



Outreach Programs and Events



The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries' Outdoor Education Program offers exciting programs such as Becoming an Outdoors Woman[®], Virginia Outdoors Weekend, Mother & Daughter Outdoors, and Women in the Outdoors (co-sponsored with the National Wild Turkey Federation) and various species specific educational hunting workshops. Each of the programs offered to the public are hands-on educational activities lead by enthusiastic, knowledgeable, and professional instructors in a highly supportive atmosphere.

Becoming an Outdoors Woman[®]

This program is designed primarily for women whose outdoor exposure has been limited. The three-day events (Friday through Sunday) offer a variety of 4-hour classes geared towards beginners. Participants can choose from shooting sports, angling, boating and non-consumptive educational courses. The courses offered may include, but are not limited to, intro to shotgun, rifle, archery, hunting techniques for game species, fly-fishing, bass fishing, boating, camping, wilderness survival, and outdoor cooking. Weekends are held in rustic yet comfortable settings. Participants in the Becoming an Outdoors Woman[®] programs must be at least 18 years of age.

Virginia Outdoors Weekend

Designed to give the entire family a chance to add to their outdoor experience, the Virginia Outdoors Weekend is a three-day event (Friday through Sunday) taught at various locations across the state. The focus is on learning outdoor skills through hands-on courses such as, but not limited to, intro to skeet shooting, rifle, archery; hunting techniques for game species, fly-fishing, basic fishing, boating, camping, wilderness survival, outdoor cooking, and many others. This event to be held at Twin Lakes State Park in Green Bay, VA in 2006!

Mother & Daughter Outdoors

The Mother & Daughter Outdoors program is designed primarily for women. It provides an excellent opportunity for anyone 9 years of age and above to learn outdoor skills usually associated with hunting and fishing, but useful in a variety of outdoor pursuits. The courses offered at this 2-3 day event are similar in content to the BOW and the Virginia Outdoors Weekend events. Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Women in the Outdoors

Co-sponsored with the National Wild Turkey Federation, this day program is designed primarily for women 14 and over. Participants can enjoy learning new skills, meeting people with similar interests, and getting involved in outdoor activities. These events offer classes that range from fly fishing, shooting sports, and turkey hunting to mountain biking, canoeing, and bird watching. Events are held throughout the state.

Educational Hunting Workshops

An educational experience focused on knowledge and skill development for specific species. Educational workshops may cover squirrel, dove, upland bird, waterfowl, turkey or deer. Workshops are designed in partnership with hunting organizations and community groups. They are designed for youth, novice and disabled hunters. *See brochures and flyers for specific details or visit the website for current listings and locations.*

Educational Angling Workshops and Other events

An educational experience focused on knowledge and skill development for specific fish species. Workshops are designed in partnership with angling organizations and community groups. They are designed for youth and novice anglers. *See brochures and flyers for specific details or visit the website for current listings and locations.*

National Archery in the Schools - NASP A standardized archery program designed to train educators the NASP curriculum so it can taught to youth from elementary to high school. Training is conducted in 8 hours.

For information or registration forms for any of these programs visit the
Department of Game and Inland Fisheries website www.dgif.virginia.gov Click on Education.

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