



Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp

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Camp Instructor and Lifeguard Cody Geller stacks wood into the shape of a teepee while showing campers the different styles of fires to build Thursday July 14, 2016 during Outdoor Skills class. About 100 kids each week take part in Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp at the FWC Conservation Center and Youth Camp each year for six weeks in the Ocala National Forest. The camp occupies a 57-acre peninsula, rich in history and wildlife, on Lake Eaton. Campers stay each night in air-conditioned rustic cabins. The campers enjoy everything from outdoor archery and shotgun ranges, a fishing pier on Lake Eaton and canoeing and camp skills like starting a fire with flint and steel. (Doug Engle/Ocala Star-Banner)



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Micah Gough, 13 of Ocala, grimaces as his catfish flips wildly on the end of his line after catching the bottom feeder on Lake Eaton Thursday July 14, 2016. Each camper receives a fishing pole, reel and tackle box filled with goodies. About 100 kids each week take part in Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp at the FWC Conservation Center and Youth Camp each year for six weeks in the Ocala National Forest. This is week four of the camps. The camp occupies a 57-acre peninsula, rich in history and wildlife, on Lake Eaton. Campers stay each night in air-conditioned rustic cabins. The campers enjoy everything from outdoor archery and shotgun ranges, a fishing pier on Lake Eaton and canoeing and camp skills like starting a fire with flint and steel. There are still openings for girls for the next two camps. Each week costs \$295 and registration begins as early as February first of each year. (Doug Engle/Ocala Star-Banner)



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Camper Nick Tellier, 12, center, contemplates his Chess move Thursday July 14, 2016. About 100 kids each week take part in Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp at the FWC Conservation Center and Youth Camp each year for six weeks in the Ocala National Forest. The camp occupies a 57-acre peninsula, rich in history and wildlife, on Lake Eaton. Campers stay each night in air-conditioned rustic cabins. The campers enjoy everything from outdoor archery and shotgun ranges, a fishing pier on Lake Eaton and canoeing and camp skills like starting a fire with flint and steel. (Doug Engle/Ocala Star-Banner)



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Emily Wells, 13, sets her paper and steel wool on fire by using a piece of flint and steel Thursday July 14, 2016. About 100 kids each week take part in Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp at the FWC Conservation Center and Youth Camp each year for six weeks in the Ocala National Forest. The camp occupies a 57-acre peninsula, rich in history and wildlife, on Lake Eaton. Campers stay each night in air-conditioned rustic cabins. The campers enjoy everything from outdoor archery and shotgun ranges, a fishing pier on Lake Eaton and canoeing and camp skills like starting a fire with flint and steel. (Doug Engle/Ocala Star-Banner)



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Camp Counselor Garrett Boyd, left and camper Grant Worden, 9, take a break after lunch at their cabin A also known as Alligator cabin, Thursday July 14, 2016. About 100 kids each week take part in Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp at the FWC Conservation Center and Youth Camp each year for six weeks in the Ocala National Forest. The camp occupies a 57-acre peninsula, rich in history and wildlife, on Lake Eaton. Campers stay each night in air-conditioned rustic cabins. The campers enjoy everything from outdoor archery and shotgun ranges, a fishing pier on Lake Eaton and canoeing and camp skills like starting a fire with flint and steel. (Doug Engle/Ocala Star-Banner)



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Joseph Spease, left, wears his boots while playing some hoops with Camper Hal See, right, Thursday July 14, 2016. About 100 kids each week take part in Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp at the FWC Conservation Center and Youth Camp each year for six weeks in the Ocala National Forest. The camp occupies a 57-acre peninsula, rich in history and wildlife, on Lake Eaton. Campers stay each night in air-conditioned rustic cabins. The campers enjoy everything from outdoor archery and shotgun ranges, a fishing pier on Lake Eaton and canoeing and camp skills like starting a fire with flint and steel. (Doug Engle/Ocala Star-Banner)



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Camp Counselor Joseph Spease, left, helps Ava Malloy, 11, of Ocala, FL, with her archery skills while on the range Thursday July 14, 2016. About 100 kids each week take part in Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp at the FWC Conservation Center and Youth Camp each year for six weeks in the Ocala National Forest. The camp occupies a 57-acre peninsula, rich in history and wildlife, on Lake Eaton. Campers stay each night in air-conditioned rustic cabins. The campers enjoy everything from outdoor archery and shotgun ranges, a fishing pier on Lake Eaton and canoeing and camp skills like starting a fire with flint and steel. (Doug Engle/Ocala Star-Banner)



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Elijah Smith, 10, keeps hydrated by drinking water after fishing on the dock Thursday July 14, 2016. About 100 kids each week take part in Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp at the FWC Conservation Center and Youth Camp each year for six weeks in the Ocala National Forest. The camp occupies a 57-acre peninsula, rich in history and wildlife, on Lake Eaton. Campers stay each night in air-conditioned rustic cabins. The campers enjoy everything from outdoor archery and shotgun ranges, a fishing pier on Lake Eaton and canoeing and camp skills like starting a fire with flint and steel. (Doug Engle/Ocala Star-Banner)*



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Campers catch a catfish as it flips wildly on the end of the line after catching the bottom feeder on Lake Eaton Thursday July 14, 2016. Each camper receives a fishing pole, reel and tackle box filled with goodies. About 100 kids each week take part in Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp at the FWC Conservation Center and Youth Camp each year for six weeks in the Ocala National Forest. This is week four of the camps. The camp occupies a 57-acre peninsula, rich in history and wildlife, on Lake Eaton. Campers stay each night in air-conditioned rustic cabins. The campers enjoy everything from outdoor archery and shotgun ranges, a fishing pier on Lake Eaton and canoeing and camp skills like starting a fire with flint and steel. There are still openings for girls for the next two camps. Each week costs \$295 and registration begins as early as February first of each year. (Doug Engle/Ocala Star-Banner)



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Camper Colby Redding, 10, rests his feet on his own tackle box Thursday before heading off to fish on Lake Eaton Thursday July 14, 2016. Each camper receives a fishing pole, reel and tackle box filled with goodies. About 100 kids each week take part in Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp at the FWC Conservation Center and Youth Camp each year for six weeks in the Ocala National Forest. This is week four of the camps. The camp occupies a 57-acre peninsula, rich in history and wildlife, on Lake Eaton. Campers stay each night in air-conditioned rustic cabins. The campers enjoy everything from outdoor archery and shotgun ranges, a fishing pier on Lake Eaton and canoeing and camp skills like starting a fire with flint and steel. There are still openings for girls for the next two camps. Each week costs \$295 and registration begins as early as February first of each year. (Doug Engle/Ocala Star-Banner)



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ABOVE | A camper waits in line in the dining room for lunch Thursday July 14, 2016. About 100 kids each week take part in Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp at the FWC Conservation Center and Youth Camp each year for six weeks in the Ocala National Forest. The camp occupies a 57-acre peninsula, rich in history and wildlife, on Lake Eaton. Campers stay each night in air-conditioned rustic cabins. The campers enjoy everything from outdoor archery and shotgun ranges, a fishing pier on Lake Eaton and canoeing and camp skills like starting a fire with flint and steel. (Doug Engle/Ocala Star-Banner)



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LEFT - Alec Hudson, 12, rigs up his line before heading off to fish Thursday July 14, 2016 on Lake Eaton. About 100 kids each week take part in Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp at the FWC Conservation Center and Youth Camp each year for six weeks in the Ocala National Forest. The camp occupies a 57-acre peninsula, rich in history and wildlife, on Lake Eaton. Campers stay each night in air-conditioned rustic cabins. The campers enjoy everything from outdoor archery and shotgun ranges, a fishing pier on Lake Eaton and canoeing and camp skills like starting a fire with flint and steel. (Doug Engle/Ocala Star-Banner)



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ABOVE | Fisherman Gavin Gadoury, 10, of Ocala, center, reels in his fishing line Thursday July 14, 2016. About 100 kids each week take part in Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp at the FWC Conservation Center and Youth Camp each year for six weeks in the Ocala National Forest. The camp occupies a 57-acre peninsula, rich in history and wildlife, on Lake Eaton. Campers stay each night in air-conditioned rustic cabins. The campers enjoy everything from outdoor archery and shotgun ranges, a fishing pier on Lake Eaton and canoeing and camp skills like starting a fire with flint and steel. (Doug Engle/Ocala Star-Banner)



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LEFT | Garrett Mackowiak, 12, holds up his catfish after catching the bottom feeder Thursday July 14, 2016. About 100 kids each week take part in Ocala Outdoor Adventure Camp at the FWC Conservation Center and Youth Camp each year for six weeks in the Ocala National Forest. The camp occupies a 57-acre peninsula, rich in history and wildlife, on Lake Eaton. Campers stay each night in air-conditioned rustic cabins. The campers enjoy everything from outdoor archery and shotgun ranges, a fishing pier on Lake Eaton and canoeing and camp skills like starting a fire with flint and steel. (Doug Engle/Ocala Star-Banner)