

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

**October 4 - Tallapoosa River Canoe/Kayak Trip**

This will be a float trip on the Tallapoosa River. Participants should meet at the Lowe's in Oxford by 9:30 am or at the Tallapoosa River Outfitters by 10:00 am. Tallapoosa River Outfitters is located on Cleburne County Hwy 46 about 3 miles south of I-20 (Exit 205) just past the Perry Hand Bridge on the left. The outfitter offers rental boats at the following rates: \$40.00 for canoes, \$25.00 for kayaks, and \$10.00 to shuttle private boats. The outfitters may be reached by phone at 256-239-6399, or by email at [paddle@TallapoosaRiverOutfitters.com](mailto:paddle@TallapoosaRiverOutfitters.com). As with all float trips, this outing will be dependant on adequate water flow rates on the date of the trip. If the flow rate of the river becomes too low for floating, the location of this outing may be changed to Terrapin Creek. Please contact the trip leader, Joan Alexander, by Friday, October 3, to register your participation and find out about the status of this trip. Joan may be reached at 256-238-8185.

**October 11 - 2nd Saturday Hike with the JSU Field School**

This will continue our monthly series of day hikes with the goal of covering the entire Pinhoti Trail in Alabama. This hike, rescheduled from May, will cover the 7.5 mile section of the Pinhoti Trail beginning at the CCC Road (Oxford/Cheaha Road) intersection and ending at Cleburne County Road 24. This section is rated "moderate" in difficulty and is characterized by ridge and valley type terrain with several creek crossings including Hillabee Creek. The Hillabee Creek crossing is significant and may require participants to wade across the creek pending the water level. AOA member Carl Wilson will be camping in this area with some Boy Scouts and welcomes any participants wishing to do an overnigher to join him. Anyone having questions about camping my reach Carl at 256-453-3775 or [chw48@bellsouth.net](mailto:chw48@bellsouth.net). Those planning to day hike should pack 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 Mike Martin by phone at 256-239-2123 or by email at [mikemartin6674@gmail.com](mailto:mikemartin6674@gmail.com). This outing will be provided free of charge to AOA members while non-members are asked to pay a nominal \$5.00 fee.

**October 25 - Pizza & Hike with the Stars**

This outing will include a pizza get-to-gether at the Pine Glen Campground, a 2.5 mile night hike on the Pinhoti Trail, and an astronomy program next to Sweetwater Lake. Pizza and soft drinks will be served at 5:00 p.m. with the hike to follow at sundown. The hike will begin at Pine Glen Campground and will continue to an open field by the dam on Sweetwater Lake where we will stop to view the sky and listen to our own Dr. Demayo (Ben) from WGU as he presents a program about the stars and constellations that we see. After leaving the field, plans are to proceed a short distance up an old gated FS road until we reach our ending point on FS Road 500M. Participants will then be shuttled back to the campground. For planning purposes, participants will be required to register for this outing by Thursday, October 23. This outing is free to AOA members while non-members will be asked to contribute \$5.00 to help cover the cost of the pizza. Participants who prefer not to eat pizza are welcome to bring their own food and those wishing to camp overnight at the campground should feel free to do so. To register your attendance, please contact Keith Hudson by phone at 256-231-7675 or 256-239-8746, or by email at [aoa@anniston.al.gov](mailto:aoa@anniston.al.gov)