

WOW

15th Anniversary

National Outdoor Recreation
& Conservation School

Exploring, Discovering, Learning



Creating the opportunity to get outdoors!



Kansas City WOW

SWOPE PARK
and
JAMES A. REED
MEMORIAL WILDLIFE AREA

Sept. 23 - 24, 2011



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 in a park setting that attracts a wide range of ages, interests and abilities.
- WOW is an affordable family outing with an educational component.
- WOW teaches basic skills necessary for families and individuals to enjoy outdoor activities in a safe and responsible manner.
- WOW is an affordable 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, contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources toll free at 800-334-6946. Forms are also available online at mostateparks.com/wow.htm.

Registration deadline is Sept. 9, 2011.

**Thank you Kansas City Parks
and Recreation for assisting
with Kansas City WOW.**



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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, conservation, safety and ethics component.

General Information

WOW is designed as an annual event and offers a comprehensive educational program through selected courses and workshops. Some courses are designed to provide a complete range of instruction, while others deal with only one topic. Each year, the program will vary depending on requests and previous participation.

Location

WOW will begin with check-in and campout at Camp Lake of the Woods in Swope Park in Kansas City, Mo., on Sept. 23. On Sept. 24, participants will participate in outdoor activities at the James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area near Lee's Summit, Mo. Transportation will be provided to and from James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area.

Registration

\$15 per person or \$30 per family (two adults and up to four children)

Participants must pre-register for Kansas City WOW. To ensure that the registration process is fair to everyone, registration will only be accepted by mail. Sorry, absolutely no registrations will be accepted by phone, fax or e-mail. Registrations received after Sept. 9 will be accepted only if space is available and will be subject to a \$10 late fee. Registration fees will cover camping; meals Friday evening, Saturday morning and Saturday noon; instruction and equipment; and one t-shirt per person.

WOW Kansas City Registration deadline is Sept. 9, 2011.

To Register For WOW, You Must:

- *Complete a registration form (one family per form please). Registration deadline is Sept. 9.*
- *Sign up for Night Hiking if interested in participating.*
- *Enclose payment in full; make checks payable to WOW. Financial assistance is available.*
- *Sign and return the liability/photo release form.*
- *Please note: If any of the above is not received, your registration will not be processed.*

Mail registration materials and payments to:

**ATTN: WOW School
Wonders of Wildlife
500 W Sunshine
Springfield, MO 65807**

***Please note: If any of the above is not received,
your registration will not be processed.***

Confirmation Packet

Participants will receive a confirmation letter after registration has been completed (please allow three weeks for processing). The confirmation packet will include an agenda, special instructions (including clothing or equipment needs), maps of Swope Park and James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area and transportation arrangements.

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 offering could be canceled. Organizers also reserve the right to substitute instructors if necessary.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellation and refund requests must be submitted in writing to the WOW School at the above address prior to Sept. 16. All refunds are subject to a \$10 non-refundable service fee. Absolutely no refunds will be given after Sept. 16. When/if applicable, refunds will be processed after a three-week (minimum) waiting period.

Financial Assistance

Financial assistance for registration will be available for Missouri residents who are in need. To apply, submit a one-page request letter along with a completed registration form and liability waiver for each person in your party on or before Sept. 9, 2011. Please include in your letter why you want to attend, the ages of your family members and a contact phone number.

Age Requirements

All individuals who attend any WOW class must be registered. Participants must be five years and older. Children between five and 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. Please register another family member to act as guardian to participant together with children in WOW events. For youth over the age of 12, please use parental discretion to determine whether the youth is capable of attending classes unsupervised.

Physical Activity Guide

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

- Low: Requires minimal physical skill/endurance
- Moderate: Requires moderate physical skill/endurance
- High: Requires high levels of skill/endurance

Special Needs

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, WOW will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate people with special needs. Please enclose a letter with your registration form stating any special needs you might have, including dietary restrictions.

Transportation

Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from Kansas City WOW at Swope Park. Shuttles to James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area will be provided for Saturday activities.

For More Information

If you have any questions, please contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources' Division of State Parks at 800-334-6946 or 800-379-2419 (TDD).

KANSAS CITY WOW SCHEDULE

FRIDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES

Located at Swope Park

NOTE: Restrooms are available inside the dining lodge, but there are no shower facilities.

4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Registration
Tent Set Up
Campfire Cooking

6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Owl Program

6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Nature Art Crafts

7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Night Hikes
(Limited number of spaces available. Participants will sign up when they register.)

10 p.m.

Quiet Hours Begin

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Located at James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area

NOTE: Transportation is provided from Swope Park to James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area.

6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast – Swope Park
Pack up tents and clean campsites

8:30 a.m.

Depart for James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area

9 a.m.

Arrive at James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area

Divide into assigned groups and head out for first activity of the day.

** Classes will include canoeing, fishing, archery, orienteering and primitive skills. Each group will participate in each of the five classes.*

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.

*** First Class Session**

10 a.m. - 11 a.m.

*** Second Class Session**

11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

*** Third Class Session**

Noon - 12:30 p.m.

Lunch & Group Photo

12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

*** Fourth Class Session**

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

*** Fifth Class Session**

2:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Depart James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area and travel to Swope Park
Pack and depart 2011 WOW

FRIDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

All Friday evening activities will take place at Camp Lake of the Woods in Swope Park.

Camping

Camp will be available for participants of WOW at Camp Lake of the Woods in Swope Park on Friday evening, Sept. 23. Friday evening's meal is provided and is a hands-on outdoor cooking experience.

If you do not have a tent, tents are available to borrow. Please indicate on the registration form the number of tents needed for the number of campers in your group. Staff will be available to assist with tent set up from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Bring everything you need for an overnight experience. Campers will have access to bathrooms located at Camp Lake of the Woods. Breakfast will be provided. Registration is required for camping, meals and activities.

There are no shower facilities. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco products are not permitted at WOW.

Night Hiking

Enjoy nature at night! Put on your hiking boots and experience some moonlight fun and an entirely new world that comes alive at night. Hikes will be lead by WOW staff, so bring a flashlight and your family for this scenic adventure. Please register in advance if your family is interested in participating because space is limited.

Nature Crafts

WOW will offer crafts that get the participants in touch with nature. Using new materials with old/used items, they can make a great souvenir of their WOW experience. All craft supplies will be provided.

Owl Program

Do you hear owls in your backyard? Learn about these night time predators and what features they have to help them hunt. Join us for an evening program about these fascinating birds. A live owl may be present during this presentation!

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES

*All Saturday activities will take place at
James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area.*

Please dress for the weather and be prepared for changes in the weather. Transportation to and from James A. Reed Memorial Wildlife Area will be provided.

MORNING ACTIVITIES

BEGINNING ARCHERY Low/Moderate

Like Robin Hood, you too can enjoy a time-honored sport that is growing in popularity. Archery is enjoyable, inspiring, a good work out and a great family activity. This course will cover archery safety, ethics, shooting techniques and equipment selection. Participants will receive personal instruction and adequate time to practice what they learn.

CANOEING CAN B4U Low/Moderate

Safety instructions and equipment will start this session off as you learn your bow from your stern. Learn the basic strokes and how to get in and out of a canoe before setting forth as you enjoy the safe pond environment. Paddle and enjoy the great outdoors as you experience the feel of being a "canoeist."

GEARING UP FOR FISHING Low/Moderate

Learn the basics of fishing: knot tying, casting and baiting the hook. Use fishing equipment from the Missouri Department of Conservation and try to catch that "Big One" in our stocked pond. This is a catch-and-release program, so enjoy this time and learn an outdoor skill. No fishing license is required.

ORIENTEERING Low/Moderate

Orienteering can be an important way to find your way from one spot to another and it can also be an enjoyable outdoor sport! Orienteering is the international sport of finding one's way through various terrain using a compass, topographical map and navigation skills. It's easy to learn and is a fun way to exercise both the mind and body while enjoying the natural world! No experience necessary.

CONNECTIONS TO THE PAST Low/Moderate

Learn the primitive skills of fire and rope making while getting a glimpse of the past. Learn about tools primitive people used to survive, how they were made, natural resources that were used (animal, plant or mineral) and how they compare to modern tools.

2011 WOW School Schedule

WOW events are held around the state.
Some offer many more courses to cater to both
beginners and the more experienced.

Roaring River State Park.....Oct. 7-9

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