



**Anniston Outdoor Association
Schedule of Activities
December 2014**

December 13 - 2nd Saturday Pinhoti Day Hike with the JSU Field School

This will be a 6.6 mile hike beginning at Adam's Gap and ending at Clairmont Gap. Adams Gap is located at the end of AL 281 (Scenic By-way) just before the road becomes USFS 600. Clairmont Gap is located on USFS 600. This section of the Pinhoti is rated "moderate" in difficulty and travels along rocky terrain near or along the mountain ridge top. For those desiring a shorter hike, there is a Pinhoti / USFS 600 crossing at the 3.4 mile mark of the hike.

Points of interest along this section, include Patterson Gap and Burgess Point. Burgess Point was the site of an old fire tower that was damaged when an airplane crashed into its radio antenna. Only the foundation of the tower remains today but it has been recently reported that part of the plane can still be seen in a nearby tree. Participants should bring a lunch with something to drink and dress appropriately for the forecasted weather conditions for the day. The departure time and location for this outing will be 8:00 am from the Publix parking lot located at the Oxford Exchange adjacent to Exit 188 on I-20 and US Hwy 78. For more information and to register your participation, contact Keith Hudson by Thursday, December 11. Keith may be reached by office phone at 256-231-7675, cell phone at 256-239-8746, or by email at aoa@annistonald.gov. This outing will be provided free of charge to AOA members while non-members are asked to pay a nominal \$5.00 fee.

December 18 - Christmas Party

This year's Christmas Party will be held at the recently renovated Holly Farm Lodge located adjacent to Tucker Park on Weaver Road near Weaver. This was the venue for our association's inaugural Christmas Party back in 1991 and for several years thereafter. For this party, the AOA will provide a meat and participants are asked to bring a side item. This event will include a short program to recognize our 2014 outings leaders and a slide show highlighting pictures from our outings over the past year. The party will begin at 6:30 pm.

If you plan to attend, please contact Keith Hudson by Monday, December 15. Keith may be reached by phone at 256-231-7675, by cell at 256-239-8746, or by email at aoa@annistonald.gov.