

# Outdoor Weekend Learning Seminars (O.W.L.S.) at the Everglades Youth Conservation Camp

The EYCC will be offering four OWLS for families with school-age children. Each weekend will focus on one of our core themes of paddles sports, wildlife discovery, shooting sports, and fishing. Housing, meals and all the equipment for the weekend is provided. Families will participate in a variety of sessions to learn and improve their skills for each of the recreational programs. Patches for each program will be awarded to all participants at the conclusion of each seminar.



## **Wildlife Discovery** **November 4-6, 2016**

Imagine pitching a tent in one of Florida's lush forests or along the shores of a sparkling lake or taking in the views from a beachfront site. There's no better way to nourish a child's sense of outdoor adventure and teach them life skills than camping. Want your kids to experience a star-filled night, the smell of a campfire, and the hoot of an owl? You can! Join this weekend to learn the basics of camping and how to make a weekend excursion with your family an exciting adventure. Discover the outdoors and create quality time with your family. Our excursions will include hiking, outdoor cooking, nature photography and crafts. Each family will need to bring a tent for this weekend.



## **Shooting Sports** **March 3-5, 2017**

Archery has become a very popular sport. It's an activity that anyone can succeed at. It's not about strength. It's more about focus and good form. Archery also is one of the most accessible activities for people with disabilities. It's fun, safe and a great way to socialize with friends and family. Plus, when new shooting skills are mastered, participants get a big boost in self-confidence. Join us to learn how to shoot a bow and arrow as well as rotate through our other shooting sports including rifles, shotgun, and black powder. *(Children must be 8 years old to participate in this weekend.)*



## **Fishing** **March 31-April 2, 2017**

With 3 million acres of freshwater lakes, ponds and reservoirs, and 12,000 miles of fishable rivers, streams and canals, Florida is THE fishing capital in the world! Fishing can be both relaxing and exciting all at the same time! Time spent fishing is time spent soaking in the world around us, and learning to appreciate Florida's plentiful wildlife that survive in and around these precious freshwater bodies. Join us to learn everything you need to know to about fishing from equipment, skills, and getting it to the table. We will conclude this adventure with a fishing tournament, boat races and a fish fry. Each child will receive a rod and reel provided by the Fish Florida grant program.



## **Paddle Sports** **April 28-30, 2017**

Florida has a variety of award winning paddling trails on the state's abundant lakes, rivers, and meandering coastline. It's easy to get kids interested in canoeing or kayaking. Children possess a curiosity that, with a little bit of encouragement and a sturdy canoe or kayak, will make them want to get on the water and explore! They may spot an otter scooting through the water, an osprey diving for a fish, or perhaps an alligator basking in the sun. Join us this weekend to learn paddling skills for canoes, kayaks, and paddleboards to make your next adventure on the water more enjoyable.

## Sleeping Accommodations

Families can choose to stay in our cabins, bring their own tent or borrow a tent. EYCC tents are limited and will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Our cabins are air-conditioned with 10 bunk beds in an open room. Families will be sharing the cabins with other families. Bath houses are separate from the cabins.

## Cost for each weekend:

**\$100** per adult

**\$75** for children 12 to 18 years

**\$50** for children 5 to 11 years

## Our tentative schedule for the weekends is below:

**Friday** *(Dinner is not provided Friday evening; please eat or bring your own meal for Friday.)*

6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.	Arrival/Registration/Settle into tents and cabins
8 p.m.	Welcome/Introductions/Presentation
9:30 p.m.	Free Time/Off to bed

### Saturday

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Activity Rotation
12:15 p.m.	Lunch/Free time
2:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.	Activity Rotation
5:15 p.m.	Free time
6:15 p.m.	Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Evening Program

### Sunday

8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Activity rotation
12:15 p.m.	Lunch and closing ceremony
2:00 p.m.	Departure

## Questions?



**Florida Youth Conservation  
Centers Network**

### **FYCCN, EYCC and OWLS**

In 2010 the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) introduced a groundbreaking public-private partnership initiative called the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network (FYCCN). This statewide network provides opportunities for youth and their families to participate in traditional outdoor activities and safely share experiences that inspire lifelong stewardship for fish and wildlife conservation. The Everglades Youth Conservation Camp (EYCC), owned and operated by FWC, is one of several locations for the FYCCN to provide outdoor recreational opportunities for youth and families in a residential setting.

Please contact the camp director, Janice Kerber, at Janice.Kerber@MyFWC.com or (561) 624-6929 for more information.

# O.W.L.S. Registration Form

Adult name: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number:(\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

My family will be:  Bringing our own tent  Borrowing a tent  Staying in a cabin

Please make checks payable to the Fish and Wildlife Foundation of Florida.

Program	# of adults X \$100	# of children (12-18 years old) X \$75	# of children (5-11 years old) X \$50	Sub-totals
<b>Paddle Sports</b> October 7-9, 2016				
<b>Wildlife Discovery</b> November 4-6, 2016				
<b>Shooting Sports</b> March 3-5, 2017				
<b>Fishing</b> March 31-April 2, 2017				
<b>Grand Total = \$</b>				

Mail Registration form and check to:



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