

**Anniston Outdoor Association
Schedule of Activities
May 2012**

May 12 - National Get Outdoor Day

National Get Outdoors Day is an annual event to encourage healthy, active outdoor fun. Participating partners offer opportunities for American families to experience traditional and non-traditional types of outdoor activities. Primary goals of the day are to reach first-time visitors to public lands and reconnecting youth to the great outdoors. Our association will have an exhibitor table at this event which will be hosted by the US Forest Service at the Munford Elementary School from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer to help staff our table, please contact Keith Hudson by phone at 256-231-7675 or 256-239-8746, or by email at aoa@anniston.al.gov.

May 19 - Bike Ride on the Chief Ladiga Trail

This will be an approximate 18-mile round trip ride on the CLT beginning and ending at the property of AOA member Joan Alexander. Plans are to ride on the trail to the AL/GA state line, take a detour on a county road leading to Borden Wheeler Spring, and return to Joan's property. Those who do not want to ride a bike may walk on the CLT or hike on part of the Pinhoti Trail located in the area. Participants should bring their lunch, something to drink, and a bicycle. The meeting time and location for this outing will be 9:00 am at Joan's property. For more information, to get directions to Joan's property, and to register your participation, please contact Joan Alexander or Ben Demayo. Joan may be reached by phone at 256-238-8185 or by email at joanmalex@yahoo.com. Ben may be reached by phone at 770-833-5183 or by email at bdemayo223@yahoo.com.

May 22 - Outings Planning Meeting

The purpose of this meeting will be to finalize plans for our summer quarter outings (July, August, & September) and to schedule tentative outings for the upcoming fall quarter (October, November, & December). 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 26 - Canoe Trip on Hatchett Creek

This will be an approximate 6 hour canoe trip on Hatchett Creek beginning at King's bridge on County Road 6 and ending at the backwaters of Mitchell Lake. Cahaba lilies in bloom may be encountered during this float. Unfortunately, there are no canoe rentals available for this creek. Participants should bring a lunch with something to drink and should wear shoes they don't mind getting wet. The departure time and location for this outing will be 8:00 am at the Books-A-Million parking lot in Oxford or 9:00 am at the intersection of US Hwy 231 and County Road 22 in Rockford. The actual meeting site for this area will be at the service station located on the right side of the road at the intersection's stop light (this is the only stop light in Rockford). As with all float trips, this activity will be contingent on adequate water levels and weather conditions on the date of the outing. Please contact Joan Alexander if you plan to participate in this trip. Joan may be reached by phone at 256-238-8185 or by email at joanmalex@yahoo.com.