



April 5th and 6th, 2019 at Lake Springfield Park

What is WOW?

- WOW is a National Outdoor Recreation and Conservation School that introduces families and individuals to a variety of outdoor activities.
- WOW is a hands-on learning experience that attracts a wide range of ages, interests and abilities.
- WOW is a great family outing with educational components.
- WOW teaches basic skills necessary for families and individuals to enjoy outdoor activities in a safe and responsible manner.
- WOW is a leisure time recreational activity with health benefits that promote the quality of life while enjoying the outdoors.
- WOW is taught by knowledgeable instructors.

For more information, call Wonders of Wildlife at 417-225-1162 or 417-225-1138; or e-mail Wonders of Wildlife at registration@wondersofwildlife.org. Registration **materials** are available online at <http://www.wondersofwildlife.org/education/wow-school.html>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 22nd, 2019.

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St. Louis / October 5th & 6th
Kansas City / September 20th & 21st
Roaring River State Park / October 11th - 13th

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

MISSION STATEMENT

WOW National Outdoor Recreation and Conservation School is designed to teach participants how to enjoy a wide range of outdoor recreation activities while practicing personal safety and outdoor responsibility. Each WOW course will include an outdoor skill and a conservation, safety and ethics component.

LOCATION

WOW National Outdoor Recreation and Conservation School will be held on April 5th and 6th, 2019 at Lake Springfield Park. Lake Springfield Park is located south of Springfield 5324 S Kissick Ave, Springfield, MO 65804.

AGE REQUIREMENTS

Participants must be nine (9) years of age or older to attend WOW School classes. Children four (4) to eight (8) years old can attend the Kid's Camp program, see below. An adult must accompany children age nine (9) to twelve (12) to all classes and program activities. (This means the adult/guardian must be registered for and attend the same class as the child.) Discretion will be left to the parent or guardian to determine whether a child, age thirteen (13) or older, is capable of attending classes unsupervised. All individuals who attend any WOW class must be registered.

KIDS' CAMP

Designed for children four (4) to eight (8) years of age, the Kids' Camp offers exciting outdoor activities. Located in Lake Springfield Park the Kids' Camp is fun-filled and full of educational activities designed to teach and inspire a child's natural curiosity about nature and the great outdoors. All staff and volunteers working with Kids Camp are required to have a background check.

PROGRAM CHANGES

Organizers reserve the right to cancel, reschedule or relocate any proposed offering without prior notice. Insufficient enrollment or emergency cancellations by the instructor are examples of why a program could be cancelled. Organizers also reserve the right to substitute instructors if necessary.

SPECIAL NEEDS

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, WOW will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate persons with special needs. Please enclose a letter with your registration form stating any special needs you may have. This includes any dietary needs, as we will do our best to accommodate you and make alternative arrangements.

TRANSPORTATION

Individuals are responsible for their own transportation to classes and program activities. All classes are within walking distance of the camping area. If a class location is located farther than participants can walk, participants can drive. However, parking is limited and all vehicles should only park in designated areas.

REGISTRATION

1. Complete a **registration** form (**one for each person** please, unless you are taking the same classes) Indicate first, second, and third choice of classes – this is very important!
2. Enclose payment in full: make check payable to WOW School Springfield.
3. Sign and enclose the **WOW liability/photo release** form.

Mail registration materials and payments to:

Wonders of Wildlife
Attn: WOW School Springfield
500 W. Sunshine
Springfield, MO 65807
Or Fax to: (417) 225-1169

If any of the above is not received, your registration will not be processed

CANCELLATION POLICY

Cancellation and refund requests must be submitted in writing to WOW School, prior to Saturday, March 22nd, 2019. All refunds are subject to a \$10 nonrefundable service fee. Absolutely no refunds will be given after Saturday March 22th, 2019. When, if applicable, refunds will be processed after a three-week (minimum) waiting period.

CONFIRMATION LETTER

Participants will receive a confirmation letter after registration has been completed (please allow several weeks for processing). The letter will provide: a list of classes in which the participant has successfully been enrolled, any special instructions for the course (including clothing or equipment needs), a detailed map of the WOW campus and any special event information. The confirmation letter is meant to ensure participants are aware of their responsibilities and expectations before arriving at WOW School.

MEALS

The registration fee covers all meals served during the event. Dinner and evening snack will be provided on Friday, April 5th, breakfast and lunch will be provided on Saturday, April 6th. Please enclose a letter with your registration form stating any special dietary restrictions you or members of your party may have. We will do our best to accommodate you and make alternative arrangements.

CAMPING

Sites will be available to participants for tent camping only. Camping will be primitive as there are no electrical or water hook-ups. We ask that you bring your own tents and bedding. However, both tents and sleeping bags are available on a limited basis, and will be provided based on need and the date registration was received. Staff will be on hand to help anyone who needs assistance setting up their campsite. Camping is not required you can just come for the evening and day activities.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY GUIDE

To help participants anticipate each course and know what physical levels to expect, a physical activity rating system has been created. Listed in the course catalog, you will find a physical level rating for each course.

- **Low** - Requires minimal physical skills/endurance. Ex. Lecture based and hands on activities in a classroom setting.
- **Moderate** - Requires moderate physical skills/endurance. Ex. Lecture based and hands on activities while standing and short walks.
- **High** - Requires high levels of physical skills/endurance. Ex. Lecture based and hands on activities while standing, hiking, lifting and full body movement.
- **Extreme** – Requires the highest level of physical skills/endurance with added emotional engagement/participation. Ex. Lecture based and hands on activities while experiencing, heights, confined spaces, crawling and full body movement.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE!

Financial assistance for registration will be available for families who are in need. To apply, submit a one-page request letter along with a completed registration form and liability release waiver for each person in your party on or before March 22nd, 2019. In your letter include the following: why you want to attend, reason for hardship, annual income, the ages of your family members and a phone number to best reach you by.

COURSE SCHEDULE

Friday Evening 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

(Please note as you are registering - children **4-8 years old** are required to take classes with their guardian on Friday evening)

AFTER DARK DISC CHALLENGE

Enrollment Limit: 15 (Moderate/High)

When the sun goes down the fun begins! We will be playing disc golf that will not only test your aim but will challenge your creativity, memory, and problem-solving skills. Come join us for a fun, after dark outdoor game for the whole family.

Instructor: Aaron Norrick; Wonders of Wildlife Volunteer

BLACK BEARS OF MISSOURI

Enrollment Limit: 25 (Low)

Perhaps no other animals have excited the human imagination as bears. References to bears are found in ancient and modern literature, folk songs, legends, mythology, children stories, and cartoons. Bears are among the first animals that children learn to recognize. Bear folklore is confusing because it is based on caricatures like, teddy bears, Smokey the bear, and then ferocious magazine cover drawings. A problem for black bears, is that literature about bears often does not separate black bears from grizzly bears. Join a park naturalist and become Bear Aware about our growing population of bears in MO as we separate fact from fiction!

Instructor: Tim Smith; Missouri State Parks

FAMILY NATURE BINGO

Enrollment Limit: 30 (Low)

Friday night Bingo with a nature twist. Here you might have a chance to black out or get your ducks in a row, horizontal, vertical or diagonal in this game of bingo. Yes, you will also have the ability to win prizes while testing your knowledge of the world around you.

Instructor: Collin Gilmore; Wonders of Wildlife Staff

NATURE NIGHT WALK

Enrollment Limit: 25 (Low/Moderate)

On this short, easy walk you will learn about some of Lake Springfield's nocturnal residents. As the sun starts to set and more nocturnal animals come out, you will learn about how they survive and thrive at night through interactive games and demonstrations.

Instructor: Justin Smith; Springfield-Greene County Parks and Recreation: Outdoor Initiatives

GARDEN STEPPING STONES

Enrollment Limit: 20 (Low)

It's easy, a little messy and fun! Dress up your garden by creating a personalized stepping stone. You will create your design by casting leaves, tiles and even shiny stones.

Instructor: Rob and Sara Anderson; Wonders of Wildlife Staff

STICK WEAVING

Enrollment Limit: 15 (Low)

Learn the simple and versatile skills of the stick weaving method. With just two sticks and yarn, learn what beautiful things you can create. Stick weaving is easy, fun, and relaxing. You will take home a kit to continue stick weaving at home.

Instructor: Jane Wheeler; James River Pre-1840's Enactor

*Following the Friday evening sessions we would like to invite everyone to join us for **Beyond S'mores** around the campfire at **9pm!***

SATURDAY 8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

CORDAGE & ROPE MAKING

Enrollment Limit: 15 (Moderate)

Make cordage to create rope using fundamental skills and natural materials. Learn which natural materials can be used to make cordage and rope, as well as their many uses.

Instructor: T.C. Corning and Neil Grigsby; James River Pre-1840's Enactor

FIRE BUILDING 101

Enrollment Limit: 15 (Low)

Learn how to build a fire in tough conditions with simple tools. This class will cover the basics of fire building from start to finish. Each participant will leave with a fire starter they have made during the class.

Instructor: Justin Smith; Springfield-Greene County Parks and Recreation: Outdoor Initiatives

FLY TYING

Enrollment Limit: 10 (Moderate)

This course is an introduction to the art and science of fly tying. Participants will receive hands-on instruction and should bring a fly box along to put their creations in. You will be able to create a fly that imitates some of the insects and other creatures found in the outdoors.

Instructor: Charlie Stock; Midwest Flies

LAKE SPRINGFIELD NATURE HIKE

Enrollment Limit: 15 (Low)

Tie up your hiking shoes, fill up your water bottle, and meet us for a mile and a half of pristine trails right here in Springfield. This park has many different ecosystems and habitats that are a perfect representation of wildlife here in the Ozarks. Join our hike for the opportunity to learn about the various creatures and plant communities that inhabit this wonderful area.

Instructor: Collin Gilmore; Wonders of Wildlife Staff

MINIATURE GARDEN CREATION

Enrollment Limit: 20 (Low)

Have you always wanted a lush, beautiful garden but worry about the amount of time and energy it takes to maintain it? Why not start small, forgo the huge commitment and create your very own miniature garden. In this course you will learn the basics of potting and maintaining living plants. You will even get to choose a whimsical theme for your garden complete with gnome or fairy figurines.

Instructor: Sara Anderson; Wonders of Wildlife Staff

PHYSICAL EDUCATION IN NATURE

Enrollment Limit: 15 (Moderate)

Families and individuals from youth to senior maturity will enjoy the morning in the outdoors by participating in a physical education-inspired traverse! The group will journey along a path through nature with stops that will include challenges and physical education-inspired activities. You will also be learning about and making healthy snacks along the way (some food may contain nuts). Endurance and movement expectations will be adjusted for participants' ability levels, along with guidance by a certified physical education instructor.

Instructor: Thomas Ley and Jessica Hayes; Crossfit Fitness

WINGS IN THE SKY

Enrollment Limit: 15 (Low/Moderate)

Join us as we learn how to identify birds of prey and other species of birds while they're in flight. Don't forget your hiking shoes and binoculars, because we'll be taking a short hike around Lake Springfield. We'll even take a firsthand look at some of Wonders of Wildlife's education ambassadors.

Instructor: Keaton Nicole Garland; Wonders of Wildlife Staff

SATURDAY 11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

BASIC ARCHERY

Enrollment Limit: 20 (Moderate)

Archery is a time-honored sport that becomes more popular each year. It is fun, challenging, good exercise, and a great family activity. This course will cover archery safety, ethics, shooting techniques, and equipment selection. Participants will receive individualized instruction and ample time to practice what they learn.

Instructor: Chris Adams and Greg Rippee, Wonders of Wildlife Volunteer

DUTCH OVEN COOKING – COBBLER BASICS

Enrollment Limit: 12 (Low)

Learn basic traditional skills needed to effectively cook at home or in a camp setting using a Dutch oven. Use both traditional and modern methods to prepare, cook, and enjoy your own fruit cobbler in a 6" Dutch oven, which you will learn the proper way to season, care, and store when finished. Take home your cobbler to share with family and your Dutch oven to enjoy for years to come!

Instructor: Ray Gipson; James River Pre-1840's Enactor

FLY CASTING

Enrollment Limit: 12 (Moderate/High)

This course is designed to introduce students to fly fishing gear, the categories of fishing flies and how to choose and outfit your fly rod. We will learn how to fly cast, and participants will benefit from using their own equipment. A limited number of rod outfits will be available for those without one. Sunglasses and a hat are recommended for your safety. Waders are not needed

Instructor: Charlie Stock; Midwest Flies

GEOCACHING WITH A SMARTPHONE

Enrollment Limit: 15 (Moderate)

This is an introductory course to Geocaching with a smart phone. After we cover the basics we will hit the trail to find a "treasure" with your smart phone. Users **MUST** bring their own smart phone with a data plan. **Verizon is used by park employees. Other carriers may be limited but possible. (no Wi-Fi will be available on the trail).**

Instructor: Tricia Tannehill; Geographic Information Systems Specialist, US Army Corps of Engineers

HERPETOLOGY IN THE FIELD

Enrollment Limit: 20 (Moderate/High)

Southwest Missouri provides an essential ecosystem structure for reptiles and amphibians of all shapes and sizes. This program will allow you an opportunity to experience these fascinating creatures in the field. We'll be hiking through the woods so be sure to wear some hiking shoes, long pants, and don't forget your water bottle!

Instructor: Collin Gilmore; Wonders of Wildlife staff

NATURE WREATH MAKING

Enrollment Limit: 20 (Low)

You will be able to create your own unique designs by working with natural tree and plant forms to fashion small bouquets. Wreath designs can consist of greens, pods, cones, dried flowers, moss twigs, and a plethora of other wild and garden goodies. Finishing touches to your one of a kind decoration can be given with bows, applying sparkles and crafting sprays, or choosing from other items to give your inspired by nature creations a special addition!

Instructor: Jessica Hayes, Bass Pro Shops Conservation Department

WHITETAIL – THE BIG SCORE

Enrollment Limit: 15 (Low)

Every fall, thousands of hunters take to the Missouri woods in hopes of taking down a trophy whitetail buck. This course will look at how to identify a deer's age before or after harvest. Learn how to properly score a typical and non-typical buck in the hand and on the hoof using antler sheds, mounts, and game camera pictures.

Instructor: Jake Parsons; Wonders of Wildlife Volunteer

SATURDAY 2:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

ARCHERY TAG

Enrollment Limit: 20 (Moderate)

Are you ready for a new twist on a classic, with all of the fun of paint ball and the skills of archery? Come play the new game of archery tag. We will discuss the rules and techniques needed to play then let you duel it out in our professional course. Fun for all ages and skill level...yes even if you have never used a bow or arrow!

Instructor: Justin Craig and Jeremy Craig; Wonders of Wildlife Volunteers

BASKET WEAVING

Enrollment Limit: 15 (Moderate)

Learn to weave a basket using fundamental skills that will last a lifetime. Learn the history behind basket weaving and learn a traditional basketry technique, which is fun and relaxing. Create your own small basket using skills learned for yourself, family, or a friend.

Instructor: Cynthia Grigsby; James River Pre-1840's Enactor

CRITTERS OF THE LAKE

Enrollment Limit: 20 (Moderate)

Come on down to the lake as we explore the types of organisms living just beyond our eyesight. Depending on what and how many critters we find, we can tell how healthy our waters really are. Everyone will walk away knowing something they did not know before so bring the whole family!

Instructor: Carl Romesburg; Missouri Department of Conservation

DISC GOLF

Enrollment Limit: 12 (Moderate/High)

Disc Golf is an incredibly addictive game that can be played by anyone who can throw a disc. The sport provides a fun and challenging outdoor activity that tests a player's mental skills of concentration, focus and patience. All skill levels are welcome. This sport is a great way to participate in low impact exercise.

Instructor: Aaron Norrick; Wonders of Wildlife Volunteer

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PADDLING SPORTS

Enrollment Limit: 20 (Moderate/High)

Splash around in the lake while you start with the basics of paddle sports. Discover canoeing, kayaking and tryout Stand Up Paddle boarding (SUP). Learn strokes and ways to keep you and your family safe while on the water.

*Instructors: Justin Smith; Springfield-Greene County Parks and Recreation: Outdoor Initiatives
Dakota Ornelas and Jason Schmidt; Missouri State University*

SATURDAY ALL-DAY 8:15 A.M. - 4:45 P.M.

KIDS CAMP

Enrollment Limit: 20 (Low)

This program is designed for children ages four (4) to eight (8). The Kids' Camp, offers lots of exciting outdoor educational activities that will help inspire a child's natural curiosity about nature and the great outdoors. The entire day will be fun-filled and include, hiking, nature crafts, and lots more. (Children will return to parent/guardians during the lunch break)

Please Note: As you register, children 4-8 years old are required to take classes with their parents/guardian on **Friday evening**. Parental attendance at Kids Camp is not necessary for children to attend Kids Camp on Saturday, but parents/guardians must **be on location** participating in other classes. Participants should wear hiking boots or sturdy shoes and dress for the weather. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Instructors: Lexy Tennison; Wonders of Wildlife Staff

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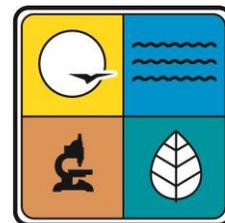
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