



**Arizona Game and Fish Department's  
Conservation Workshop 2008  
May 30, 31 and June 1  
Mount Graham**

**Activity Description**

Below is a short description of each activity. When you check in at camp you can register for which activities you would like to participate in.

**Archery Courses – Hosted by Denise Raum, AGFD Statewide Archery and Bowhunter Education Coordinator**

- Friday afternoon from noon to 5:45 pm and Saturday from 1 pm to 5 pm.
- Introduction to archery: Participants will learn archery safety, range procedures, and proper archery form. After completion of the safety and target practice participants may be advancing to the 3D course time permitting.
- 3D Archery Course - There will be a 20 target 3D course available to any archers who bring their own equipment to the event. Equipment will be available if you do not have your own, however, if you borrow equipment you will be required to complete the Introduction to Archery in order to participate in the 3D event.

**Safety Field Course – Hosted by Devin Skinner, AGFD Wildlife Manager**

- Friday afternoon from noon to 5:45pm and Saturday from 1 pm to 5 pm.
- During this hands on walking course you will learn and practice safe gun handling techniques that will help keep you and those around you safe while hunting or handling firearms. After the completion of the walking course you will be able to use these new skills on a virtual hunt.

**Environmental Education Activities – Hosted by Kellie Tharp, AGFD Environmental Education Program Manager**

- Friday afternoon from noon to 5:45 pm and Saturday from 1 pm to 5 pm. (Work at your own pace)
- Interested in learning how to dissect owl pellets? Want to learn about native birds of Arizona through a live wildlife presentation? Join the Department for an exciting program filled with activities, games and a live demonstration about Arizona's native wildlife.

**Tracking- From Dirt to Digital – Hosted by Kellie Tharp, AGFD Environmental Education Program Manager**

- Saturday from 8:30 am to 11 am
- Interested in learning about animal tracks? Join the Department in a fun filled morning of casting tracks, learning to use GPS units in a Geocaching Scavenger Hunt and how biologists use radio telemetry in the field.

**Landowner – Lessee / Sportsman Relations Committee – Hosted by Sal Palazzolo, AGFD Landowner Relations Program Manager**

- Saturday from 9 am to 11 am
- The Landowner-Lessee / Sportsman Relations Committee addresses problems affecting public recreational access in the wake of Arizona's rapidly expanding population. Consisting of 16 members comprised of resource users and land management agencies, the committee identifies specific problem areas and recommends strategies the Department could use to eliminate or minimize those concerns.

**Tour of Mount Graham Red Squirrel issues and visit a few middens – Hosted by Tim Snow, AGFD Non-Game Specialist**

- Saturday from 1 pm to 5 pm and Sunday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
- This tour will visit a couple of midden areas to discuss red squirrel life history, forest restoration activities, wild fire and other threats to the squirrels. Participants should expect a short hike over moderate terrain. Please bring binoculars, if you have them, for a chance to see squirrels and other wildlife.

**Tour of Telescope – Hosted by Joe Hall, AGFD Wildlife Manager**

- Saturday from 1 pm to 5 pm and Sunday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Take a tour of the University of Arizona’s telescope. Talk with specialists from the U of A and Department staff.

**Tour of Pinaleños Ecosystem Restoration Project– Hosted by Joan Scott, AGFD Habitat Program Manager, Anne Casey, Forest Service Wildlife Biologist and Craig Wilcox Forest Service Wildlife Biologist**

- Saturday from 1 pm to 5 pm and Sunday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Like other forests in Arizona, the Pinaleños Mountains have changed due to lack of fire. There is an unnaturally high density of small trees that would have been removed by natural fire, which has made the forest susceptible to crown fires and insect invasions. This condition has resulted in loss of habitat for wildlife, including the endangered Mount Graham red squirrel. The Pinaleños Ecosystem Restoration Project is designed protect habitat of the Mount Graham Red Squirrel and restore normal ecosystem functions.

**Fishing and Canoeing at Riggs Lake – Hosted by Duane Aubuchon, AGFD Field Supervisor and Kelley Fowke, AGFD Boating Education Coordinator**

- Saturday from 1 pm to 5 pm and Sunday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Fishing - Trout fishing will be an activity available at Riggs Flat Lake. Fishing poles (casting reels and rods) and bait will be provided as well as instruction in the use of fishing tackle, baiting hooks and catching the “big one.”
- Canoeing – Every want to learn about canoeing or just enjoy taking a lap on the lake? Here is your chance to learn and best of all, all equipment will be provided. Don’t forget your sunscreen and a hat.

**Grant Loop Hiking Trail – T.B.D.**

- Saturday from 1 pm to 5 pm and Sunday from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm
- Take a hike through the beautiful scenes found at 8,500 feet. The hike will be hosted by wildlife enthusiasts.