



## GETTING YOUR KIDS INTERESTED IN HUNTING

As an Outdoor Skills Specialist, one of the questions most asked is how to start kids out hunting. Easy, focus on your child. As simple as it may seem, most parents think that if they don't harvest an animal, their child won't enjoy the hunt. Hunting with mom or dad in the field and having fun is your ultimate goal.

Keeping focused on the total hunting "experience" will help ensure a successful hunt with your child. The first key to starting kids out hunting is to build interest and anticipation prior to heading to the field. Parents who skip this step are doomed from the start. One of my favorite experiences with my son is scouting for deer or turkey. He finds the signs of animals and then helps decide where to set our blind. We then set up the blind and watch for game before opening day. Sometimes that lasts 10 minutes and sometimes 2 hours, it depends on his attention span. You could also cook a wild game dinner with your child to help them form the connection between the hunter and the harvest.

Any successful hunter will plan their trip prior to the hunt. Well laid plans ensure that each step of the experience will be positive and spark interest in the hunt. Allowing your child to help make plans for the hunt gives him or her ownership in the experience.

Here are few more pointers:

1. Make sure your children are comfortable, dressed in layers. You can purchase rain gear but keep in mind that your child probably doesn't want to hunt in the rain.

2. Leave your firearm at home. Concentrate on your child during the hunt. The only thing you should shoot during their hunt is a camera. YOU can hunt another day.

3. Take your child hunting as soon as he or she can quietly sit in the blind. They don't have to have a firearm to hunt.

4. If they are going to shoot, find a firearm that fits them and can be shot comfortably, no exceptions.

5. Teach conservation all the time. Make certain your child understands why you're planning to hunt in a certain location and the importance of good habitat. Ask them to tell you why this is a good place to hunt and continue the education while waiting in the blind.

6. Practice what you preach. Demonstrate safe, responsible and ethical behavior at all times. Your children will mimic your behavior.

7. Bring a set of binoculars for your child. One of the easiest ways to keep a child occupied is the use of binoculars.

8. Ground blinds are very forgiving. These blinds can hide most all movements of fidgety hunters and even provide an area to sleep during those slow morning hunts.

9. Keep the hunt short. When they are ready to go home, GO HOME. Remember, you are hunting for them. If you hunt for 10 minutes today but 20 minutes tomorrow, you are still making an improvement.

If you build the experience step-by-step, you will be rewarded tenfold. Continued congratulations on successes and positive encouragement about missed opportunities lift spirits. Compliments about his or her shooting abilities, keen eye, ability to identify animals, etc. will be imprinted on their brain forever. Make sure your child knows how much fun it was being with them afield—that's the trophy.

The countless hours you and your child spend in the woods creates memories that bond one generation to another. Regardless of how many hunting videos you both watch, how many other hunters he talks to, the child will look to you the rest of their life. You will be the one who EXPERIENCED each step of this grand adventure with them. You will be the one who taught them the joy of hunting.

-Dee Dee Dockins,  
Outdoor Skills Specialist



## Come to the Fair!

Visit the Conservation Department's building at the SEMOMO District Fair.

# Volunteer Corner

## Learning on the Job

Autumn is such an amazing season! The trees put on such a spectacular show of color. The air turns crisp and cool. We enjoy a bountiful harvest from the earth. Best of all, school starts!!! Many of us have not been in a classroom for a long, long time. Yet we continue to learn every day. The Nature Center is certainly a place of learning for all no matter what age.

Our volunteers tell us all the time one of the many reasons they enjoy donating time with us is because they learn so much about nature, animals, people and conservation. Learning is certainly a benefit to volunteering at the Nature Center.

"Most of what I have learned as a volunteer has been from more experienced volunteers. An example would be all I learned from Kenny Schwitz about maple syrup making. I think that proves the value of mentors in learning" explains Randy Windeknecht, a newer volunteer. Karin Pelton said, "I have learned how educational and fun it is to be a volunteer. You keep learning new stuff every time you volunteer and there's always someone there to help you. It's like a big family and everyone is so helpful and friendly. You get to meet all kinds of interesting people and do some really cool things. Like taking care of the critters and with that you get a satisfaction of helping wildlife. There is so much more out there to see and learn about than I realized. I love being a volunteer!!"

If you are interested in learning more about nature as a volunteer, the Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center is currently taking applications for volunteers. Following acceptance into the program, new volunteers attend training classes and receive hands-on preparation according to their interests and involvement.

For more information or to receive an application, please stop in or contact Jamie Koehler at 573-290-5218 or [Jamie.Koehler@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:Jamie.Koehler@mdc.mo.gov).

### Volunteer Milestones

**100 Hours**

**Maria Hampson**

**300 Hours**

**Roxanne Magnus**

**5000 Hours**

**Joan Anderson**



*Nature Center volunteers, Joan Anderson, Roxane Magnus, Yvonne Williamson, and Tegan Mazurek take a moment from helping youngsters at the River Campus Arts Festival. Everyone learned about how the Lorax and Dr. Suess teach us to care an awful lot about trees and nature.*

# Tadpoles

(Shared nature experiences for 0-2 year olds and an attending adult.)



## September

Saturday, September 26 - 9 AM or 10 AM

### Squirrely Squirrels

Scamper on in for some squirrely fun with your little one. Stories and activities about these nut saving furry critters will be followed by a short walk on the trail. **Ages 0-2. Registration begins September 1.**

## October

Saturday, October 31-9 AM or 10 AM

### Who Flies At Night?

Even though it's dark, owls, bats, and moths come out at night to fly and hunt for food! Learn more about these remarkable nocturnal animals and what it's like to fly at night through a puppet show. **Ages 0-2. Registration begins October 1.**

## November

Saturday, November 28-9 AM or 10 AM

### What's Wild?

Do we need to take care of wild animals like we do our pets? They need similar things, so what's different? Engage your little one in stories and activities as we compare the lives of wild and tame animals. **Ages 0-2. Registration begins November 3.**

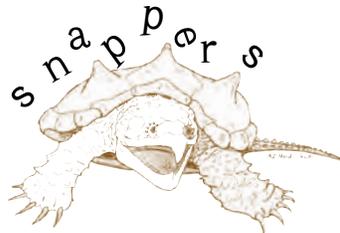
## Kids' Club Program Information

## September

Saturday, September 19  
1-3 PM

### Treasure Hunting with GPS

Learn how to use a GPS capable device to find treasures hidden all over the world! We'll go over the basics of geocaching before we hit our trails to find hidden items. **Ages 7-11. Registration begins September 1.**



## October

Saturday, October 31  
10-11:30 AM

### Who Hunts at Night?

Missouri's owls are well-equipped nocturnal hunters. Discover what makes them so good at locating and capturing prey. Dissect an owl pellet to find out what's on their menu. **Ages 7-11. Registration begins October 1.**

## November

Saturday, November 21  
6:30-8 PM

### Evening Stroll

Ever wondered what goes on around here at night? We'll prowl the nature center grounds while we learn about nocturnal animals and their senses. **Ages 7-11. Registration begins November 3.**

# Mudpuppies

(45-minute programs for 3-6 year olds and an attending adult.)



## September

Saturday, September 19-9:30 AM or 11 AM  
Tuesday, September 22-9 AM or 10:30 AM

### Fall Fantasy

Fall is in the air! Leaves are changing, animals are storing food, and the days are getting shorter. We'll take a stroll (weather permitting) to learn about the many changes taking place this time of year. **Ages 3-6. Registration begins September 1.**

## October

Saturday, October 17 - 4-7:30 PM

Come to Fall Festival October 17. Bring the whole family!

## November

Saturday, November 14-9:30 AM or 11 AM  
Tuesday, November 17-9 AM or 10:30 AM

### Just Ducky

Quack! Quack! Quack! Waddle, swim, or fly – just get here any way you can as we discover fun facts about ducks, including how they grow and make their amazing journeys. **Ages 3-6. Registration begins November 3.**

Draw a line to the turkey vulture's favorite meal.



Answer: any dead animal, which is called carrion

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## SEPTEMBER

### TO REGISTER FOR A PROGRAM:

Programs are free. Call 573-290-5218 to sign up for a program requiring registration. If you are unable to attend a program, please call and cancel as a courtesy to those on the waiting list.

### Art Gallery-September

Southeast Missouri offers a wide variety of opportunities to view nature at its finest throughout all four seasons. Stop by in September to see "My Favorite Places," a collection of photography by Linda Hutson.

### Homeschool Special: Pond Study

September 9 • Wednesday •  
10–11:30 AM or 1–2:30 PM

*Registration begins September 1 (ages 6-15)*

Ever wonder what's living under the pond water? It's not just fish and frogs that like the pond! Insects, snails, and plants play a role. From top to bottom and big to small, we'll learn about and explore the Nature Center ponds.

### Feeding Frenzy

September 10 • Thursday • 1–2:30 PM  
*No registration required (all ages)*

Ever wonder what it takes to keep all of the nature center reptiles, amphibians, and fish happy? Thanks to some amazing animal care volunteers, they are fed a delicious smorgasbord of crickets, worms, minnows, and more! Drop by to visit with the volunteers and staff as they feed the hungry critters. Youth and adult groups welcome.

### Nature Center at Night: Snakes Alive!

September 10 • Thursday • 5-8 PM  
*No registration required (all ages)*

Missouri is home to over 45 types of snake, of which only five are venomous. Most people have difficulty recognizing a venomous vs nonvenomous snake. Stop by our display to learn tips for recognizing the patterns of our venomous snakes and see live snakes on exhibit. We'll be here to answer your questions. Youth and adult groups welcome.

### Voices of Missouri's Rivers

September 10 • Thursday • 6-7 PM

*Registration begins September 1 (ages 10+)*

William Turner, author of *Voices of Missouri's Rivers*, will share the background behind the book and why he took on the task of writing about our rivers. He will also discuss what he has learned during his years of research and welcomes the audience to reveal their thoughts and feelings about our rivers, too. A book signing session will follow the presentation.

### Nature Art: Necklaces

September 10 • Thursday • 6-8 PM

*Registration begins September 1 (ages 16+)*

See how natural items were used to make prehistoric necklaces and how animals were the inspiration for some of their artwork. Beautiful necklaces made of shell, bone, wood, plant fibers and leather will be on display and participants will be able to make their own necklace art.

### Discover Nature Fishing (Lesson 2)

September 12 • Saturday • 9-11 AM

*Registration begins September 1 (ages 7-15)*

Continue to learn more about fishing with the second lesson in the four part Discover Nature Fishing program. During this portion, there will be demonstrations on how to tie a knot and baiting your hook. All gear will be provided. Lesson 1 is a prerequisite to participate in this lesson.

### Day on the River

September 12 • Saturday • 9 AM–4 PM

*No registration required (all ages)*

Discover what the river has to offer you. Hands-on activities will teach you the importance of the Mississippi River and surrounding wetlands. This event is fun for the entire family featuring live river animals, Asian carp samples, and free boat rides on the Mississippi. Boat rides will take place every half hour (except from noon – 1pm) at Riverfront Park. Youth and adult groups welcome.

### Discover Nature Fishing (Lesson 3)

September 19 • Saturday • 9-11 AM

*Registration begins September 1 (ages 7-15)*

This is the third lesson of the four part Discover Nature Fishing program. During this portion, there will be demonstrations on five common fish species of Missouri. This includes anatomy, habitat and life cycle. All gear will be provided. Lesson 1 is a prerequisite to participate in this lesson.

### Discover Nature Fishing (Lesson 4)

September 26 • Saturday • 9-11 AM

*Registration begins September 1 (ages 7-15)*

Join us as we conduct the fourth lesson of the four part Discover Nature Fishing program. During this portion, there will be demonstrations on fishing with lures and fishing regulations. All gear will be provided. Lesson 1 is a prerequisite to participate in this lesson.

*We work with you and for you to sustain healthy forests, fish and wildlife.*

### National Hunting & Fishing Day

September 26 • Saturday • 1-3 PM

*No registration required (ages 5+)*

Celebrate "National Hunting and Fishing Day" by casting a line or hitting a bulls-eye. Conservation staff and volunteers will provide help and all the equipment needed for fishing and archery. Opportunities are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Youth and adult groups welcome.

*Brown Creeper  
(Certhia americana)*



Small and quick, the Brown Creeper is known for its light high-pitched calls which sound like see-see-see-sese-see or tsi-ti-whe-tu-we. An eater of insects, seeds, and nuts, the creeper creeps up the tree in a spiral. These birds alight at the base of a medium-sized tree, cling to the bark with their feet, and lean back using their tail feathers as support. They search for insects under the bark of the tree as they go round and round the tree. Their brown and cream plumage can make it difficult to spot them, listen for the call and look for the unusual spiraling behavior to see one of these winter visitors.

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## Art Gallery-October

Visit the auditorium to view entries from the "Mingo Swamp Flora and Fauna" photography contest sponsored by the Mingo Swamp Friends Association. This annual contest showcases the best of the Mingo National Wildlife Refuge and the local photographers who cherish it.

## Trapping Basics: Land & Water

October 3 • Saturday • 8 AM - NOON  
*Registration begins September 15 (ages 12+)*  
Interested in trapping but not sure where to start? Learn the basics and how to apply your knowledge in the field - from identifying traps and their parts to finding out the common gear you'll need.

## Swamp Paddling

October 3 • Saturday • 10 AM-3 PM  
*Registration begins September 15 (ages 12+)*  
What could be more fun than a canoe trip through the swamp? Discover what southeast Missouri would have looked like to the early settlers as we paddle murky waters. Adult supervision is required for ages 12-17.

## Feeding Frenzy

October 8 • Thursday • 1-2:30 PM  
*No registration required (all ages)*  
Ever wonder what it takes to keep all of the nature center reptiles, amphibians, and fish happy? Thanks to some amazing animal care volunteers, they are fed a delicious smorgasbord of crickets, worms, minnows, and more! Drop by to visit with the volunteers and staff as they feed the hungry critters. Youth and adult groups welcome.

## Nature Center at Night: Skulls and Bones

October 8 • Thursday • 5-8 PM  
*No registration required (all ages)*  
Pirates aren't the only ones interested in skulls and bones, we are too! Wildlife from bears to beavers leave clues to who they are and what they do written in the shape and size of their bones. Visit our hands-on displays and come to the presentation at 6pm. Youth and adult groups welcome.

## Nature Art: Nature Inspired Cards

October 8 • Thursday • 6-8 PM  
*Registration begins October 1 (ages 18+)*  
Do you make your own holiday cards? Or have you ever wanted to? Now is the time to get started. We will talk about how to use nature to inspire your inner artist and make a few to get you started.

## Volunteer Open House

October 10 • Saturday • 1-3 PM  
*No registration required (ages 14+)*  
Volunteering at the Nature Center is fun, educational and rewarding. Come and see just how you could become part of "Connecting People to the Land". Volunteers will be doing their various jobs throughout the Nature Center during the Open House. You can stop by and see what it is all about and how you can become part of the team. A tour and chatting with some of our volunteers should answer your many questions. This opportunity may be just what you are looking for.

## Fall Festival

October 17 • Saturday • 4-7:30 PM  
*No registration required (all ages)*  
Come on out for a fantastic fall festival. Join us as we learn more about Missouri's clean-up crew and how they help us out. Meet the magnificent Turkey vulture in our live bird presentations at 4:30, 5:30, and 6:30 pm. Take a stroll down our trail on one of our naturalist-led hikes to discover more about wild scavengers. Sit outside, enjoy a fire and a few fall treats, or come on in for crafts. Bring the whole family for the fun! Youth and adult groups welcome.

## Women's Overnight

October 24 • Saturday • NOON -  
October 25 • Sunday • 3 PM  
*Registration begins October 1 (ages 12+)*  
Fall is a wonderful time to go camping; the days are warm and clear while the evenings are cool and crisp. We want to share the joys of fall camping with you! We'll learn how to build a fire, cook outdoors, paddle a canoe, and cast a line. We'll camp out weather permitting (there is other shelter if necessary). Girls 12-17 welcome with a female adult.

## Wild Harvest Near Home

October 24 • Saturday • 1-3 PM  
*Registration begins October 1 (ages 12+)*  
Autumn is a great time to enjoy the wild bounty of edibles that nature provides. Learn about the many fruits and nuts that are native here in Missouri through a presentation. Afterwards, enjoy a hike to discover and identify wild edibles along our trails.

## Art Gallery-October

Visit the lobby in October to view "The Red Feather," a collection of nature photography intertwined with human creativity by Tim Vollink.

# OCTOBER

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## MDC DISCOVER nature

*Missourians care about conserving forests, fish and wildlife.*

*American Holly  
(Ilex opaca)*



Although it is one of the rarest Missouri trees in the wild, American Holly can be found quite often in cultivation. With the thick, dark green, shiny leaves and the bright red berries, this tree is a handsome addition to the forest or yard. The berries, which ripen in October, are eaten by over twenty bird species but only after a hard frost. The leaves were once used by Native Americans to treat a variety of ailments. Found naturally only in the southeastern part of the state, American Holly is found on sandy-gravelly soils that have access to seeping moisture. Stop by Holly Ridge Conservation Area in Stoddard county to see this tree in abundance.

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## Dutch Oven Cooking

November 7 • Saturday •

9:30 AM-NOON or 1-3:30 PM

Registration begins October 15 (ages 12+)

Cold weather and warm food go hand in hand. Try your hand at making something hot to eat in the Dutch ovens as we keep ourselves warm by the fire. This beginner's course is designed to cover some basic techniques for successful outdoor cooking using cast iron.

## Feeding Frenzy

November 12 • Thursday • 1-2:30 PM

No registration required (all ages)

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## Nature Center at Night:

### Missouri's Elk

November 12 • Thursday • 5-8 PM

No registration required (all ages)

In the past several years Missouri has been fortunate to welcome elk back home. Stop by and learn more about these amazing ungulates and find out how our Missouri elk population is doing. Naturalist led programs begin at 5:30 and 7pm. Youth and adult groups welcome.

*Conservation pays by enriching our economy and quality of life.*

## Nature Art: Thanksgiving Scrapbook Pages

November 12 • Thursday • 6-8 PM

Registration begins November 3 (ages 18+)

In November we traditionally give thanks. We will be making a two-page layout that will let you showcase the places and stories that keep you connected to the land.

## Art Gallery-November

"The Dual Perspectives: 200 Years Later" exhibit is a parallel reflection painted by Gloria Adiran in oils of the 16 birds that James John Audubon painted in watercolor more than 200 years ago. As a painter, Gloria's art is a synthesis of her personal feelings, the subject or colors that inspire her, and her materials and techniques. She uses changing light to create variety in moods. Serenity and simplicity are her primary goals.

## Homeschool Special: Outdoor Cooking

November 19 • Thursday •

10-11:30 AM or 1-2:30 PM

Registration begins November 3 (ages 6-15)

Take your cooking out of the kitchen to the great outdoors! Here's your chance to make some delicious treats using a variety of outdoor cooking methods. Make sure you come hungry and ready to cook.

## Wild Holiday Gifts

November 21 • Saturday • 1-4 PM

Registration begins November 3 (ages 12+)

Gifts from your kitchen are always special but including wild edibles in your gift baskets will put them over the top. First, we will have a presentation about native wild edibles and learn about identification. In the kitchen, we will share recipes and do some hands on preparation of items that will make spectacular holiday gifts.

## Coming in December

### Nature Art: Nature's Decor

December 5 • Saturday •

9 AM, 11 AM, 1 PM or 3 PM

Early registration begins November 17

(ages 18+)

Deck the halls with boughs of holly... the holidays are just around the corner and we're in the mood to decorate! We'll use nature's resources to create wonderful winter wreaths, swags, and garlands. You provide a grapevine wreath (you choose the size and shape you want) and we'll provide everything else to do your decorating.

## Thank You

*Those purchasing paving stones for the Conservation Nature Center walkway:*

**Steve and Corrine Russell**

**for the Russell's 2015**

**Roberta Rose in memory of**

**Lois Rose**

*for donations of Time, Material, and Service*

**Pictures: James Niswonger**

**Natural item: Wendy Houchins**

**Suet/Feeder: Jim Boston**

# NOVEMBER

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center is located in North Cape Girardeau County Park off Kingshighway just east of Interstate 55 at exit 99.

The Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center is operated through hunting and fishing license revenues and through the 1/8% "Design for Conservation" sales tax. There is no admission charge.

## BUILDING HOURS

Tuesday-Saturday: 8 AM-5 PM

Closed Sundays, Mondays, New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas

## AREA HOURS

Daily: Sunrise-10 PM in accordance with the Cape Girardeau County Park

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

Nature center grounds and trails are closed to pets, horses, hunting, collecting, littering, fires, and alcoholic beverages.

The trails are also closed to bicycles, jogging, in-line skates, skateboards, scooters, and motorized vehicles.

Phone: 573/290-5218

Fax: 573/290-5566

*We help people discover nature.*

## Nature Shop Sale December 8-12

**HOLIDAY  
SALE**

Last minute shopping got you flustered?

Escape the hustle and bustle and relax while completing your gift list in the nature shop--and receive 20%\* off all nature shop items!

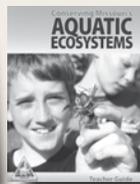
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# Educators' Niche

## Discover Nature Schools



The Discover Nature Schools (DNS) program provides new and interesting curriculum that incorporates hands-on outdoor activities featuring Missouri ecosystems. Teaching students outside has been shown to help improve test scores and help with behavior issues. Each unit comes with excellent teacher and student guides.



These materials are free to public, private, or homeschool educators. Grant monies are also available for field trips and supplies for K-12 teachers in the public or private school sectors. Please contact Bridget Jackson for training information at [bridget.jackson@mdc.mo.gov](mailto:bridget.jackson@mdc.mo.gov) or call 573-290-5858 ext 4464.

## Nature Deficit Tidbit

I'm a Hummingbird Parent\*

I hover nearby, but not over my kids.  
I remain distant enough to let them explore and learn to solve problems.  
I teach them skills, mainly by example.  
I zoom in only when their survival is threatened.

My goal for them isn't a risk-free childhood, but a resilient life.

\*<http://blog.childrenandnature.org>



## Ask the Naturalist



**Are daddy long-legs the most venomous spiders in Missouri?**

Many people believe that daddy long-legs are some of the most venomous spiders. This is actually a myth. The Missouri arachnid that we more commonly call the "daddy long-legs" is actually not a spider at all and does not have venom glands. As they cannot make any venom, their bite would be harmless. This group of arachnids is also called "harvestmen". They may not be spiders, but harvestmen are related to spiders. Rather than having two distinct body parts like a spider, they have a flat, oval body with no "waist". The daddy long-legs that you find outside crawling amongst the leaf litter are very beneficial to the forest habitat. A large part of their diet is rotten or decaying plants and animals. Their role as decomposers helps to return nutrients into the soil which allows us to have healthy trees. So, this fall when you are out jumping in piles of leaves, remember, the daddy long-legs unwarranted reputation is much worse than his bite.

The two spiders in Missouri that do pose a threat to people are the brown recluse and the black widow. To learn more about these two spiders, stop by the Nature Center or visit [mdc.mo.gov](http://mdc.mo.gov).



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20% Off\* these monthly specials!

# What's HOT in the NATURE SHOP!

## September/October

### Missouri's Wild Mushrooms

A guide to hunting, identifying and cooking the state's most common mushrooms. A must-have for outdoor lovers, mushroom enthusiasts and cooks, the book features color photographs and detailed descriptions of 102 species. As a bonus, chanterelle quiche and 23 other simple and elegant recipes will awaken your foraging instincts!



**Discounted price:**  
**\$11.20 plus tax**

## November/December

### Cooking Wild in Missouri

Whether you hunt, fish, or forage, Bernadette Dryden's collection of recipes offers imaginative, fresh ideas for turning your harvest into a mouth-watering feast. With an emphasis on local, seasonal ingredients and a scope encompassing a variety of cultures and cuisines, Cooking Wild in Missouri is sure to earn a trusted spot in your kitchen.



**Discounted price:**  
**\$12.00 plus tax**

# Day on the River

September 12, 9am - 4pm

## RIVERFRONT PARK

Cape Girardeau, Missouri

- Free boat rides
- Live aquatic animals
- Games and crafts
- Fun for all ages!

*For more information, please contact the Cape Girardeau Conservation Nature Center at 573-290-5218.*

## Fall Festival

Saturday, October 17

4 - 7:30 pm

- Live bird presentations
- Naturalist led nature hikes
- Crafts and games
- Refreshments around the fire