

Swan Ecosystem Center Winter Programs, 2012

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(Teachers remember OPI units available. All programs take place at the USFS Condon Work Center unless otherwise stated)

- January 19 Gardening 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**
Long-time gardeners of the Swan Valley will conduct a round table discussion on the logistics, strategies and supplies for gardening in the valley. Bring your own experience or questions. There is no fee, but donations are appreciated and will go to SEC's education program. **Sign up deadline is January 16.**
- February 2 Wilderness 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**
Steve Archibald of the Arthur Carhart Wilderness Training Center will discuss the history of the 1964 Wilderness Act and current issues regarding wilderness. There is no fee, but donations are appreciated and will go to SEC's education program. **Sign up deadline is January 26.**
- February 11 Survival Skills 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**
David Cronenwett, certified instructor in outdoor/winter survival skills will conduct an all day workshop here in the Swan. Topics will include: survival situations and psychology, heat loss and clothing, tools, fire skills, knife sharpening, shelter construction and more. The fee for this class is \$50. **Sign up deadline is January 27.**
- February 16 Bull Trout 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**
Leo Rosenthal, fisheries biologist for MT. FWP in Region One, Kalispell, will discuss bull trout history in the Swan Watershed as well as the work accomplished on bull trout restoration over the last year. The status of our other local native fish treasure the west slope cutthroat will also be discussed. There is no fee, but donations are appreciated and will go to SEC's education program. **Sign up deadline is February 10.**
- March 8 Hunting 2011 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**
John Vore and Chuck Bartos for MT FWP in Region One, Kalispell, will provide data on the past year's deer and elk population and the 2011 hunting season statistics. There is no fee, but donations are appreciated and will go to SEC's education program. **Sign up deadline is March 2.**
- March 29 Fly-tying 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.**
Les Rutledge will once again join us for an educational evening that will leave you with at least 3 flies that you tied yourself. All equipment is provided. Les' instruction intertwines fly fishing as well as fly tying insights. The fee is \$25/person or \$40/family. **Sign up deadline is March 23.**
- April 19 Bears TBA**
The annual **Spring Bear Wake Up Social**. Details to be announced.
- April 26 Water 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**
A panel of local and state water quality specialists will discuss Swan Valley ground water quality as related to Montana law specifically regarding residential development and fish habitat. There is no fee, but donations are appreciated and will go to SEC's education program. **Sign up deadline is April 20.**
- May 3 Whitebark Pine 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.**
Bob Keane, research ecologist, USFS Rocky Mountain Research Station, will provide background and updated information about our famous high altitude pine. There is no fee, but donations are appreciated and will go to SEC's education program. **Sign up deadline is April 27.**
- May 27 Wild Flowers TBA**
A component of the annual Loon and Fish Festival is a walk to Holland Falls for a view of mountains and flowers that is unsurpassed. Details will be announced in early spring. There is no fee or sign up deadline.

Please note: additional programs and changes to current programs will be updated on our web site at www.swanecosystemcenter.org.