

Salato Wildlife  
Education Center  
(502) 564-7863

# Summer Events

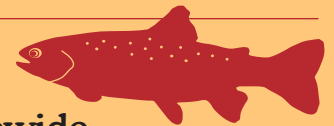


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June - August 2010

## HOURS OF OPERATION:

Tuesday - Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Sunday and Monday: Closed



## Statewide Free Fishing Weekend!

It's the time of year to get out the rod and reel! There's nothing like a warm summer day, a nice shade tree and a beautiful lake where the fish are biting. Take advantage of Kentucky's Free Fishing Weekend June 5-6 at the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife headquarters lakes in Frankfort. Anglers do not need a license (or trout permit) to fish any of Kentucky's public waters during this weekend. All other fishing regulations remain in effect. Pack a lunch and enjoy a relaxing weekend filled with fishing! Make your fishing trip more rewarding by bringing along a kid! Call 1-800-858-1549 for more details or check our website at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) for more about available times.

## Our Location

The Salato Wildlife Education Center is located at the headquarters of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, on U.S. 60 1.5 miles west of U.S. 127 in Frankfort.



Left to right: Tim Slone, Chad Miles, Gail Watkins, Hank Patton and Jamie Cook.

## The Salato Center Honors its Volunteers for 2009

At the annual award banquet, the staff of the Salato Wildlife Education Center thanked the volunteers who dedicated their time, effort and talents in 2009. The Salato Center has more than 150 volunteers who dedicate their time as educational docents, work special events, tackle trail maintenance and help lend a green thumb in the greenhouse. Their contribution is greatly appreciated and we couldn't do it without them!

Each year we honor our volunteers with an awards banquet. Gail Watkins received our overall Volunteer of the

Year award. For 10 years, Gail has contributed her time and efforts to the native plant program and to the Salato Center itself. Salato volunteers Alex Hitter, Jenny Noran and Colleen Moureaux received honors for their outstanding contributions to the Salato Center. Native plant program volunteers honored included Hobie Henniger, Becky Shipp and Susan Taylor.

Our volunteers demonstrate enthusiasm, responsibility, and are excellent stewards of the environment. Congratulations to our volunteers!



**PROGRAMS WITH FEWER THAN FIVE PEOPLE REGISTERED** are subject to cancellation. To register for one of the workshops, please call us at (502) 564-7863.

June 9



## Brown Bag Lunch Series:

### Build an Eastern Bluebird Nest Box

Wednesday, noon – 1 p.m.  
 Cost: \$5. Limit: 20.  
 Participants: Ages 7 and up.  
 Parents can assist smaller children.

The vibrant, royal blue coloring and charming song of the Eastern bluebird offers a wonderful wildlife viewing opportunity. Over the years, populations of Eastern bluebirds have been on the rise thanks to man-made nest boxes. Join us for lunch and assemble a bluebird nest box to take home and attract these beautiful birds. Eastern bluebirds are cavity nesters that look for holes in dead trees or fence posts. However, some introduced species, such as the house sparrow or European starling compete for the same nesting sites. This reduces the Eastern bluebird's natural nesting areas. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**

June 18

### Going Green in the Greenhouse

Friday, 10 a.m. – noon  
 Cost: \$5. Limit: 15.  
 Participants: All are welcome!

Do you have kids who love to get their hands dirty? Or maybe you do too! Join Native Plant Program Coordinator Mary Carol Cooper in the greenhouse for a chance to pot your favorite native plants. We will also give a short tour of the low-



## Professional Development Week

### June 21 NASP Basic Archery Instructor

Monday, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
 Cost: \$40. Limit: 15.  
 Participants: Great for Scout and youth leaders, teachers, non-formal educators or outdoor enthusiasts. Adults.

This program will train those who are interested in teaching or supporting archery-based programs for youth. We will use the same guidelines followed for the National Archery in the Schools Program (NASP) for this training session. We provide all archery equipment. Each participant will receive an instructor's manual for the course. Completion of the course will certify participants as NASP Basic Archery instructors. Lunch will be on your own. **Registration and pre-payment required.**

### June 23 Project WILD

Wednesday,  
 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
 Cost: \$20. Limit: 25  
 Participants: Educators, naturalists, Scout and youth group leaders

This highly acclaimed, award-winning curriculum teaches students how to think, not what to think. Project WILD offers KERA-compatible, interdisciplinary, hands-on activities emphasizing wildlife and the environment. Each participant receives a curriculum guide, reference materials and other valuable resources. Lunch is on your own. **Registration and pre-payment required.**

### June 24 Project WILD Aquatic

Thursday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
 Cost: \$20. Limit: 25.  
 Participants: Educators, naturalists, Scout and youth group leaders

In this workshop, teachers and youth group leaders will explore the fascinating world of water. Activities help students use critical thinking skills while highlighting water's importance to people, wildlife and habitat. This program includes an afternoon tour of the Pfeiffer Fish Hatchery near Frankfort and sampling in the Elkhorn Creek. Each participant receives a curriculum guide, reference materials and other valuable resources. Bring appropriate shoes for sampling near water. Lunch is on your own. **Registration and pre-payment required.**

### June 25 Connecting Kids with Nature: Creating an Outdoor Classroom

Friday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
 Cost: \$20. Limit: 20.  
 Participants: Adults. Great for home schools and educators!

In a world where computer technology reigns and time is greatly consumed – it's no wonder children are becoming less interactive with their outdoor environment. Children need guidance when learning about ecology. An outdoor classroom is a wonderful way to provide an informal learning place with a hands-on approach to formal learning. Join Salato educators as they help prepare you for a new project! We will offer advice on site selection, show KERA-related concepts and offer ideas that you can include in your outdoor classroom. We will even help you with a landscape design for the space you are considering making into an outdoor classroom. Lunch is on your own. **Registration and pre-payment required.**

Partial proceeds benefit the Salato Wildlife Education Center

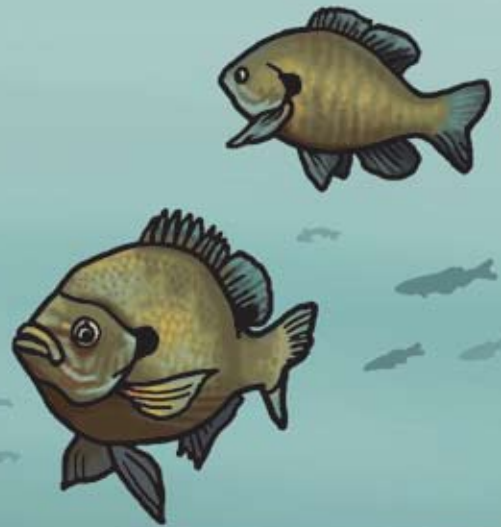
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# kentucky bourbon festival

june 12, 2010

six-thirty to nine p.m.

Salato Wildlife Education Center,  
off U.S. 60 in Frankfort



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er and upper greenhouses, plant a few seeds and plants and show you how label them properly. We also will have fun activities for kids to learn more about plant life. All participants will get to take home a native wildflower for their own backyard habitat. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**

### June 19 Family, Fishing & Fun

Saturday, 10 a.m. – noon  
Cost: \$10 per family.  
Limit: 20 families.  
Participants: All are welcome!

Enjoy the early days of summer with a little shade and the joy that comes with a kid catching a fish. We'll

have plenty of experienced help on hand for you to have a great fishing experience. We provide fishing rods and bait. Participants 16 years and older will need a fishing license. We will also provide sandwiches, chips and drinks to all participants. This program is great for families with little kids learning how to fish! **Registration and pre-payment required.**

### June 19 Creating Your Own Nature Reserve

Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Cost: \$15. Limit: 25.  
Participants: Adults.

Learn to transform your backyard or even your back 40 with this introduc-

tory workshop into native landscaping. Local experts and employees of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources will show you how to plan a butterfly garden, establish a prairie and implement natural landscaping. We will also offer you advice on selecting and planting native trees and wildflowers. A tour will follow to show the various native landscapes throughout Salato's grounds. **Registration and pre-payment required.**



**In June,  
mountain  
laurel and  
rhododendrons  
bloom**



### July 7 Teach Kentucky Workshop

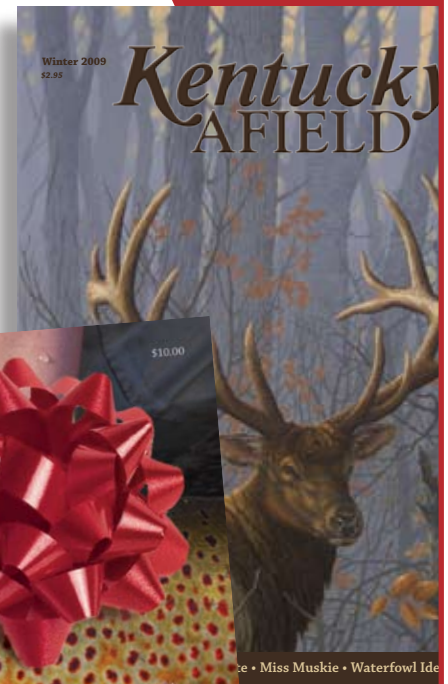
Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Cost: \$15.  
Participants: Adults. Great for educators, non-formal educators, and naturalists.

In this workshop, educators will learn about Kentucky's unique ecosystem and then how to apply those concepts in a classroom setting.

## Looking for a great Father's Day gift?

*Kentucky Afield* magazine, the official publication of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, brings you the best in hunting and fishing in the state. You get four issues a year plus a bonus calendar featuring outstanding wildlife photography. The calendar, published in December, is packed with tips and information about Kentucky's outdoors. *Kentucky Afield* makes an ideal gift for any outdoors enthusiast! It costs only \$10 a year to subscribe, or \$18 for two years. Subscribe online at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov) and click on the Kentucky Afield link. Or you can make a check payable to *Kentucky Afield* magazine and mail to:

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## Remember to leave wildlife alone!

During the early spring and summer months, the outdoors is abundant with wildlife looking for food and having their young. It's not uncommon to walk upon a turtle laying eggs near a pond or a deer fawn lying in the grass. Baby birds that have fallen from nests will still have parents trying to feed and protect them. Gently putting a baby bird back into a nest will not keep the parents away. **The Salato Center is an educational facility and is not equipped to receive, house or treat orphaned or injured animals of any kind.** Should you encounter injured or orphaned wildlife, call the Salato Center at 1-800-858-1549 and we can provide you with phone numbers for licensed wildlife rehabilitators in your area. Remember, moving an animal can actually do it more harm than good, and can result in an animal that can never return to the wild. If you encounter wildlife this spring, watch it from a safe distance without disturbing the natural process of Mother Nature.

For example, many kids can identify endangered species to other parts of the world, such as tigers and panda bears, but most kids have trouble identifying endangered species found in Kentucky. The more Kentucky's youth understand about our native wildlife, the more investment they are likely make in protecting, preserving, conserving and managing our ecosystems. We will also learn about adaptations of Kentucky's native plants and animals, their ecological roles and their native habitats. All participants will receive a Teach Kentucky notebook containing additional exercises and activities for the classroom. **Registration and pre-payment required.**

July 14



### Brown Bag Lunch Series: Amazing Amphibians

Wednesday, noon – 1 p.m.  
Cost: Free.  
Participants: All are welcome!

Did you know Kentucky is home to more than 50 different species of amphibians? Join us for lunch as we showcase a few of Kentucky's amazing frogs, toads and salamanders. We will talk about the difference between amphibians and reptiles, and show you what makes our amphibians unique. Kids will even get a chance to hold one of our salamanders! No registration required.

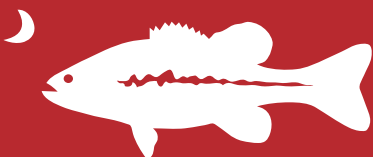


July 17

### Herpetology House

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Cost: Free.  
Participants: All are welcome!

Kentucky's native reptiles and amphibians are crawling in from damp and dark places for you to view and enjoy at the 9th Annual Herpetology House. More than 100 species of reptiles and amphibians live in Kentucky. Last year, more than 60 species were on display! This is a great opportunity for you to get a close look at our unique and often overlooked wildlife. Guest speakers from Kentucky Fish and Wildlife and other organizations will offer presentations about Kentucky "herps" that we're sure you will find both educational and entertaining. No registration required.



In July,  
night fish for bass  
in ponds, reservoirs



## July 24 Tree I.D. Hike

Saturday, 10 a.m. – noon

Cost: \$10.

Participants: Ages 15 and up.

Take the time to meet your woody neighbors with this easy hike led by our Salato staff. The hiking trails are not ADA accessible. We will learn simple techniques to help you identify common trees to your area. All participants will receive a tree identification book to help continue testing their skills at home. **Registration and pre-payment required.**



## July 29-30 Habitat Gardener's Program

Thursday and Friday,  
9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$45. Limit: 45.

Participants: Adults.

Learn the basics of landscaping for wildlife in a suburban environment. This is

a great program for gardeners, homeowners, extension agents and teachers. Topics will include an overview of plant communities in Kentucky; how to use a natural community as a model for the habitat garden; and how to design a wildlife-friendly landscape from the ground up. Additional topics will include seed propagation, soil, composting and exotic invasive plants. We will finish by having participants design their own backyard wildlife habitat for a yard or outdoor classroom. All participants will receive a Backyard Wildlife Habitat Kit and a certificate qualifying them to teach others about habitat gardening. **Registration and pre-payment required.**

## July 31 Medicinal Plants

Saturday, 1 – 3 p.m.

Cost: \$15. Limit: 20.

Participants: Adults.

Have you ever thought about why we use spice in our food, or whether those pesky weeds in the yard might be good for something? Join medicinal herbalist Katie Clark to discover why and how plants can help in our daily lives and

in times of illness. You will learn to make your own teas, poultices, tinctures and salves. **Registration and prepayment required.**



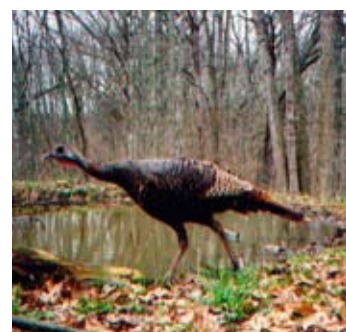
## Aug. 7 Basics of Fly Tying & Fishing

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cost: \$35. Limit: 15.

Participants: Ages 9 and up.

Have you ever caught a fish on a woolly bugger or a popper? Join members of the Frankfort Fly Fishing Club for a basic introduction to fly tying and techniques of fly fishing. We provide the equipment you need to try your hand at tying flies. You can keep the flies that you produce for a future fishing trip. There will be plenty of help on hand for a little practice in casting with fly rods, too. **Registration and pre-payment required.**



## Aug. 11 Brown Bag Lunch Series: Habitat Chat

Wednesday, noon – 1 p.m.

Cost: Free. Limit: None.

Participants: All are welcome!

Habitat improvement is the key to attracting more wildlife. Planting trees, shrubs and native grasses – or creating a water source – are ways to improve habitat diversity. Join us for lunch as Wildlife Biologist Sunni Carr tells how you can increase wildlife diversity to benefit your local wildlife population. If you're a landowner, join us to learn more about incentive programs that can work for you! No registration required.

View our Calendar of Events online  
at [fw.ky.gov](http://fw.ky.gov).

Just click on "Upcoming Events" to search for activities at Salato or across the state. Even better, you'll receive 10% off the price of Salato programs and events when you present your valid Kentucky hunting or fishing license!

Saturday, August 28  
9 AM – 4 PM

*Fall*  
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Plant Sale**

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