



Louisiana Hiking Club

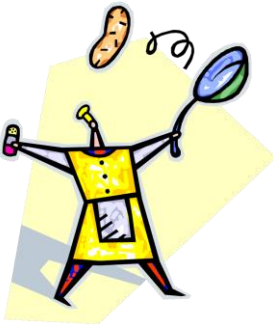


CAMPFEST 2012

Friday afternoon, March 2 -- Sunday noon, March 4, 2012

**Chicot State Park Conference Center
East Landing Meeting Lodge**

\$5.00 Per Person (Under 12 Free)



Seminars
Vendors
Hiking
Paddling
Gear Demo's
Food, food, food!



Please bring a dish for the potluck dinner Saturday nite

Free tent camping*,
Kitchen, and dining hall available
Showers at the main park

DIRECTIONS: From exit 46 on I-49 take 106W. Go 3.1 miles, Turn left at the power plant on unmarked paved road. After 2 miles (you will see dam on right side of road). Several hundred feet later at private residence, bear left. After .1 mile bear left again on gravel road and follow 1.1 miles to the conference center.

* RV's and campers may not camp in the Day Camping area. RV pads, camper pads, and cabin rentals are available and can be rented by calling Chicot State Park at 337 363-2403.



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Activities Campfest 2012

Friday Afternoon:

Arrival and registration
Used equipment sale, swap and give-away starts
EZ Backpack departs East Landing
Movie..... and popcorn

Saturday Morning:

SEMINARS
Arboretum program: Gardening for Wildlife
Vendor displays
Trail Food Sampler Table

Saturday Afternoon:

Afternoon hike with LHC
Arboretum programs:
 Children's Butterfly Walk (adults welcome)
 Adult Guided Hike
Chicot paddle: BYOB (Bring Your Own Boat) or use Chicot SP canoe

Saturday Evening:

Potluck supper with BBQ Meat (please bring a side dish)
Favorite Hikes Slideshow and Presentation
 bring digital photos of your favorite hikes on a CD or flash drive

Sunday Morning:

Early Bird Walk (for those who participated in the Birding Seminar)
Pancake Breakfast - prepared by Prince of Pancakes and motley crew!
Show and Tell - Creative Gear Competition
Louisiana Edibles Hike (Arboretum)



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Saturday Seminars Campfest 2012

Early Bird Birding Talk (followed by Early Bird Walk on Sunday) - Maryann Hoskins

Birding is best in early morning, to get into the swing of things Mary Ann Hoskins will present a seminar on birding in Louisiana at 8:00 sharp. You won't need binoculars for the seminar, but **bring binoculars** so you can practice what you learn on the Sunday morning birding walk (see activities).

Map and Compass Skills - Dale Mathews

To become a more self-assured backcountry traveler, learn or review the basics of using the most important tools for backcountry survival. Then sharpen your navigation skills with practice and fieldwork, and compete for an opportunity to win a prize for first place in the orienteering practice session. **Please bring a compass.** Note: An Orienteering Compass would work best.

Lost! - Stacey Scarce, Naturalist

Let's say you missed the Map and Compass course, or you didn't pay attention... You find yourself LOST. Now what??? Stacey Scarce gives important tips on finding your way back.

Regulations and Safety - Guns on the Trail

Adrian Fortier, retired federal agent and firearms instructor

This presentation neither encourages nor discourages concealed weapons on the trail. For people who do carry, or are interested in knowing more, this presentation is for you. It addresses safety, the legalities of when/where concealed weapons can be carried, and the legal definition of concealed.

Hiking Survival - Don't Die on the Trail (or how to have a "happy hike")

Rick Fonte

Some hikes find you enjoying the sweet song of the wren, the delicate flowers of the forest or the matchless splendor of a clear day on a high summit. Others become stories of misery, suffering and occasionally death, though this is rare. The difference often lies in good decision making and planning. Rick Fonte guides you through the process of planning a happy hike!

Zen and the Art of the Alcohol Stove - Raymond Johnson

If you are interested in a stove that run on odorless fuel, want to carry as little weight as possible, like to go cheap, and strive to use ecofriendly renewable fuels, this presentation is for you. Raymond Johnson will share his experience building a wide variety of alcohol stoves over the past several years, and help you build your own stove.