

**Anniston Outdoor Association
Schedule of Activities
May 2011**

**May 14
Pinhoti Day Hike**

This will be a 4.3 mile hike on the Pinhoti Trail starting at the I-20/Scenic Byway overpass and ending at the US Highway 431 trailhead. This hike will be shorter than usual to compensate for the warmer late spring temperatures. This section of the Pinhoti passes through several beautiful areas with small streams and gently rolling terrain. There are no extreme elevation changes along this section. Participants should pack a lunch with something to drink. The departure time and location for this outing is 8:00 a.m. from the former Foodmax of Anniston Parking Lot. Please contact Larry Warren at 256-835-0870 if you would like to participate in this hike.

**May 17
Outings Planning Meeting**

The purpose of this meeting will be to finalize plans for our summer quarter outings and to schedule tentative outings for the upcoming fall quarter. Those willing to lead an outing, or having suggestions for an outing, should attend this meeting. If you can lead an outing but cannot attend the meeting, please contact Evelyn Stephens at 256-236-3431, prior to the meeting. This meeting is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. at the Anniston City Meeting Center.

**May 27-30
Camping & Day Hiking in the Cataloochee Area of the Smoky Mountains National Park**

This will be a weekend of camping and day hiking in the Cataloochee Area of the Smoky Mountains National Park. Site 3 at the Cataloochee Campground has been reserved for our group at a cost of \$20.00 per night for a total of \$60.00 for the three nights. This cost will be divided among those participating. Cataloochee Campground is very remote and is located about 30 minutes from Maggie Valley, NC, down a gravel road next to a creek. The campground has restrooms with no showers, uncovered picnic tables and water spigots. Specific hiking plans will be determined by the skill levels, abilities, and desires of those participating in this outing. The area features several old homes and churches that can be toured and an abundant supply of elk that were reintroduced into the area several years ago. The elk can be viewed best at dusk and dawn. A group meal may be planned for Sunday night pending group interest. Participants will be responsible for the remainder of their meals. Please contact Keith Hudson at 256-231-7675, 256-820-1895, or 256-452-3223 if you plan to participate in this outing. Keith may also be reached by email at aoa@annistonald.gov.