A Day in the Woods:

Forest & Wildlife Activities for All the Family

Gaskins Forest Education Center

3359 Moore Sawmill Rd., Alapaha

Saturday April 22, 2017 (weather permitting)

Event Activities 1-5 pm, BYO Cookout 5-7 pm, Nature Walk 7-9 pm, Astronomy 9-10:30 pm

FREE - no entrance fee and no commercial activities.

Local people will share their love of outdoors, craftsmanship and knowledge of local traditions. Each person people/group will set up their own station either under pine trees, in the open, or next to a large pond.

Most activities will be ongoing, so attendees can come and go at their leisure.

Some activities may involve getting hands dirty and feet wet, so come prepared.

Samples of game meat—hog and deer, and maybe others—will be provided mid-afternoon. This is not intended as a full meal. **If you want to cookout for evening meal, bring your own food. Cooking facilities provided.**

Request for Volunteers: We are looking for volunteers to organize an activity station, bring music, provide food or refreshments, help as volunteer, or provide support in public relations. We have ideas for activities that are ready to go – just waiting for a someone to present them.

We expect at least 30 activity stations. Activities may be related to forestry, wildlife, outdoor recreation, crafts and history. Here are some of the activities and demonstrations that are being planned.

- Archery
- Fishing
- Wildlife calls
- Gopher tortoise camera
- Animal footprints
- Taxidermy
- Pine cone bird feeder
- Native bee nests
- Bird migration
- Identifying trees
- Native Plants
- Measuring trees
- Leaf prints

- Fire behavior
- Soils
- Drones
- Making paper
- Turpentine history
- Bark baskets

- Pine needle baskets
- Vine baskets
- Wood turning
- History
- Wool cardingSpinning and
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- Fixing old buildings
- Rosen potatoes
- Blacksmith
- Crosscut saw

This is a community event. Anyone interested in contributing should contact Heather Brasell 229-339-3966 or email <u>heather.brasell@gmail.com</u>.

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