

OUTDOOR CALENDAR

CLASSES

OUTDOOR CLIMBING

Learn about ice climbing opportunities in Michigan and southern Ontario during this class, which begins at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at REI in the Northville Center at Haggerty and Six Mile.

HIKING AND CAMPING WITH KIDS

REI staff members will address the special needs of children in the outdoors during this class, which begins at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at REI in the Northville Center at Haggerty and Six Mile.

HUNTER SAFETY

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Sportsmen's Club will hold a two-day hunter's safety class on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 12-13, at the Sheldon Senior Center. Cost is \$10; participants must attend both sessions and preregistration is required. Call (313) 466-2410 for information.

MORE HUNTER SAFETY

The Wayne County Sportsmen's Club in Romulus will offer three two-day Michigan DNR Hunter Education Classes. The dates for the classes are Oct. 11-12, and

Nov. 1-2. Preregistration is required and begins Sept. 10. Call (313) 532-0285 for more information.

DUCK, GOOSE CALLING

Lymann Burgess will offer two, two-hour seminars on duck and goose calling on Saturday, Sept. 20, and Monday, Sept. 29. Cost is \$20 and the classes will be held at the Orchard Lake Middle School. The classes are held in cooperation with the West Bloomfield Community Education. Call (248) 539-290 for more information.

BUTTERFLIES AND MOTHS

Ages five and older will learn about butterflies and moths during this program, which begins at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 13, at the E.L. Johnson Nature Center in Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 339-3497 for more information.

SHOWS

WOODS-N-WATER

The 11th annual Woods-N-Water News Outdoor Weekend will be held Sept. 5-7 at the Lapeer County Fairgrounds in Inlay City. The show features seminars (deer calling, bear the big bucks are, bird hunting, bear

hunting and more), over 125 exhibitors, a live trophy deer show, wild game cooking school, a puppy mart, camp chili cook-off, shooting demonstrations, a 3D archery course and much more. Tickets are just \$5 and children 12 and under will be admitted free. The Lapeer County Fairgrounds is located on M-53, just north of I-69.

SEASONS/DATES

GOOSE

An early Canada Goose season runs Sept. 1-15 in the Lower Peninsula and Sept. 1-10 in the Upper Peninsula. Check the early September Canada Goose Season Michigan Hunting Guide for restrictions.

BEAR

The 1997 bear season begins, Sept. 10.

ARCHERY

JUNIOR OLYMPICS

The Oakland County Sportsman Club in Clarkston offers a Junior Olympic Archery Development Program beginning at 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call (810) 623-0444.

BROADHEAD SHOOT

Royal Oak Archers will hold a broadhead shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 31, on its walk-through course in Lake Orion. Call (248) 693-9799 or (810) 693-1369 for information.

HOLIDAY 3D

Detroit Archers will host a Holiday 3D shoot beginning at 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 1, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 664-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for information.

3D JAMBOREE

Detroit Archers will hold its annual 3D Jamboree beginning at 9 a.m. each day on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6-7, on its walk-through course in West Bloomfield. Call (248) 664-9610 or (313) 835-2110 for more information.

BOWHUNTER JAMBOREE

The Oakland County Sportsman Club will hold its annual Bowhunter jamboree beginning at 9 a.m. each day on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 13-14, in Clarkston. Call (248) 623-0444 for more information.

INDOOR LEAGUES

Indoor leagues are forming at Red Oaks Archery in Metamora. Red Oaks features a Dart Tunnel, an indoor 3D range with a moving bull, and a standard target range. Call (810) 628-1661 for more information.

TOURNAMENTS

OAKLAND BASS MASTERS

Oakland Bass Masters will hold a 50-boat open tournament on

Sunday, Sept. 7, on Lake Orion and another on Sunday, Oct. 12, on Pontiac Lake. Call Roy Randolph at (810) 642-5254 for more information.

OPERATION BASS

The final Michigan Division events on the Operation Bass Tournament Trail is Sept. 7 on the Detroit River. The entry deadline is Aug. 27 but late entries will be accepted with a late fee. Call (502) 362-8110 for more information.

MICHIGAN DUCK HUNTERS

The Michigan Duck Hunters Tournament celebrates its 50th anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 6-7, at the Pointe Mouillee State Game Area in Brownstown. Call (313) 379-9902 or (313) 379-9692 for more information.

FISHING CLUBS

METRO-WEST STEELHEADERS

Metro-West Steelheaders meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month in the cafeteria at Gann City High School. Call (313) 420-4481 for more information.

MICHIGAN FLY FISHING

The Michigan Fly Fishing Club meets at 7 p.m. the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Livonia Clarenceville Junior High School. Call (810) 478-1494 for more information.

FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons Fishing Club meets 7:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Senior Citizen's Center in the

Livonia Civic Center. Mike Thomas, DNR fisheries biologist at the Mt. Clemens office, will be the guest speaker at the Sept. 3 meeting. Call Jim Kudej at (313) 591-0843 for more information.

FISHING BUDDY

Fishing Buddies Fishing Club meets monthly in Rochester Hills. Call (810) 656-0556.

STATE PARKS

JUNIOR RANGERS

They fly, hunt, crawl and swim. Discover the importance of some amazing creatures during this program, which will be offered Saturday at Island Lake.

FISHING IN THE PARKS

Learn how to cast your line and bait your hook during this program, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Island Lake.

PREDATOR/PREY

Find out how some animals depend on other animals for survival during this program, which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, at Maybury.

OAKLAND PARKS

COUNTY PARK REQUIREMENTS

Advanced registration is required for all nature programs at Oakland County Parks. Call (810) 625-6473 to register or for more information.

WILD ABOUT READING

Bring a pillow or your favorite stuffed animal to this really wild read-in, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, at Independence Oaks.

Baseball/Softball Leagues

Leagues start September 8. Sign up your team.

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Area anglers make good team

Garden City's Skeite Bayles and Wayne's Elmer Daniels have only fished together a few times but already the local bass anglers perform like a seasoned team.

The duo joined forces Aug. 10 to win the Heat Wave Open on Wixom Lake near Gladwin. Sponsored by the Clark Bass Masters Club, the tournament featured 31 two-man teams. Randles and Daniels combined to catch an eight-fish limit of smallmouth and largemouth that weighed 16.75 pounds.

"Wixom is a good bass lake but it was kind of tough fishing. We were the only boat with a limit," explained Randles. "We caught them on everything. We didn't really find one successful pattern that worked all day. In the morning we caught smallmouth on top water over sandy points. Once the sun came out they moved away and we started fishing the docks. We caught some nice largemouth flippin' and pitchin' under the docks. We used everything: crankbaits,

lizards, you name it."

Randles and Daniels have teamed up two other times this year and they did extremely well both times. They placed second and third in a couple team tournaments on Saginaw Bay which were sponsored by the U.S. Fishing Association. Randles also placed fourth in an individual tournament earlier this year on Saginaw Bay which was sponsored by Bass'n America.

The local duo plans to join forces at least one more time this year and will compete in the Oakland Bass Masters open tournament Sept. 7th on Lake Orion.

Elk viewing hay ride

The roaring crash of the clashing antlers of a pair of sparring bull elk was quite a contrast to the big band music I had been listening to just minutes before. And quite a bit more thrilling I might add, at least for me. Although I'm not a not a fan of the big band beat I have to admit it did add a bit of nostalgia to the turn-of-the-century ambience of the rustic gas-lit cabin in which I'd just floated on a five-course gourmet dinner.

The Michigan Outdoor Writers Association held its February meeting in Hillman. Part of the

weekend's activities included a horse-drawn sleigh ride through the heart of elk country to a log cabin nestled in the midst of an aspen forest for a delicious home-cooked meal. The trip is available to the public through Hillman's Best Western Thunder Bay Resort. Thunder Bay also offers horse-drawn hay rides in the fall when the forest is ablaze with changing autumn colors and the bull elk are bugling robustly for the attention of the resident cows.

Thunder Bay is now accepting reservations for its 1997 fall and winter trips. The entire trip, including dinner and a short bus ride from the resort to the sleigh, takes approximately four hours and is not recommended for children under nine. If you're looking for a weekend getaway or a simple overnight trip I highly recommend a visit to the Thunder Bay Resort and a hayride/hay dinner package. You won't be disappointed.

The trip boasts an 85-percent success rate for elk sightings and even if you don't see any elk, the hayride/hay and the dinner are enough to keep you coming back. The entire trip is like stepping back in time and experiencing a taste of what life must have been like at the turn of the century.

"Of all the things we do at the resort this is the one we enjoy most," said Jan Matthias, owner of the Thunder Bay Resort and an accomplished chef. "It's a chance to show people a little bit of northern Michigan they otherwise might not experience."

Step back in time

The old-fashioned hayride/sleigh ride provides a taste of draft horses behind a team of draft horses provides a feel for life in the good old days and it doesn't stop when you get to the cabin. Built entirely of native pine, the cozy cabin features a huge stone fireplace, two antique wood cook stoves and dozens of remnants from the lumberjack days.

With the music of old-time granta like Frank Sinatra and Louis Armstrong playing in the background a gourmet dinner is served featuring a main course of crown roast of pork and pan roasted red skin potatoes. Dinner is topped off with delicious Pizzelles, a thin pastry shell filled with chocolate mousse and topped with raspberries and whipped cream.

We didn't encounter elk until the sleigh ride out of the woods and needed a spot light to see them. While we were watching a beautiful 6x6 bull and a few cows we heard the crashing of antlers coming from the woods behind us. It was a great ending to a terrific evening in Michigan's beautiful outdoors.

Anglers and hunters are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009. Fax information to (810) 644-1314 or call Bill Parker evenings at (810) 901-2573.

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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for electrical wiring for portable classrooms at North Farmington High School, Farmington High School and O.E. Duaneck Middle School until 11:00 A.M., Monday, September 8, 1997 at the Lewis School Administration Center, 32500 Silverwood Farmington, Michigan 48336, addressed to Paul Hain at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their regularly scheduled meeting. The Board will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein; or for any reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

A bid bond for 5% of the amount issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from AM Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified checks accepted.

Bid specifications and documents may be obtained from the purchasing department at (248) 489-3346.

BORRIS FELDMAN, Secretary
Board of Education.

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CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS NOTICE

LAST DAY TO PAY SUMMER PROPERTY TAXES

The City of Farmington Hills will be accepting payment of the 1997 Summer Tax Bill without penalty until 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 2, 1997 at City Hall.

Farmington Hills branches of the below listed banks will also be accepting payments. Banks may charge a nominal fee and/or require an account relationship before accepting payment. The banks accepting payment are:

Comerica
Metobank
Michigan National Bank
National Bank of Detroit

Payment may also be made through the night depository located near the Eleven Mile Road entrance to City Hall.

After September 2, 1997 Summer property taxes will be subject to a 4% penalty plus a 1% per month (or portion thereof) interest charge.

Checks are accepted as conditional payment. If not honored by the bank, taxes are unpaid and subject to all delinquent penalties and interest. All payments are processed as received.

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