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Great Ready for Summer Play Days at the Chattahoochee Nature Center “Where Nature Comes Alive”

(ROSWELL) May is a magnificent time to get on the river as the sun warms up. Our canoe trips resume in May, and we have a new way for beginners to learn to canoe with Canoeing 101. Learn about Wild Waters in the only Nature Exchange in the southeast, providing visitors a place to trade and acquire unique specimens found outside. Camp Kingfisher is registering kids for the few spaces left for a totally awesome summer experience. We're open Monday through Saturday from 10-5 pm, and noon to 5pm on Sunday. Please check out our website for a complete list of programs at www.chattnaturecenter.org. General admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$5 for children 3-12 and free for children 2 and under and our members. Here are just a few of our favorite offerings coming up in May.

Get ready for summer at the ...

Start of Summer Play Day

Saturday, May 26, 12 – 4pm, Fun for All Ages

Come out and play for Memorial Day! Kick off the summer with parachutes, hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, Frisbees and more. We supply the toys, you supply the imagination.

Laughing Matters: 12pm

Start off Play Day the right way with giggles and guffaws. Laughing Matters' improvisation will tickle the funny bone as you share your ideas and take part in the unscripted, unexpected and hilarious results. 'Laughing Matters' improvisation masters use skits and songs to tickle the funny bone, sharpen the mind and stimulate the imagination. Kids love to take part in the unscripted, unexpected and hilarious results as they share their ideas. Formed in 1985 through their collective love of improvisational acting; Nancy Meyer, Tommy Futch, Rhyann Girard, Jamie Moore and Tim Stolenberg meet their mission to entertain, educate, and enlighten. Most of all, they are all about having fun! Laughing Matters moves audiences with their creative minds, flexible brains and bodies and their ability to adapt to any situation and find humor in it. See their video on Young Audiences website at: www.yawac.org/en/Artisits/Meet-The-Artists/Laughing-Matters.aspx

Play Time: 1 – 4pm

Play for Memorial Day! Kick off the summer with parachutes, hula hoops, sidewalk chalk, Frisbees and more. We supply the toys, you supply the imagination.

Little Miss Muffet Story Time: 3pm

Join Ms. Julia, costumed as a Black Widow Spider, for a story and activities all about spiders and insects. Learn the classic nursery rhyme, “Little Miss Muffet” and hear the story *Be Nice to Spiders* by Margaret Bloy Graham. Kids will love making silly spider hats to wear. Enjoy an eco-adventure on an Insect Scavenger Hunt, complete with magnifying glasses. Explore the Insect Bio-Buggy in the Butterfly Garden with extra science tools to complete your adventure.

Carnivorous Plant Workshop

Saturday, May 5, 1:30 – 3pm, Advance Registration Required by May 3

Join us for an informative program on the bogs of the SE and discover the interesting carnivorous plants that make these habitats their home. After the program we will go to the greenhouse and show you how to grow and maintain these beautiful plants in your garden. From 3 - 5pm nursery open to purchase carnivorous plants. After this program we will open up the nursery for people to purchase many carnivorous plants that have been propagated here at the center. Many other plants will be available too in case you missed our spring plant sale. **Ages 10 – Adult, Included with General Admission**

Canoeing 101

Sunday, May 6 and Saturday, May 26, 12:30 – 2pm, It's time to get ready to spend a summer on the 'Hooch! Join us to discover the basics of canoeing including boat basics and paddling techniques. This is the perfect opportunity to spend time on one of CNC's ponds to practice your paddle skills. CNC Canoe Guides will guide you in boat basics including parts of the boat, proper paddle and PFD selection, boat safety, as well as introductory paddling techniques. After an introduction, you will be able to practice your newly acquired skills on the pond. **Ages 5 – Adult, \$15 General Public/\$10 CNC members (price is per person). Pre-registration required.**

Birding Canoe Trip

Saturday, May 12, 7:30 – 11:30am

Join Master Birder Zelia Lebeau and CNC naturalist Alicia Evans on an early morning canoe trip on the Chattahoochee. Our trip will focus specifically on birds in the area and explore the hidden backwaters along the river – a treat for birders of any skill-level! **\$40 Non-Members/\$30 Members (price per person and includes admission CNC.) Pre-registration required.**

River Canoe Trips

Saturdays and Sundays in May, 6:00 PM – Dusk; Ages 6 to adult,

Calling all River Rats - it's time to get out on the River! Join us for a paddling adventure as you discover the animals and plants that call the Chattahoochee home. CNC naturalists will lead you on a journey down river as you see it in new ways and discover why this resource is so important. Whether it's your first time on the water or your fifth – you won't want to miss this! Registration begins April 1st at scheduling@chattnaturecenter.org or (770) 992-2055 ext. 237. *****Special May Member pricing: \$30 Non-Members/\$20 Members (\$5 off regular price) Pre-registration required.**

NEW THIS YEAR! Drum Circle

Friday, May 25, 7 - 10pm

Get the beat and drum the stars into the sky. Bring your djembe, bongos or other rhythmic instrument and take part in one of the most basic celebrations of music. All experience levels and spectators welcome. **\$5 Donation requested**

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