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DUE TO COVID-19,
PLEASE VERIFY EVENT DATES WITH VENDORS.

8 Outdoor Activities Near You During COVID-19

By Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation (RBFF), takemefishing.org

Outdoor activities like boating and fishing can bring your family and kids together. At this time, we understand your kids are at home, and you may be looking for outdoor activities to keep your kids entertained and spend some quality time together.

Here are some activities you can do outdoors while social distancing, make sure to follow state and local guidelines before heading out using our map below:

1. **Go for a picnic.** Get some snacks together, find a park near you, (or

just go to your backyard) and have a fun meal with your family.

2. **Fly a kite.** When is the last time you flew a kite? Your kids will love it!

3. **Go fishing.** Go to the nearest river,

pond, lake, and teach your kids how fun fishing can be!

4. **Go kayaking.** Do you have a kayak collecting dust on the garage? Take it out to your nearest body of water and destress in nature.

5. **Take your boat out.** Get your fishing rods, pack sunscreen, get some snacks, and enjoy the best place to practice social distancing.

6. **Go for a walk.** Get some fresh air and stretch your legs. It will clear both yours and your family's mind.

7. **Go running.** It will help increase your endorphins and improve your mood.

8. **Go biking.** With less traffic around, it is the best time to teach your kids how to bike.
Get the latest updates for Fishing and Boating related activities on your State Natural Resources Agency website before heading to the water. ■



Improve, Adapt and Overcome on Lake Hartwell

By Cheryl Bowden, LBAAA

The Pro Gator Boats sponsored Lady Bass Anglers Association has rescheduled what was to be our second event of the 2020 season on Lake Hartwell. We have worked closely with the Hart County Chamber of Commerce to find dates that work with both of our schedules. Christie Blomberg, the Executive Director has been amazing with working through the logistics. We are so grateful for the support of the Hart County Chamber of Commerce.

"Our anglers are eager to fish and love Lake Hartwell, but it was an easy decision for both parties to reschedule," stated Secret York, Co-Founder of the

Lady Bass Anglers Association. We are eager to do what we can to support each of our event locations in getting their economies back on track.

Tournament Director Larry Valentine acknowledges that fishing at the end of July and beginning of August will have some challenges that we have not faced as much in recent history.

"We will have to look at all of the options available for taking care of our anglers and the fish." When asked for specifics, Larry wanted to be able to keep options open so that the best decisions possible could be made based up the conditions at that time.

The LBAA working hand in hand with Hart County Chamber of Commerce will have an amazing event!



In addition to having the opportunity to see and meet some of the best female anglers in the country, there will be a special kids event to take place on Saturday, August 1st. At each event, the LBAA partners with Albert Talafuse of Pond Hopper Nation to provide a Free "Teach a Child to Fish" event. The first 60

kids who register online through Pond Hopper Nation get a free shirt and walk away with a free rod and reel! Please spread the word. It will be a great way to start winding down summer vacation before the next school year kicks off.

Rest assured, the Pro Gator Boats sponsored Lady Bass Anglers Association will be coming to Hart County, Georgia and the beautiful Lake Hartwell this summer. We want everyone to join us experience all Hart County has to offer! DeAnna Lovvorn, the reigning Lady Bass Classic Champion of the co-angler's division, hits the nail on the head when it comes to fishing a lake in tough conditions with her moto.

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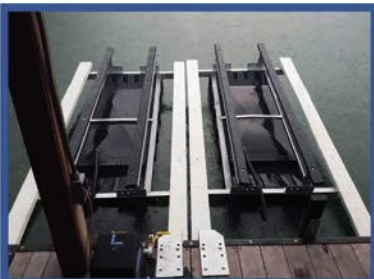
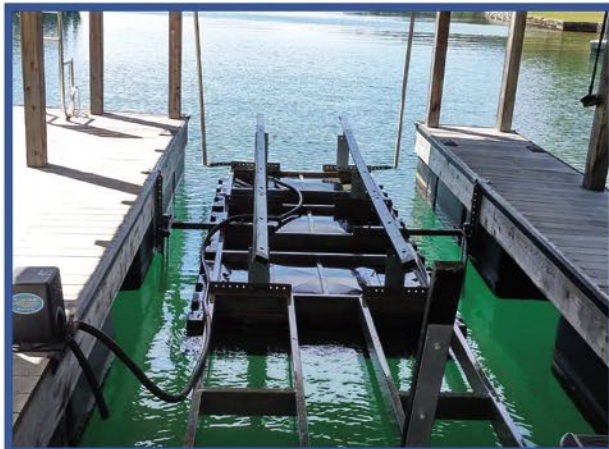


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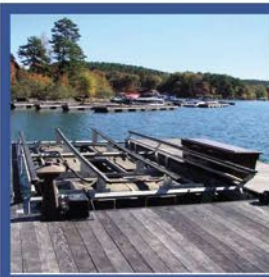


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Improve, Adapt and Overcome on Lake Hartwell – continued from pg. 1



Above Photo of Michelle Armstrong. Photo by GR Stamps:

“The challenge of a fishery is to improvise, adapt and overcome.” We are still in the process of making a few arrangements related to the event. As soon as we have the updates, we will make those available. Until then, we hope each of you and your families are sheltering at home and enjoying the time that you have together.

The Lady Bass Anglers Association has amazing weigh trailer sponsors as well. Thank you all for your year-long support. Title Sponsor Pro Gator Boats,

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For more information on the Lady Bass Anglers Association, please go to www.ladybassanglers.com. You can also follow us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube! ■



Above Photo of Deanna Loworn. Photo by GR Stamps:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Publishes Request for Comment on Proposed Revision to Regulation Governing Possession of Firearms

By U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Washington - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) published in the Federal Register a request for comments on a proposed revision to its regulation governing the possession and transportation of firearms at USACE-managed Water Resources Development Projects.

Comments may be submitted one of the following ways on or before June 12, 2020: • The Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>. The docket number is COE-2018-0008. Instructions for submitting comments are provided on the portal. • E-mail: Firearms@usace.army.mil. Include the docket number, COE-2018-0008, in the subject line of the message. • Mail: U.S.

Army Corps of Engineers, Attn: CECW-CO-N, Steve Austin, 3F68, 441 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20314-1000

The proposed revision to Title 36 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 327.13 will align USACE regulations with those of other federal land management agencies and will more appropriately reflect the requirements of current state and local laws authorizing the possession of firearms by individuals. The revision will also eliminate the requirement for individuals to obtain written permission from a District Commander to carry a firearm on USACE-managed lands and waters.

Since the last amendment of this regulation in 2000, many states have passed laws or amended

existing laws to provide for the carrying of firearms by private individuals, in particular for self defense purposes. In addition, the firearm regulations of other federal land management agencies have been amended in recent years to make them more consistent with the law of the state in which the federal lands are located. The current regulation prohibits the possession of firearms unless being used for hunting, at authorized shooting ranges, or if written permission has been received from the District Commander.

USACE is one of the nation’s largest federal providers of outdoor recreation, managing more than 400 lake and river projects in 43 states. For information on USACE recreation sites and activities. ■

Wildlife Resources Division Promotes Alan Isler as Chief of Game Management

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources’ Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) announced today the promotion of Alan Isler to Chief of the WRD Game Management Section. Alan is a longtime employee of the State of Georgia, having joined Wildlife Resources Division in 2004 as resource manager for the Wildlife Conservation Section, and most recently serving as region 5 supervisor for the game management section where he led the Division’s efforts to establish and enhance quail focal areas on four wildlife management areas. Prior to joining the Division, Isler served as a management forester for the

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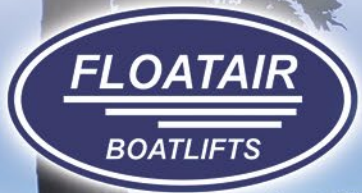
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Wildlife Resources Division Promotes... – continued from pg. 4
Georgia Forestry Commission.

As Chief, Isler's responsibilities will include directing statewide wildlife and land programs, development of the game management budget and supervision of Georgia's wildlife management areas. Additionally, he will lead six regional supervisors, two assistant chief positions, and oversee the



drafting of hunting regulations statewide.

"I have no doubt that Alan's 25 years of service with the state have prepared him well for this next step" said Wildlife Resources Division Director, Rusty Garrison. "I look forward to his contributions in this new role."

Isler holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Resources from the University of Georgia. An avid outdoorsman, Isler is passionate about natural resources management, but his greatest passion is family and the people he has been called to serve. Alan currently resides in Camilla with his wife and two children.

For more information on Georgia hunting seasons and regulations, visit <https://georgiawildlife.com/hunting/hunter-resources>, or contact a local Wildlife Resources Division office (<http://georgiawildlife.com/about/contact>). ■

Parents, Are Your Kids Driving You Crazy? Looking for Something to Entertain Them With? US Army Corps of Engineers is Here to Help

AHSAHKA, Idaho – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) would like to introduce you to a new seven week online education program.

This program provides interpretive and educational activities to families during this time when the schools are closed and students are home. Each week there will be five days of Facebook postings to help "visitors" explore

something about our history, our natural world, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) activities or USACE.

This program is geared towards families and students, but anyone with extra time on their hands is welcome to tune in to the program. It is a great way to enjoy the world around you!

The program began on Wednesday, April

15, and will continue through to Memorial Day. These posts will be shared on the Dworshak Dam-USACE Facebook page. Like us on Facebook and you can get up to date information on Dworshak Dam, the US Army Corps of Engineers and all sorts of other great information.

For any questions please call the Dworshak Dam Visitor Center at 208-476-1255. ■

How to Practice Meditation

Meditation is the most important practice for calming the mind. A calm mind can lead to a healthy, happy and successful life. It can cure diseases and speed up healing processes. We

describe the simple technique below called prana-dharana.

Prana in Sanskrit stands for the air that we breathe. It is the most basic act of life which starts from birth and goes on till death. But generally, we are not aware of the breath till our attention is drawn close to it. Dharana means its awareness. Prana-dharana means applying the mind to the flow of air when we breathe. The method is as described below:

Sit in a posture suitable for meditation. The common postures are Siddhasana, Padmasana and Swastikasana. But if you cannot do this, just

sit cross-legged. Your back should be straight, and eyes closed. Your knees should be placed well on the ground. Do not stoop your shoulders back. The whole body should be relaxed and the whole frame



steadily without exerting any pull or pressure on the thighs, feet, knees, spine or neck. There should be no stretch on tension along the abdominal wall. Let the abdominal wall sway gently back and forth very smoothly and effortlessly with each respiration.

Facial muscles should be relaxed, and mouth closed with a small gap between the two jaws such that the upper and lower teeth do not exert pressure on each other. Your tongue should touch the palate with tip touching the back of the upper front teeth. Ensure that the lips, tongue or the lower jaws do not move. Your eyeballs and eyelids should be steady, and the muscles of the forehead relaxed.

Your entire posture should be comfortable, steady and relaxed. You should not feel strain on any part of the body. Now start developing the awareness of breathing. The flow of air should be uniform, slow and smooth. Do not make any effort or exercise any control. Never hold breath. Do not utter any word or see any image. This will calm your mind and help you achieve peace. ■

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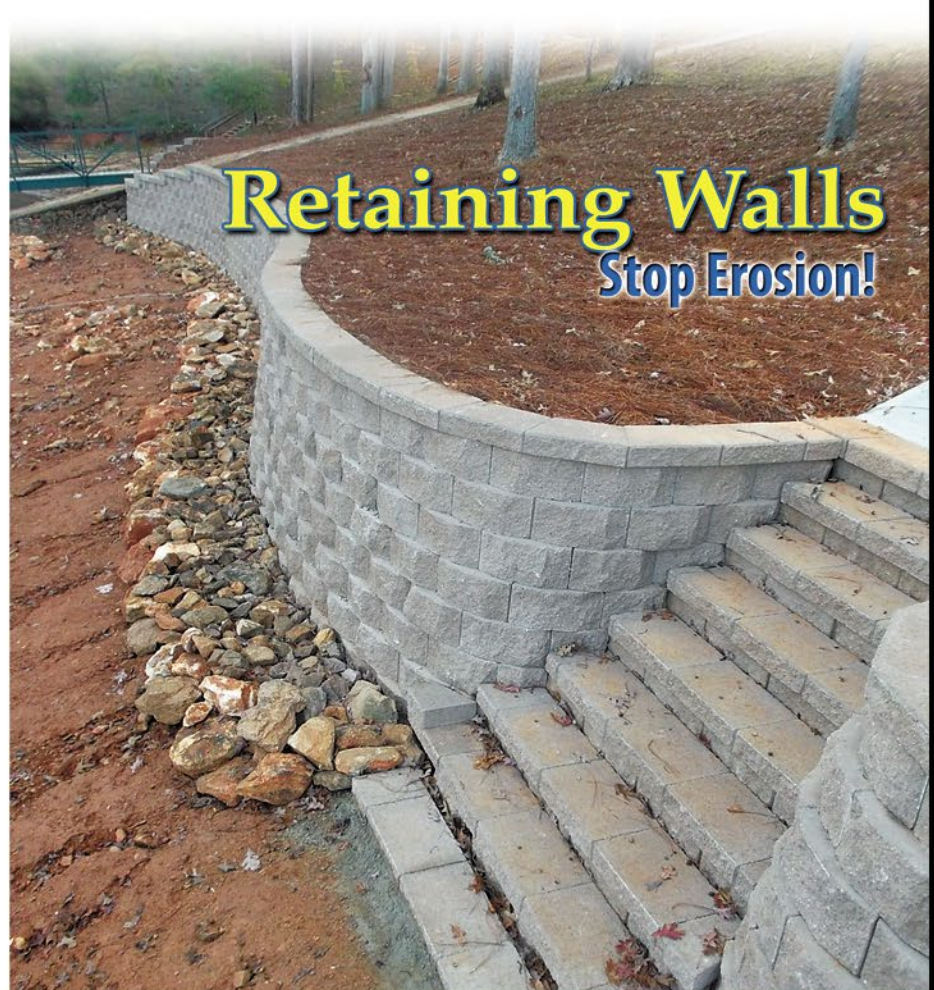


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Lots 53 & 54 Deer Lane, Fairplay, SC

Lots 53 & 54 Deer Lane. Interior Lake Lots – Riverbend Subdivision – Fair Play, SC. . Almost 2 acres in lake neighborhood, minutes off I-85. Two lots listed together — separately listed at \$17,500 each. Lot 54 is .82 acre & Lot 53 is .83 acre.



\$17,500 each

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145 Choestoea Rd., Westminster, SC

145 Choestoea Rd., Westminster, SC. Seasonal Hartwell lakefront lot in Foxwood Hills. Relatively gentle slope & close Corps line. **\$40,000**

Beautiful Lakefront Acreage 15.16, Lake Hartwell

\$115,000



Beautiful Lakefront Acreage (15.16) on Lake Hartwell. Tract 30 Chateau Estates, Lavonia, GA. 172' lake frontage. There are a few deed restrictions - must have 1200 square feet heated space, no mobile homes. Property can be divided - no more than 4 of at least 3 acres each. HORSES ALLOWED. Property is not dockable (red zoned) - Corps line is close so a view can be established. When the lake is down a few feet there is a nice sandy beach. Wide open cove - should not have fast boat traffic - nice area to swim & play, kayak, canoe, beach your boat. Located minutes from Rock Creek Boat Landing. **\$115,000**

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Waterfront Lot in Foxwood Hills. 165 Deerwood Dr., Westminster, SC. Beautiful & very private lot with long lake views. Nicely underbrushed w/concrete path to covered slip dock in place which is included in sale. Corps line is close - lot is sloped great for a walk-out basement. Foxwood Hills amenities include: clubhouse, swimming pool, tennis courts, restaurants, golf, & more. **\$140,000.**



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Hartwell Lake Fishing Forecast Spring to Summer
 By Preston Harden

The boat ramps are open. The lake has been crowded with most people out of work and out of school. Every one should be social distancing. Hopefully the corona virus will pass soon.

Fish are shallow, with most species trying to spawn. Hybrids and stripers congregate around shallow points, humps and shoals early and late day. Crappie go shallow early and late day around shallow brush piles and trees blown over in shallow water. They look for structure to attach their eggs to. Largemouth and spotted bass will stay shallow all day. They will then stay shallow to feed on the Herring spawning shallow.

As we move toward summer, most fish will move offshore to deeper water. Hybrids and stripers will migrate to the lower lake near the dam, looking for cooler oxygenated water. Crappie move out to structure in 20 to 30 feet deep. Bass move offshore to structure similar to the crappie migration. ■



SCDNR Offices Transitioning to Online, Phone, Mail Transactions Only
 By SCDNR

In order to protect the health and well-being of our customers and employees during the COVID-19 health emergency while continuing to serve the public, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) is transitioning to fully remote processing for all licensing, boat titling and registration transactions.

SCDNR offices statewide will no longer be able to accommodate in-person transactions at our customer service counters until further notice. In the interim, operations at SCDNR offices will continue, with processing for all boat titling and registration and licensing customer requests being handled online, by telephone or via the U.S. mail.

To purchase licenses, permits or tags, customers may visit www.dnr.sc.gov/purchase or call 1-866-714-3611. For information or questions, call (803) 734-3833.

Boat titling and registration transactions can be made via U.S. mail. Send applications and paperwork to: SCDNR, ATTN: T&R.P.O. Box 167, Columbia, SC 29202-0167. Details and instructions are available online at www.dnr.sc.gov/boating or by calling (803) 734-3857 or (803) 734-3447. Steps are also being taken to ensure that saltwater commercial licenses and permits are available from the Charleston Marine Center. Call (843) 953-9311 for more information. Turkey Tags: Turkey hunters who have not already purchased or requested tags for the upcoming spring turkey season will be able to purchase or request (youth, lifetime, senior or disability) tags online, and download and print out a set of temporary tags in the .PDF format by accessing the Customer Privileges Portal on the SCDNR website. These self-printed TEMPORARY tags are only valid until your permanent tags arrive in the mail, and temporary tags are not a valid option for anyone that has already received tags in the mail or purchased tags over the counter at one of our offices. Print the tags and use tape (preferably clear packing tape) to secure them to your turkey. They will print with "TEMP" and an expiration date on the tags. These tags will allow you to hunt legally until your permanent tags arrive in the mail. ■

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T-Shirt Art Winners Announced in Youth Birding Competition
 By GDNR Wildlife Resources Division

Four budding bird artists have been selected as T-shirt Art Contest winners in Georgia's 15th annual Youth Birding Competition, the state Department of Natural Resources announced today.

A peregrine falcon drawing by Alston Li, an eighth-grader at SKA Academy of Art and Design in Duluth, led the contest's record-breaking group of 375 entries. As grand-prize winner, the 13-year-old will receive a \$100 Amazon gift card and his artwork will be featured on the 2020 Youth Birding Competition T-shirts.

Originally scheduled for April 24-25, the Youth Birding Competition has been tentatively postponed to Aug. 29-30 because of COVID-19 precautions. Organizers have moved the registration deadline to July 31 and will reassess event plans this summer.

Art contest coordinator Linda May praised all participants and stressed that the contest "isn't just about creating art or winning." "It's about learning to slow down, observe and connect with nature," May said. "Birds are a great focus since they're beautiful, fun to watch and easy to find."

To encourage wildlife conservation, awareness and appreciation of animals and their habitats are essential. The contest helps form that foundation through art.

We Have You Covered

Lake Hartwell is one of the most-visited lakefront vacation destinations in the southeast area. Tourists flock from all areas of the United States and are attracted to the 900 plus mile shorelines and clear waters.

One of the many unkept secrets of Lake Hartwell is that it also features numerous beautiful little islands scattered around the perimeter. You can dock your boat on a private cove and explore, enjoy a beachfront picnic, and take in the many spectacular lake views, including the unmatched daily sunrises and the sunsets.

Pontoon Boat Rentals

If you are visiting or vacationing the Lake Hartwell area this summer and don't have a boat, no worries, Jeff at Henderson Pontoon Rentals can hook you up and get you on the water fast and easy.

One of the most popular marine choices to navigate the lake are Pontoon boats.

Fishing at Lake Hartwell is the most desired activity on the lake. Pontoon boats are ideal for your next fishing excursion. The boat's spacious interior is set up perfect for fishing and will make it easy for you to catch some great eating fish, including Rainbow trout, Bass, Catfish, Walleye, and more.

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Jeff is also no stranger to the many boat owners on Lake Hartwell. Around this time, every

year, most boat owners start to prepare for the upcoming season.

There is a lot of preparation, maintenance, and care that all boats need to be water ready. Most boat owners have a certain level of pride in their boat's appearance and want to keep their boat in excellent condition.

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T-Shirt Art Winners Announced... – continued from pg. 10

The T-shirt Art Contest is part of the Youth Birding Competition, an annual event in which teams of children and teens try to find as many bird species as possible throughout Georgia in 24 hours. This year, the free bird-a-thon has been rescheduled to run from 5 p.m. Aug. 29 to 5 p.m.



Above: Middle School Grand Prize Winner, Artwork by Alston Li

Aug. 30, ending in a banquet at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center near Mansfield.

Alston Li's art entry also led the art contest's Middle School division. Other division winners include:

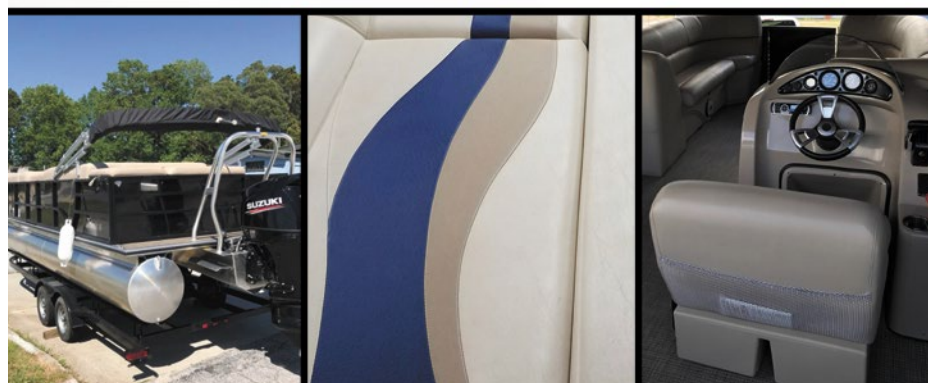
Primary (pre-K through second grade): painted bunting by Jayden Lee, 8, a second-grader at Lake Windward Elementary in Alpharetta. Elementary (third-fifth grade): black-throated green warbler by Aleena Huang, 10, fourth-grader at SKA Academy of Art and Design in Duluth. High School (ninth-12th grade): American kestrel by Natalie Kassa, 14, ninth-grader at SKA Academy of Art and Design in Duluth. Contest submissions

represented 113 public, private and home schools statewide. Entries were judged by a four-person panel including a DNR biologist, two artists and a graphic designer. Judges do not see a participant's name, school or hometown.

Photographs of all entries will be displayed electronically and division winners honored during the awards banquet Aug. 30 at Charlie Elliott Wildlife Center. The winner for best artwork by a birding team participant will be revealed at the banquet.

The birding competition and T-shirt Art Contest are sponsored by DNR's Wildlife Conservation Section, The Environmental Resources Network Inc. or TERN – friend's group of the Wildlife Conservation Section and others including the Georgia Ornithological Society and the Atlanta and Albany Audubon societies. ON THE NET: T-shirt Art Contest winning entries: <https://bit.ly/2FTrFIV>, Youth Birding Competition: www.georgiawildlife.com/YBC, DNR Wildlife Conservation Section: <https://georgiawildlife.com/about/what-we-do>

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The Hartwell Y Olympic and Spring Triathlons

June 27 at Big Oak Recreation Park, 5823 Dam Road, Hartwell, GA US 30643. Lake Hartwell Y Tri takes place at the pristine Big Oaks Recreation Area and offers two race distances to accommodate athletes of all levels. Come race a fast sprint course with a 500m swim, 15 mile bike, and 5K run, or take on a bigger challenge with the Olympic course by swimming 1500m, cycling 40K, and running 10K. Both distances are sure to be fast on this rolling bike course and flat run! <https://www.trisignup.com/Race/Registration/?raceId=13971&eventId=349528>

at 11:59PM EDT

- **EVENT: THE HARTWELL Y TRI OLYMPIC – RELAYS:** Swim 1500 M, Bike 24 Miles, Run 10K, Start Time: 7:00AM EDT, Price: \$130.00 Race Fee, Registration: Price increases to \$135.00 after June 13, 2020 at 11:59PM EDT
- **EVENT: THE HARTWELL Y TRI SPRINT – INDIVIDUAL** Swim 500 M, Bike 15 Miles, Run 5K, Start Time: 7:30AM EDT, Price: \$80.00 Race Fee, Registration: Price increases to \$85.00 after June 13, 2020 at 11:59PM EDT
- **EVENT: THE HARTWELL Y TRISPRINT – RELAYS** Swim 500 M, Bike 15 Miles, Run 5K, Start Time: 7:30AM EDT, Price: \$115.00 Race Fee Registration: Price increases to \$125.00 after June 13, 2020 at 11:59PM EDT ■
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Contact info: hartwell.pre4th@gmail.com.

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Oaks Recreation Area Join us for our annual Pre-4th Fireworks Celebration! Bring a chair and find a spot for the big fireworks display. There will be food vendors, music, and kids activities on site. The fun starts at 6PM, the fireworks display will start after dark (around 9:15ish)! If you want to see the fireworks from your boat just head over to the dam around dusk. <https://www.hart-chamber.org/events/details/pre-4th-fireworks-celebration-6972>. 706-376-8590. ■

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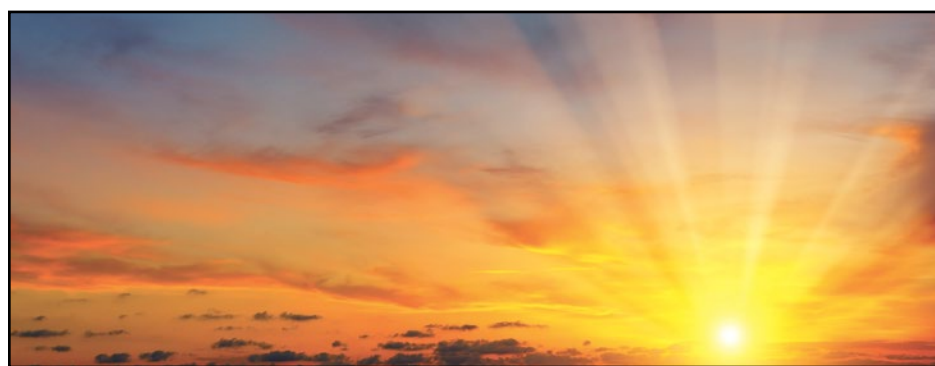
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Here Comes the Sun: And I Say It's Alright

Here comes the sun," the Beatles chorused. And as children most of us heeded the call enjoying long lazy days in the sun, laughing and cherishing time with friends. As we grew older, however, we were told the sun's rays were destructive; the ozone layer was near depletion. Soon many asked: Why

This is not permission to stay in the sun for long periods as its aging qualities are still applicable. Limit yourself to 15 minutes and choose parts of the day when you are not in direct sunlight. You know, even on a cloudy day you are absorbing



leave the house in the first place?

Is it any wonder researchers are finding us vitamin D deficient (Ref. Harvard Health Letter 2006) To understand why this is significant it is first important to inquire: What exactly does Vitamin D do? Yes, Vitamin D is necessary for strong bones and teeth, but what most don't know is it is key in reducing the risk of many types of cancer including breast, colon, prostate and ovarian (Ref. The American Journal of Public Health).

Studies now conclude that 15 minutes in diffused sunlight can set off the metabolic process in skin which creates vitamin D. Yet before tanning yourself beyond recognition: use your head.

the sun's rays and it can also penetrate through clothing. Therefore, if you do choose to increase your exposure; use common sense.

If the sun or outdoor activities are not for you, there are other options to stock up on vitamin D as well. Salmon is rich with vitamin D, for example, as is milk. Or you could opt for cod-fish based supplements with vitamin D added. These additions to your diet are well worth your time and research. As always, do your homework and consult with your healthcare provider to choose a vitamin D option for you. Perhaps a healthy dose of fun in the sun will be just what the doctor ordered. ■

Did You Know that Everything that Gets You Moving Can and Will Contribute to Your Health – from Walking to a High-Intensity Aerobics

Did you know that everything that gets you moving can and will contribute to your health – from walking to a high-intensity aerobics class?

Research shows that regular exercise can lower the risk of coronary heart disease, stroke, non-insulin-dependent (type 2) diabetes mellitus, high blood pressure and certain cancers. And exercise helps people manage a great number of other health issues, including depression and anxiety, arthritis, osteoporosis and maybe even dementia. Experts say that it may even help slow the aging process. And it makes you feel good!

The International Health, Racquet and Sportsclub Association (IHRSA), the nonprofit association for the fitness industry, reminds people that any physical activity is better than none. The health benefits from physical activity are cumulative. The most important thing is getting started. So get moving – whether that means taking the stairs, parking farther out or walking on a treadmill. Newcomers to physical activity


should start slowly and gradually work up to exercising for longer periods of time.

For many Americans, taking those first steps toward building the exercise habit can be difficult and intimidating. So during the month of May, participating health clubs will open their doors for several days to the public, free of charge, so more Americans can benefit from the safe, supportive, and enjoyable environments that health clubs offer. It's part of the IHRSA-organized Get Active America! program to encourage more Americans to exercise for their health.

Whether you're a senior, a mid-lifer, a 20-something or a teen, there's a health club that can provide you with the support you need to create a workable exercise routine that fits your life. There's a network of professionals across the country eager to help.

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