

OUTDOORS

MICHIGAN UNITED
CONSERVATION CLUBOutdoorama 2001 offers
something for everyone

The variety of topics covered by Outdoorama 2001 indicates there is something for everyone to enjoy.

But for the Michigan United Conservation Clubs — the largest statewide conservation group in the nation with over 500 affiliates and 100,000 members — that may not be quite good enough.

The theme of this year's show, which runs through next Sunday at the Novi Expo Center, is "A Family Show with Something for Everyone Who Enjoys the Outdoors."

Is there anybody a description like that doesn't include?

Which is exactly what they're after. Indeed, among the theme nights in the show is Kids' Night — only this year, every night is Kids' Night.

Kids 16-and-under can participate in the Wildlife Challenge and experience the Wet and Wild World of Fish. All participating kids will win a limited edition trading card and will enter a drawing to win an extensive fishing, archery or gun package from sponsor Jay's Sporting Goods Inc.

There's lots more. Such as: ■ **Sporting Dog Night:** 6:30 p.m. Monday. Renowned Minnesota trainer Tom Dokken, aided by his Oak Ridge retrievers, will conduct a seminar on proper techniques for training hunting dogs. A parade of popular sporting dog breeds will follow at 7:30 p.m.

■ **Wild Game and Outdoor Cooking Night:** Tuesday. Michigan's best outdoor cooks prepare wild game and camp fare using unique methods and recipes all night long.

■ **Bowhunting Night:** Wednesday. Archery and bowhunting specialists share their expertise on fundamental archery techniques, hunting the rut, tree stand safety, archery deer hunting, and shooting traditional longbows, recurves and compounds.

■ **Big Buck Night:** Thursday.

SHOW FACTS

OUTDOORAMA 2001
Through March 4
at the Novi Expo Center
Host and sponsor: The Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC); sponsored by Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World.
Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25 and March 4; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday; noon-9 p.m. Wednesday; 3-9 p.m. Thursday, Friday; 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday.
Admission: Adults, \$7; children 5-12, \$3.50; children under five, free.
Information: Call the MUCC at (517) 371-1041, or check their website — www.mucc.org.

Dave Richey of the Detroit News starts the evening with a seminar on Opening Day Deer Tactics. At 7 p.m., Michigan Out-of-Doors host James Ford will showcase the biggest bucks of 2000, with the aid of Commemorative Bucks of Michigan, in this annual contest.

■ **Big Fish Night:** Starting at 4 p.m. Friday. "Jimmy Houston Talks Fishing, Parts I and II" will be presented at 4:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. Houston, a two-time BASS Fishing Tournament champion and Angler of the Year, is in his 20th year on TV and is the subject of the largest selling outdoor book, "Caught Me a Big'un (then I let him go)." Of course, there's much, much more. Like the Wildlife Encounters, a display of Michigan's native birds of prey and wetland animals. Or the Trout Fishing Pond, where visitors — for a \$4 fee — can catch their own trout and either release them or keep them and have them cleaned on the premises.

There's lots more, from turkey calling competitions to seminars on dressing and tanning deer. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.50 for children 5-12 years old. Children under 5 are admitted free. Call the MUCC at (517) 371-1041 for more information.

Outdoorama events: Lori Neely (left), a specialist with the Michigan United Conservation Clubs, will teach visitors about the great horned owl and other birds of prey at the Wildlife Encounters Exhibit in Education Hall. Greg Abbas (right) of A-Way Hunting Products, Inc. will share his turkey hunting expertise at a seminar on Sunday, March 4, at 2 p.m. The Outdoorama show goes through Sunday, March 4, at the Novi Expo Center.



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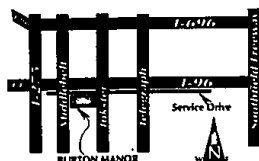
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