TO BRING?

To ensure you have the best possible experience at your BOW workshop, we are providing suggestions on what to bring. Average fall temperatures in Georgia range from highs in the mid-70s during the day to lows in the mid-30s at night. Please read the following information to help optimize your comfort and enhance the fun!

- ☐ Personal items (i.e. medications, toiletries, etc.).
- ☐ Lodging provides towels, a blanket, linens and a pillow.
- ☐ Clothing suitable for late October weather. Sweaters, a warm coat, hats, and gloves are recommended in case it is chilly during the morning classes. Weather can fluctuate in October from very warm temperatures to cold weather and rain. Dressing in layers is best.
- ☐ Baseball cap or hat with brim, knit hat for evenings and cooler weather.
- ☐ Windbreaker.
- ☐ Rain gear.
- ☐ Sturdy hiking boots or comfortable well-fitted closed-toed shoes.
- ☐ Extra pair of shoes.
- ☐ Camera, binoculars, sunglasses, sunscreen, insect repellent, backpack/fanny pack.
- ☐ Notebook, pen, and highlighters.
- ☐ Reusable water bottle – highly recommended.
- ☐ *Cash or check for the silent and live auctions. There are NO ATM's at CEWC.*

Should you choose to stay at our onsite primitive group campground please note that you will need to bring your own tent, sleeping bag, potable water source, and any other necessary items for a positive, primitive outdoor experience. The only facilities provided within the primitive camping area are a port-o-let toilet and a campfire ring.

Should you choose to stay at the Clybel/CEWC campground please note there is a max of 4 people per site with either 1 RV or up to 2 tents. If the CEWC/Clybel WMA Campsite is full the next closest state park is Hard Labor Creek State Park.

CLASS NOTES:

Fishing 101 and Fishing 102: You must have a valid Georgia Fishing License to participate in these classes. Fishing licenses can be purchased online at www.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com or in person at the CEWC Visitor Center. All equipment will be provided for the classes unless otherwise noted. You are welcome to bring your own gear if you prefer.

ALL Shooting and ALL Archery Courses: You must have a valid Georgia Hunting or Fishing License or Georgia Lands Pass to participate in these classes. Both licenses and passes can be purchased online at www.gooutdoorsgeorgia.com or in person at the CEWC Visitor Center. Equipment and ammunition will be provided for you. Personal firearms may be used upon instructor approval and safety check.

Backcountry Nutrition, Tying Flies, Georgia Marine Fishes, Beach Combing, and Cleaning & Maintaining a Firearm: These courses will be half-length to allow participants extra free time during the program to rest and explore the property at their own pace. We expect these courses to take approximately 1.5 hours each.

**If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.
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