

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

Special occasion to see wild bears



It was man's impact on the land, changing the habitat of southeastern Michigan, that caused Michigan's black bears to retreat to appropriate habitats...

Wild black bear sightings are these days a rarity. Garbage dumps, once a common place to see wild bears, have been closed for cleaning...

ARCHERY

ROYAL OAK ARCHERS will hold a 3D shoot beginning at 8 a.m. Sunday, July 18, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion.

DETROIT ARCHERS will hold a 50-target safari shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, July 24-25, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield.

LIVONIA RANGE The newly renovated Livonia Archery Range is open to the public. The range features seven field lanes and one broadhead lane and is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

JUNIOR OLYMPICS The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

JUNIOR ARCHERS A weekly program for junior archers begins at 9 a.m. Saturdays at Detroit Archers in West Bloomfield.

SPORT SHOOTING SPORTING CLAYS Wings & Clays will host a sporting clays shoot on Sunday, Aug. 29, at the Bald Mountain range in Lake Orion.

SEASON/DATES FILM SEASON Application deadline for the September and December 1999 Michigan elk seasons is July 15.

TOURNAMENTS

TOP BASS Top Bass Tournament Trail, a series of open-ended draw bass tournaments, continues on Saturday, July 17 on Wixom Lake.

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS Oakland Bass Masters will hold its annual Tournament for Toys, a two-man team open charity bass tournament, beginning at 6:30 a.m. Sunday, July 18, on Lake St. Clair.

CLASSES/SEMINARS MOUNTAIN BIKE DESTINATIONS Dan Harrison will present a clinic on mountain bike trails in Lower Michigan beginning at 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 14, at REI in Northville.

CLUBS CLINTON VALLEY BASS Clinton Valley Bass Anglers club is seeking new members (boaters and non-boaters are welcome.)

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Garden City High School.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Clarenceville Junior High School.

FOUR SEASONS The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30-9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Civic Park Senior Center.

FLY TYING Paint Creek Outfitters in Rochester offers a variety of fly tying classes for beginners and advanced tyers.

MORE FLY TYING River Bend Sport Shop in Southfield offers fly tying classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced tyers.

AN INTRODUCTORY climbing course for the novice and first-time climber is offered at various times at REI in Northville.

THE SCHOOL for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLA), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities.

THE RIVER BEND Sports Shop Fly Tying Club meets every other week in Southfield.

COUNTY PARKS COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks.

NATURE CLUB Ages 8-12 will learn about the outdoors during this program, which begins at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, July 31, at Independence Oaks.

METROPARKS METROPARK REQUIREMENTS Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee.

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