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1. FREE TREE SEEDLINGS

To help promote Outdoor Classroom development and activities related to trees and forestry, the Alabama Forestry Commission would like to donate up to 600 FREE tree seedlings to schools enrolled in the Outdoor Classroom program. Outdoor Classroom staff will deliver the FREE tree seedlings to schools in late February and early March. The Outdoor Classroom staff will begin taking seedling orders on November 1, and the deadline for all orders will be November 15.

http://www.alabamawildlife.org/conservation_education/seedlinggiveaway.asp

Source: AL Wildlife Federation

2. "WILD ONES" GRANTS

The Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Grant Program gives small monetary grants to schools, nature centers, or other non-profit educational organizations for the purpose of establishing outdoor learning centers. The grant recipient learning centers are those which most successfully reflect the Wild Ones mission to educate and share information about the benefits of using native plants in our landscape and to promote biodiversity and environmentally sound practices. Schools must submit completed and signed proposal (postmarked) by Wednesday, November 15, 2006. <http://www.for-wild.org/sfecvr.html> .

3. ENVIRONMENTAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Deadline November 30, 2006

The Anheuser-Busch Adventure Parks will recognize the outstanding efforts of K-12 students and teachers and non-profit community groups across the country who are working to protect the environment.

To learn more visit the Environmental Excellence Awards website:

<http://www.seaworld.org/conservation-matters/eea/index.htm> .

4. BIRDS ARE EVERYWHERE “SEED” ACTIVITY

Fall is a wonderful time to take students outside to explore your outdoor classroom site for evidence of birds and other wildlife! This fun, easy activity can be used with students of all ages, and can be downloaded for free along with numerous other Outdoor Classroom “Seed” activities developed to help plant a “seed” of learning using the outdoors. <http://www.alabamawildlife.org/seedactivities.asp>

Source: AL Wildlife Federation

5. INTRODUCTORY OUTDOOR CLASSROOM WORKSHOP

The Alabama Wildlife Federation recently added this workshop to their fall workshop schedule to help provide technical assistance and support to educators, administrators, and community volunteers who wish to create sustainable outdoor classrooms on their school grounds. If you’re just beginning to develop your outdoor classroom site, then this workshop would be very helpful for you and your planning committee! The workshop will be held on Friday, November 17 at Blossomwood Elementary in Huntsville. Topics include “Keys to Success,” “Wildlife Management,” and much more. Space is limited, so Sign up ASAP!

http://www.alabamawildlife.org/conservation_education/teacher_workshops.asp

6. OUTDOOR CLASSROOM GRANT PROGRAM

Deadline: Dec 31

The Outdoor Classroom Grant Program provides outdoor, hands-on science education to students in grades K-12 and assists schools in enhancing their core curriculum in all subjects. Lowe’s Charitable and Educational Foundation, International Paper and National Geographic Explorer! classroom magazine have partnered to create an outdoor classroom grant program to provide schools with additional resources to improve their science curriculum by engaging students in hands-on experiences outside the traditional classroom. All K-12 public schools in the United States are welcome to apply.

<http://www.lowes.com/lowes/lkn?action=pg&p=AboutLoves/outdoor/apply1.html>

7. WOMEN'S WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT/CONSERVATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Women's Policies Committee of the National Rifle Association has established the Women's Wildlife Management/Conservation Scholarship to be administered by The NRA Foundation. This women's scholarship, from the Women of the NRA, is a renewable, one-year, \$1,000 scholarship available to full-time college juniors or seniors with a minimum grade point of 3.0 majoring in wildlife management/conservation.

Applications for 2007 scholarship must be postmarked by February 15, 2007.

For more information and an application, go to <http://www.nrafoundation.org/>. Then scroll down to the bottom of the page.

8. 4-H ARCHERY LEADER TRAINING IN MARION COUNTY 11/11/06

Marion County is hosting a 4-H Archery Leader Training at the First United Methodist Church Gymnasium in Winfield (8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.) on Saturday, November 11.

Registration Cost: \$10.00 --Due at the training. **Must register by November 8.** For more information or to register by phone contact Denise Legvold at 205-932-8941 (O), 205-310-0168 (cell), or legvold@aces.edu .

9. SHOOTING SPORTS FUND-RAISING OPPORTUNITY

Interactive Sports Entertainment (ISE) has entered into an agreement with the National 4-H Shooting Sports Foundation on using their videos to do fund raising with 4-H Shooting Sports programs. Al Melillo who is head of the company is based in the Dallas, Texas area and wants to help your club raise funds to run your program.

http://www.isegames.com/index.php?main_page=page&id=32&chapter=0

10. 2007 ALABAMA USA SHOOTING JUNIOR OLYMPIC SMALLBORE CHAMPIONSHIP

SANCTIONED BY: USA Shooting, 1 Olympic Plaza, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: Alabama Youth Shooting Sports Association

CONTACT NAME: Dan Fox (4-H Shooting Sports Leader)

CONTACT EMAIL: deugenefox@bellsouth.net

CONTACT PHONE: 256-679-6777

DATE OF MATCH: November 11, 2006

CITY / STATE LOCATION: Blue and Gray Rifle and Pistol Club Range, Guntersville Dam, Guntersville, AL

SUMMARY: 3 Position Precision Smallbore Junior Olympic Selection Competition (JOSC). Sanctioned by the USA Shooting under USAS and ISSF rules. Course of fire is 20 shots in each of three positions (prone, standing, kneeling) at 50 feet.

ELIGIBILITY: This competition is open to all competitors born in 1986 or later. All competitors must be individual members of USA Shooting.

RESIDENCE: Each competitor may claim residence in only one state and must declare the state of residence on the entry form. Residents are eligible for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place USA Shooting State Champion medallions. Non-residents may compete for automatic and at-large invitations to the National Championship and are encouraged to do so.

STATE RESIDENT QUALIFIERS: USA Shooting will issue official invitations to the National Junior Olympic Shooting Championships (NJOSC) for the high scoring male and high scoring female resident from each State JOSC, provided they fire a minimum

qualifying score. Resident collegiate and/or military competitors are eligible for the state resident champion awards and are also eligible for resident state qualifier invitations.

ENTRY: Shooters may not compete in more than one state JOSCS. Juniors who fire in their own home state JOSCS will not be allowed to shoot in another state. Juniors from states which are not holding a state JOSCS and those who cannot attend their own state JOSCS will be allowed to enter the automatic/at-large division in another state. At entry, non-resident juniors must declare that they are shooting for an at-large/automatic invitation.

Residents may choose to enter the Automatic/At-large category instead of the Resident Qualifier category if they are confident they can shoot above the automatic score and secure an invitation. This would allow another competitor to receive the State Qualifier invitation.

A. Resident Qualifier - Competitors shooting in their declared state of permanent residency. Competitors in this category are eligible to be the state resident qualifier to the National JOSCS.

B. Automatic/At Large - Competitors shooting in other than their declared state of residency are eligible for at-large/automatic invitations to the National JOSCS.

TEAMS: This match will be an individual competition. To team scores will be calculated.

CATEGORIES: The following categories will be used for individual competition:
(Based on the age the competitor will be in the year 2007.)

Junior (J1); age 18-20; competitors born from 1987-1989

Intermediate Junior (J2); age 15-17; competitors born from 1990-1992

Sub-Junior (J3); age 14 & under; competitors born in 1993 or later.

RULES: Current USA Shooting Rules will govern.

COURSE OF FIRE: Outdoor 3X20, covered firing points provided

TIME LIMIT: Firing time will be 36 minutes prone, 54 minutes standing, and 45 minutes kneeling, including all sighting shots. There will be a target change period between each position.

FIREARM: Rules 7.4.2.xx

SIGHTS: Iron sights

DISTANCE: 50 feet

TARGETS: USA Shooting 50 Foot Multiple Bullseye Target one shot per bull

COACHING: Coaching on the firing line will not be permitted.

SCORING

PROTESTS: A scoring protest of \$1.00 per shot may be charged.

TIES: All ties will be broken in accordance with USA Shooting Rules.

PARTICIPATION

PINS: A Junior Olympic participation pin provided by USA Shooting will be given to each competitor.

AWARDS: USA Shooting will provide a gold medallion for the top resident individual, silver medallion for the 2nd place resident individual and a bronze medallion for the 3rd place resident individual.

SCORE SHEETS: Special score sheets must be used for all State JOSCs. They are to be filled in completely and signed by the competitor to be considered for invitation to the National JOSC. LEGIBLE handwriting is required. If USA Shooting cannot read your handwriting you may not get your invitation.

MAKE ENTRY: Entries should be made using the entry form enclosed with this program. Mail entries to 1921 Lynnbrook Dr. SW, Huntsville, AL 35803. Email inquiries deugenefox@bellsouth.net or contact Mr. Fox at 256-679-6777.

ENTRY FEES: \$20.00 per shooter

ENTRIES CLOSE: Entries will close 3 NOV 06 . Entries will be accepted to range capacity of 60 shooters (20 shooters per relay). Every effort will be made to accept all competitors who enter before the closing date.

POST ENTRIES: No entries postmarked after 3 NOV 06 will be accepted

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations received one week in advance, or earlier, will receive a full refund. All other cancellations will receive 50% refund.

SCHEDULE OF All times local:

EVENTS: Range opens at 7:00am

Relay 1 - 8:00am

Relay 2 - 11:00am

Relay 3 - 2:00pm (if needed)

Awards Ceremony 5:30pm if 3 relays are required. If two relays are required, the Awards Ceremony will be conducted 30 minutes after the protest period for Relay 2 is complete.

This match is being hosted by the Blue and Gray Rifle and Pistol Club at their range in at the Guntersville Dam, Guntersville, AL

DIRECTIONS TO RANGE: From the south: From the intersection of US 431 and AL Hwy 69 Guntersville, go north on US 431 for 14.9 miles to Guntersville Dam Rd.

(Guntersville Dam Sign). Turn left onto Guntersville Dam Rd.

From the North: Proceed South on US 431 approximately 8 miles south of Hobbs Island Road to the Guntersville Dam Rd. Turn Right.

Go approximately 3.5 miles toward the dam on Guntersville Dam Rd. When you come to the yellow security barricade on Guntersville Dam Road (before you get to the dam) you will see a gravel road on your left. This is the private drive to the Blue and Gray Rifle and Pistol Club range.

Note: Access to the range is available from US 431 only. There is there is no access to the range from the Guntersville Dam entrance on AL Hwy 69 because no vehicular traffic allowed across the dam.

11. 2007 ENVIROBOWL COMPETITION

Get your team together and register for the Legacy, Partners in Environmental Education 2007 EnviroBowl Competition. Legacy will host its Fourteenth Annual EnviroBowl Competition with six regional competitions and a statewide final. Alabama high schools (grades 9 - 12) are invited to form a team and participate in the Regional EnviroBowl Competition held closest to their school system. Team members competing in Regionals will receive T-shirts and certificates. The top three winning teams will receive plaques and advance to the state competition. One senior from each region will be selected to receive a \$1000 scholarship. All competing seniors are eligible to apply for the scholarship. State winners will receive individual prizes as well as a trophy to display at their school. Statewide sponsors will also receive a prize to be used in the school's science department. EnviroBowl questions were completely changed in 2006 and updated for 2007!

To download a registration form, go to www.legacyenved.org . Registration forms can be found under Student Activities / EnviroBowl

Regional EnviroBowl Competition Dates and Locations:

Friday, January 12, 2007 - University of South Alabama, Mobile

Tuesday, January 16, 2007 - University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa

Friday, January 19, 2007 - Auburn University Montgomery, Montgomery

Tuesday, January 23, 2007 - Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville

Friday, January 26, 2007 - Troy University - Dothan Campus, Dothan

Tuesday, January 30, 2007 - University of North Alabama, Florence

State Competition - Friday, April 20, 2007 - Birmingham Botanical Gardens, Birmingham

12. TREAD LIGHTLY! AWARENESS COURSE

The highly anticipated Tread Lightly! Awareness Course is now live and available online. Anyone who goes ATV riding, mountain biking, or owns a four wheel drive vehicle or a personal water craft should take this course! Land and water managers are also encouraged to use it in their educational programs.

The free 30-minute interactive course covers all the essential outdoor ethics. It combines flash animation, audio voice-overs, hypothetical scenarios and quick quizzes to make a well-rounded, entertaining learning tool. Check it out today at

<http://www.treadlightly.org/images/education/tlac/inc/frameset/lessonframe.htm>

13. TREAD LIGHTLY! KIDS CLUB

Calling all kids! Tread Lightly! and its squirrel mascot Lightfoot(TM) have introduced a free "Tread Lightly! Kids Club" to help kids reduce their impact on nature.

www.treadlightlykids.org

14. RESPONSIBLE ATV RIDING

Travel & recreate with minimum impact:

- Stay on designated routes.
- Travel only in areas open to ATV use.
- On slick trails, moderate the throttle and use the clutch to gain maximum traction with minimum tailspin.
- On switchbacks, avoid roosting around the apex of the turn when climbing or brake-sliding during descent, both of which gouge the trail.
- Cross streams only at designated fording points or where the trail crosses the stream.
- Avoid riding in meadows and marshy areas.
- When winching always inspect your equipment, use the right winch for the situation, find a good secure anchor, and never winch with less than five wraps of wire rope around the drum
- When using a tree as an anchor, use a wide tree strap to avoid damage to the trunk of the tree
- Protect the soundscape by preventing unnecessary noise created by your vehicle
- Practice minimum impact camping by using established sites, camping 200 feet from water resources and trails and minimizing use of fire.
- Observe proper sanitary waste disposal by burying waste 6-8 inches deep and at least 200 feet from trails, campsites and water resources or pack your waste out.

Respect the environment & the rights of others:

- Be considerate of others on the road or trail.
- Ride only where permitted.
- Leave gates as you find them. Respect private land.
- Yield the right of way to those passing you or traveling uphill. Yield to mountain bikers, hikers, and horses.
- Keep the noise and dust down.

- Pack out what you pack in.

Educate yourself, plan & prepare before you go:

- Obtain a map of your destination and determine which areas are open to ATVs. Make a realistic plan, and stick to it. Always tell someone of your travel plans.
- Contact the land manager for area restrictions, closures, and permit requirements.
- If crossing private property, be sure to ask permission from the landowner(s).
- Check the weather forecast.
- Prepare for the unexpected by packing a small backpack full of emergency items.
- Wear a helmet, eye protection, and other safety gear.
- Buddy up with two or three riders. Riding solo can leave you vulnerable if you have an accident or breakdown. Designate meeting areas in case of separation.
- Know your limitations. Watch your time, your fuel, and your energy.
- Don't mix riding with alcohol and/or drugs.
- Understand how to operate your vehicle and its controls.
- The ATV RiderCourseSM provides a fast-paced, half-day, hands-on training session. Call Jamie Freeman at the Walker Co. Extension Office (205-221-3392) to enroll.
- Make sure your vehicle is mechanically up to task. Be prepared with tools, supplies and spares for trail side repairs.

Allow for future use of the outdoors, leave it better than you found it:

- Carry a trash bag on your vehicle and pick up litter left by others.
- Avoid "spooking" livestock and wildlife you encounter.
- Avoid sensitive habitats, wetlands, steams, and meadows.
- Following a ride, wash your ATV and support vehicle to reduce the spread of noxious weeds.
- Motorized and mechanized vehicles are not allowed in designated Wilderness areas.

Discover the rewards of responsible recreation:

- ATV riding provides the opportunity to get away from the rush of everyday life and builds family traditions.
- Careless operation of your ATV can cause damage and may result in closing areas.
- By using common sense and common courtesy, what is available today will be here to enjoy tomorrow.

Source: <http://www.treadlightly.org/>

15. RESPONSIBLE HUNTING WITH ATV GUIDELINES

Travel & recreate with minimum impact:

While Hunting--

- Keep scouting to a minimum.
- Always practice minimum impact travel techniques for your mode of transportation.
- Dismantle meat poles and other structures used while hunting.
- Pack out nails, ropes, wire, and rifle and shotgun shells.
- Remove flagging and biodegradable tape used for route finding.

- It is damaging and unlawful to use a permanent tree stand, blinds or platforms as well as to place spikes, nails, wires or other metal objects into a tree to act as steps or to hold a tree stand on public lands.
- Avoid damaging or removing trees or other plants when putting up hunting structures or enlarging sight lines.
- When retrieving game, don't travel cross-country on your All Terrain Vehicle (ATV). Get as close as possible on a trail or road and then travel by foot to the site of your kill.
- Practice minimum impact camping by using established sites, camping 200 feet from water resources and trails and minimizing use of fire.
- Observe proper sanitary waste disposal by burying waste 6-8 inches deep and at least 200 feet from trails, campsites, and water resources or pack your waste out.

Negotiating Terrain--

- Stay on designated routes. Travel only in areas open to ATV use.
- On slick trails, moderate the throttle and use the clutch to gain maximum traction with minimum tailspin.
- On switchbacks, avoid roosting around the apex of the turn when climbing or brake-sliding during descent, both of which gouge the trail.
- Cross streams only at designated fording points or where the trail crosses the stream.
- Avoid riding in meadows and marshy areas.
- Protect the soundscape by preventing unnecessary noise created by your vehicle.
- When winching always inspect your equipment, use the right winch for the situation, find a good secure anchor, and never winch with less than five wraps of wire rope around the drum.
- When using a tree as an anchor, use a wide tree strap to avoid damage to the trunk of the tree.

Respect the environment & the rights of others:

- Be considerate and respectful of other hunters, non-hunters, and the wildlife in the area.
- Leave gates as you find them. Respect private land.
- Be a sportsman and practice ethical hunting.
- Never take a shot unless you see the animal clearly, you can identify it, and you know what lies between you, the target, and beyond.
- Don't shoot across roads, trails, and waterways.
- Don't leave animal remains in wetland or riparian areas, campgrounds, roads or trails.
- Pack out what you pack in.
- Yield the right of way to those passing you or traveling uphill. Yield to mountain bikers, hikers, and horses.
- Keep the noise and dust down.

Educate yourself, plan & prepare before you go:

- Know the hunter education requirements for your area. Whether required or not, take a hunter education course.
- Hunt only where permitted and know your local hunting laws and regulations.
- Obtain a map of your destination and determine which areas are open to ATVs. Make a realistic plan and stick to it. Always tell someone of your travel plans.
- Contact the land manager for area restrictions, closures, and permit requirements.

- If crossing private property, be sure to ask permission from the landowner(s).
- Check the weather forecast.
- Dress in layers and carry a jacket. Know your state's requirements regarding when to wear Hunter Orange.
- Don't mix hunting with alcohol and/or drugs.
- Prepare for the unexpected by packing a small backpack full of emergency items.
- When riding, wear a helmet, eye protection and other safety gear.
- Buddy up with two or three riders. Riding solo can leave you vulnerable if you have an accident or breakdown. Designate meeting areas in case of separation.
- Know your limitations. Watch your time, your fuel and your energy.
- Never ride with a loaded firearm. When traveling on the trail, keep your firearm secure in a protective case separate from the ammunition.
- Understand your vehicles controls and how to operate them.
- The ATV RiderCourseSM provides a fast-paced, half-day, hands-on training session. Call the ATV Enrollment Express toll-free at 1-800-887-2887 to enroll.
- Make sure your vehicle is mechanically up to task. Be prepared with tools, supplies and spares for trail side repairs.

Allow for future use of the outdoors, leave it better than you found it:

- Avoid "spooking" livestock.
- Avoid sensitive habitats: wetlands, streams, and meadows.
- Provide information to wildlife managers to help manage game and determine wildlife inventories. Report any poaching incidents.
- Following a hunt, wash your equipment and vehicle to reduce the spread of noxious weeds.
- Motorized and mechanized vehicles are not allowed in designated Wilderness areas.

Discover the rewards of responsible recreation:

- Hunting provides the opportunity to get away from day to day life and builds family traditions.
- Careless hunting practices and ATV riding can cause damage to resources and jeopardize safety. It is the major cause of negative publicity towards hunting and may result in restrictions or the closing of an area.
- Respect the environment and other trail users. By using common sense and common courtesy, what is available today will be here to enjoy tomorrow.

Source: <http://www.treadlightly.org>

16. LIMITED EDITION DAISY GUN

Daisy's 120th Anniversary Collector's Limited Edition BB gun will be available at the end of October or the first weeks in November.

Because these 1,000 guns will not last long, Daisy wants you to have the opportunity to reserve yours now. They will make a great Christmas gift but I seriously doubt there will be any left by December 25th.

This is one of the most important and limited edition collector's guns ever. 2006 is a really important year to Daisy as it marks the 120th continuous year that the company has been in the airgun business. Few companies can lay claim to such a rich heritage.

In honor of the occasion, the Daisy Museum has created a truly beautiful gun with many unique features:

- Tiger maple stock with inset 2" diameter die-cast 120th Anniversary medallion
- Tiger maple forearm with laser engraved edition name and individual gun number (1 of 1000 to 1000 of 1000)
- Brass plated barrel assembly and forearm band with coordinated hardware
- Die-cast metal cocking lever
- Unique package with full-color collectible sleeve, detailing the company's history

The package itself will be equally collectible. Shipment is scheduled for late October / early November.

There are many Daisy collectors, and 1,000 qty. is a short run when it comes to a limited edition collectible. When they are gone, they are gone. Within the next few days, this gun will be added to the Daisy Museum's website (www.daisymuseum.com). You might want to get a jump on that by calling the Museum at 479-986-6873 or dropping an email with the subject "120th gun order" to them at info@daisymuseum.com

The proceeds from the sale of this gun will assist the Daisy Museum, a separate non-profit corporation, to grow, add displays, acquire antiques and to continue to develop unique collectibles like this one.