

**OUTDOOR CALENDAR**

**CLASSES**

**REI MAINTENANCE**  
REI staff member Michael Banks will host an informative clinic on basic maintenance and repair of camping equipment during this free clinic, which begins at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at REI in Northville. REI is located at 17559 Haggerty Road. Call (248) 347-2100 for more information.

**CLUBS**

**SOLAR**  
The School for Outdoor Leadership, Adventure and Recreation (SOLAR), a non-profit organization interested in promoting the appreciation of outdoor activities, meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the Colony Hall in Southfield. Call (248) 988-6658 for more information.

**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. Call Dominic Liparoto at (248) 476-5027 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 - 9:30 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center. Refreshments will be served and visitors are welcome. For information call Jim Kudej at (734) 591-0843.

**BASS ASSOCIATION**  
The Downriver Bass Association, a non-tournament bass club, meets at 6:30 p.m. the fourth Tuesday of every month at the Gander Mountain in Taylor. Call (734) 676-2863 for more information.

**MEETINGS**

**NRC**  
The monthly meeting of the state Natural Resources Commission will be Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 4-5, at the Lansing Center (Wednesday) and the Steven T. Mason Building (Thursday) in Lansing.

The December meeting will take place on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 9-10, at the above location. Persons who wish to address the commission or persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation should contact Teresa Golden at (517) 373-2352 one week in advance.

**SEASON/DATES**

**DEER**  
The first half of the archery deer season runs through Nov. 14. The firearms season opens statewide runs Nov. 15-30. The second archery season runs Dec. 1-Jan. 3. The muzzleloading season opens Dec. 4 in Zone I (Upper Peninsula) and Dec. 11 in zones II and III (Lower Peninsula). There are several other special seasons. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for details.

**DUCK**  
The open season on ducks, mergansers, coots and gallinules is Oct. 3 - Dec. 1 in the North and Middle zones and Oct. 10-Dec. 8 in the South Zone.

**ELK**  
The late elk season will be held Dec. 8-14, by special permit and in designated elk management units only.

**GOOSE**  
There will be a special late Canada goose season Jan. 9-Feb. 7 in the southern Michigan Goose Management Unit. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for specific boundaries.

**GROUSE**  
Ruffed grouse season runs through Nov. 14 statewide. A special late season will be held Dec. 1-Jan. 1 in the Lower Peninsula.

**PHOENIX**  
Phoenix season runs through Nov. 14 in Zones II and III. There is a special late season in

southern Michigan, which runs Dec. 1-16. Check the 1998-99 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Guide for exact boundaries of the December hunt.

**RABBIT/HARE**  
Rabbit/hare season runs through March 31 statewide.

**SQUIRREL**  
Squirrel season runs through Jan. 1 statewide.

**TURKEY**  
The fall wild turkey season runs through Nov. 8 in designated areas of the state by special permit only.

**WOODCOCK**  
Woodcock season runs through Nov. 2 statewide.

**QUAIL**  
Quail season runs through Nov. 11 in 22 counties throughout southern Michigan. Consult the 1998-99 Michigan Waterfowl Hunting Guide for specific openings.

**SHOOTING RANGES**

**BALD MOUNTAIN**  
Bald Mountain Recreation Area in Lake Orion has shotgun (sketch & trap, sporting clays, 5-stand), rifle, pistol, and archery shooting facilities. Range hours through Nov. 14 are 10 a.m. to sunset on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays; on Saturday and Sunday the rifle and pistol range is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. or sunset, whichever comes first, and the sporting clays course is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. or sunset. Bald Mountain is located at 1830 Greenfield Rd., which is three miles north of the Palace of Auburn Hills off M-24. Call (248) 614-9193 for more information.

**PONTIAC LAKE**  
Pontiac Lake Recreation Area in Waterford has rifle, pistol, shotgun, and archery ranges. Range hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Wednesdays through Sundays. Pontiac Lake Recreation Area is located at 7400 Gide Rd. Call (248) 666-1020 for more information.

**ORTONVILLE RECREATION**  
Ortonville Recreation Area in Ortonville has rifle, pistol and shotgun shooting facilities.

Through Nov. 15 the range is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. Beginning Nov. 16 the range will be open 12-5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. The Ortonville Recreation Area is located at 5779 Hadley Rd. Call (248) 693-6767 for more information.

**STATE PARKS**

**STATE PARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Maybury State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area, Bald Mountain Recreation Area, Highland Recreation Area, and Island Lake Recreation Area offer nature interpretive programs throughout the year. A state park motor vehicle permit is required for entry into all state parks and state recreation areas. For registration and additional information on the programs at Maybury call (810) 349-8390. For programs at Bald Mountain call (810) 693-6767. For programs at Proud Lake and Highland call (810) 655-2433. For programs at Island Lake call (810) 229-7067.

**METROPARKS**

**METROPARK REQUIREMENTS**  
Most Metropark programs are free while some require a nominal fee. Advanced registration and a motor vehicle permit are required for all programs. Call the respective parks toll free at the following numbers: Stony Creek, 1-800-477-7756; Indian Springs, 1-800-477-3192; Kensington, 1-800-477-3178.

**1998 PERMITS**  
The 1998 Huron-Clinton Metroparks annual vehicle-entry permits and boat launching permits are on sale at all Metropark offices. Vehicle entry permits are \$15 (\$8 for senior citizens). The annual boat launching permits are \$18 (\$9 for senior citizens). Call 1-800-47-PARKS for more information.

**PANAMA PANORAMA**  
Visit the Darien Wilderness, Canal Zone and the Chiriqui Highlands of Panama during this slide presentation, which begins at 2 today at Kensington.

**AW NUTS**  
Learn about beechnuts, walnuts, acorns, hickory nuts and hazel nuts, find out how they taste and learn some nutty trivia during this program, which begins at 2

today at Stony Creek.  
**NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY**  
Learn the basics of nature photography during this program, which begins at 2 today at Indian Springs.

**OAKLAND COUNTY 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.

**NATIVE AMERICAN TIES**  
Ages 10 and older can learn to make string figures, learn string games and other skills passed down from the Native Americans during this program, which begins at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 7, at Independence Oaks. (To submit items for consideration in the Observer & Eccentric! Outdoor Calendar send information to: Outdoor, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48002; fax information to (248) 644-1314 or send E-mail to lparker@os.homecomm.net)



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