

Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center's "2009 Area Information & Program Calendar" brochure will be available very soon!

In the meantime though, check out these great upcoming programs!

Sat., Jan. 17, 2009: 10am – 2pm Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

All current Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center volunteers are invited to a luncheon in appreciation of your hard work in 2008. Come enjoy the company of fellow volunteers and staff as well as a great meal in our Shepherd Conference Room! Bring your calendars so you can sign up for many fun upcoming opportunities.

Others interested in offering their time and talents are welcome too. *To RSVP (by Jan. 6)* or for more information, contact Linda May at 770-784-3059 or Linda.May@gadnr.org.

Thurs., January 29, 2009: 10am - 12pm Nature Journaling

How can you capture the wonders of nature and create life-long memories, all without the use of a camera? Join CEWC Wildlife Interpretive Specialist Julie Duncan and CEWC volunteer Ed Westbrook to discover a whole new way to experience the world around you. You'll learn how to use your sensory skills to create uniquely personal and meaningful nature journals that can rekindle your memories in a way that no photograph can. Suitable for ages 10 and up; children must be supervised. Since space is limited to 15 participants, pre-registration for this FREE class is required. Please stop by the Visitors' Center or call 770-784-3059 to sign up.

Fri., January 30, 2009: 2pm – 4pm Adopt-A-Highway Clean-Up

Give back to the community by helping to beautify Charlie Elliott's Hwy. 11 stretch! Meet volunteer coordinator Linda May at the Visitors' Center before heading out. Participants must sign a waiver form to volunteer, and children must be supervised. Dress for the outdoors and bring your own gloves. Orange vests and trash bags will be provided. Call Linda May at 770-784-3059 if you can "pitch in!"

Fri., Feb. 20, 2009: 10am - 11am Cleaning From Scratch ~ Naturally!

Save money and help the planet by creating your own homemade cleaning products! Naturopathic Practitioner Dawn Gardner will give you tips on decreasing the number of chemicals in your home while still keeping it sparkling clean. Suitable for ages 12 & up; children must be supervised. Since space is limited, pre-registration for this FREE class is required. Please swing by the Visitors' Center or call 770-784-3059 to sign up.

Sat., Feb. 28, 2009: 10am - 12pm Bird Nesting Basics

Spring is almost here, and the songbirds are gearing up to raise their young. Is your yard an inviting place for them to do so? Learn how to incorporate suitable nesting spaces into your landscape. Thanks to funds from TERN (The Environmental Resource Network) and help from the Gwinnett Woodworkers Association, participants also will build bluebird nest boxes to take home. Bring an old basket or

netted sack to add nesting materials too. All ages are welcome, but children must be supervised. Since space is limited, pre-registration for this FREE class is required and begins on Jan. 28, 2009. Please swing by the Visitors' Center or call 770-784-3059 to sign up.

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