

THE 'OUTDOOR LORE' PROGRAM OF THE 2024 DIXIE DEER CLASSIC:

There is something in the Dixie Deer Classic's 'Outdoor Lore' program for everyone. Individuals of all ages attending the DDC, either by themselves or with family, schools, or hunting partners, will find some element(s) of the Outdoor Lore program appealing. Parts of the Outdoor Lore program change from year to year to reflect attendees' interests, NC's wildlife concerns, history, and technological advances.

Below are descriptions of the 2024 Dixie Deer Classic Outdoor Lore program sessions. We hope you enjoy the sessions and leave the show with a better understanding of game and non-game species, importance of habitat and ways to interact with nature. Sessions last 45-60 minutes and are held during prescribed times. Live birds of prey and decoy carving are open throughout the show.

IN-PERSON SEMINARS AT THE 2024 DIXIE DEER CLASSIC:

1. FILMING YOUR HUNTS

About the Presentation: Ever wonder how Chris Douglas, Host and Producer of Carolina All Out, makes it look so easy? Chris has videoed and produced outdoor shows for some of the top names in the industry in some of the most remote places on earth, and he and his crew – Joshua and Kevin Lawler, will discuss the tricks of the trade when it comes to filming your own hunts. Get the latest on technology, professional tricks, so you can capture your high quality hunt in a high quality video.

Presenter: Joshua Lawler and Kevin Lawler, videographers and producers of Carolina All Out. (<https://www.carolinaallout.com/>).

About the Presenter: Joshua Lawler is a native of North Carolina who grew up hunting and fishing in the old north state. After earning his Cinematic Arts degree from East Carolina University, Joshua became the producer, videographer and editor for Carolina All Out. Kevin Lawler is Joshua's dad and sparked the pair's interest in filming outdoors when Joshua was just a boy. He believes the value of his hunts are enhanced by filming them. Kevin keeps up with the latest in self-filming gear and gadgets and manages a YouTube channel where he posts "how to" videos for hunters interested in self-filming.

2. CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE IN NORTH CAROLINA

About the Presentation: Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a transmissible, always fatal, neurological disease that affects deer and other cervids such as elk, moose and reindeer/caribou. CWD was first detected in North Carolina in March 2022. In response, CWD Surveillance Areas with special regulations were established to track the disease and minimize spread. Disease surveillance efforts were increased during the fall 2022 hunting season with the help of local hunters. As a result, thousands of additional deer were tested and several new cases of the disease were detected in Yadkin and adjacent counties. In February 2023, CWD was detected in Cumberland County, making it necessary to establish additional CWD Surveillance Areas and update regulations. Come learn more about CWD in NC, what resources are available from the Wildlife Commission, how we can adapt to CWD on the landscape and promote the wellbeing of people and deer, and bring your CWD questions for the state's deer biologist. More information is also available at: <https://www.ncwildlife.org/hunting/chronic-wasting-disease>.

Presenter: April Boggs Pope, Deer Biologist, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

About the Presenter: April Boggs Pope is the Deer Biologist for NCWRC. Her primary duties with NCWRC are research coordination, policy, and disease surveillance and management of deer. A native of North Carolina, she has a Bachelor's Degree in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology with a minor in Forest Management from NC State University and a Master's Degree in Fisheries, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology from NC State University.

3. TRAPPING COYOTES

About the Presentation: With the rise of coyote populations nationwide, much interest has developed in trapping the animals. Have you ever tried to trap a coyote? It's not easy. Come gain firsthand knowledge from professional trapper Mr. Jimmy Pierce about trapping coyotes. The program will focus on specific techniques, equipment, and methods to get started in trapping coyotes in North Carolina. Also an expert on trapping regulations, Mr. Pierce will discuss the trends in coyote management and provide his own first-hand knowledge of the animal. Further information for trapping coyotes can be found at websites for the North Carolina Trappers Association (<http://www.nctrapper.org/>) and North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commissions (<http://www.ncwildlife.org/Trapping.aspx>).

Presenter: Jimmy Pierce, professional trapper.

About the Presenter: Mr. Jimmy Pierce has been a lifelong hunter, fisherman and trapper in North Carolina. He retired as Captain, in 1997, from the Raleigh Police Department. He is a former president of the North Carolina Trappers Association and currently a professional trapper in central and eastern North Carolina, with a special focus on trapping coyotes. Widely known throughout the trapping and outdoors communities in North Carolina, he is a much respected and consulted expert on coyote trapping. Mr. Pierce is also a prominent member of the North Carolina Trappers Association.

LIVE-ANIMAL AND DECOY DISPLAYS AT THE 2024 DIXIE DEER CLASSIC:

1. AMERICAN WILDLIFE REFUGE'S BIRDS OF PREY

About the Display: Come see the majestic beauty of some of Earth's greatest hunters: birds of prey! Mr. Steve Stone and other members of the American Wildlife Refuge have several birds on display at this year's Dixie Deer Classic. Members of the American Wildlife Refuge will teach and answer questions about the birds of prey on display, as well as tell the amazing stories of their rescues and dispel common misconceptions about birds of prey. Close-up viewing of the animal is allowed when possible, and photos with the birds will be permitted as possible and for a fee. More information on the services of the American Wildlife Refuge can be found at <http://www.awrefuge.org>.

Presenter: Mr. Steve Stone, Director of the American Wildlife Refuge.

About the Presenter: Steve Stone has served as Director of the American Wildlife Refuge since 2001. He has Federal and State licenses to rescue hawks, eagles, owls, falcons, and many other types of birds. He is also licensed to keep birds of prey for educational shows. Through his care and work, many orphaned or injured raptors are returned to the wild, healthy and able. Mr. Stone has worked with many species of raptors that few in North Carolina have ever seen and has rehabilitated over 1,000 birds, which he shows to thousands of students each year through outdoor and educational venues. To date, his 1000+ educational shows have been seen by approximately 1.5 million people. Mr. Stone regularly instructs North Carolina Wildlife officers and State Park Rangers courses in raptor recognition and handling. He also regularly teaches a

college course that is recognized by the NC Veterinary Board and the US Department of Interior for professional education credit.

2. DECOY CARVING/THE CORE SOUND DECOY CARVERS GUILD

About the Display: The Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild will be demonstrating traditional Core Sound carving techniques and answering any questions that you may have. They will have various decoys and information about the Guild including events planned for the Annual Core Sound Decoy Festival in Harkers Island, North Carolina. For additional information on the Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild, visit: www.decoyguild.com.

Presenter: Steve Hamilton, Core Sound Decoy Carvers Guild.

About the Presenter: Steve Hamilton is both an avid waterfowler and carver whose works are carved using traditional methods and materials of the Core Sound area. Steve does not limit his carving to ducks alone, but also makes shorebirds and canvas-covered waterfowl. He will often incorporate salvaged materials from local marshes as well as historic structures and vessels into his decorative pieces which give them a bit of historical significance. He is currently serving on the Board of Directors of the Core Sound Decoy Carver Guild. His pieces can be found in many collections and hunting rigs throughout the United States.