

Camp Wallace 2026 BOW Weekend Class Descriptions



Friday PM-August 21 (1:30pm-5pm)

Ultimate Turkey Hunting – Everything you need to know about hunting the Eastern Wild Turkey! We will cover turkey seasons and regulations in Kentucky, gender, age identification and habitat, legal scouting techniques, turkey calls and their meanings, hunting strategies/equipment & tips, butchering (video) and ways to use feathers, beard, fan and bone for crafts. Class style: Lecture, demonstration and hands on using turkey calls.

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Boater Education – Part 1 – Boater Education Certification - A Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources-approved Boater Education course designed to teach the fundamentals of safe boating on Kentucky waterways. Participants will learn navigation rules, federal and Kentucky boating laws, required safety equipment, and responsible boating practices. The class will also cover topics such as life jacket requirements, boating etiquette, emergency preparedness, and safe operation of recreational watercraft. This course is intended to help reduce boating incidents and increase confidence while enjoying Kentucky lakes and rivers. **NOTE: This is a two-part course. Part 2 is Saturday Afternoon.** Class style: Lecture

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Basic Archery- Learn a new outdoor skill with step-by-step instructions for correctly and safely shooting a bow. You'll feel like an archer in no time! *Class style: hands-on and active*

Basic Fishing – This course will teach you the basics of fishing. Whether you are an experienced angler or a first-time angler, this course will teach you the skills and knowledge you need to get started. Topics covered include fish identification, equipment, licensing/regulations, location selection, target areas, casting techniques, knot tying, live bait selection, how to bait a hook, hook removal, safety, and when to fish. **PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A VALID KY FISHING LICENSE** *Class style: Hands-on and active*

Fly Tying - Discover the art of creating your own fishing flies in our Introduction to Fly Tying Class, a fun and hands-on workshop! Perfect for beginners, this class offers a supportive environment where you'll learn essential techniques, tools, and materials to craft three flies: the Mop Fly, Woolly Bugger, and Foam Spider. Explore the joy of fly tying and gain skills to enhance your fly-fishing adventures. No experience needed—just bring your creativity! *Class style: Hands-on*

Saturday AM August 22 (8:30 – noon)

Processing after the hunt - Have you ever wondered what to do after a successful deer harvest? This hands-on class will introduce participants to the basics of deer processing from the field to the freezer. Participants will learn proper techniques for skinning, quartering, deboning, trimming, packaging, and storing venison while discussing the importance of meat care and food safety throughout the process. The class will also cover recommended tools and equipment, tips for reducing waste, and ways to prepare venison for cooking at home. Whether you are new to hunting or simply want to become more confident processing your own deer, this class is designed to provide a supportive and educational introduction to turning harvested game into quality table fare. *Class style: Hands-on*

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Deer tracking with a woman's best friend-This class will cover deer tracking with a canine companion! Participants will get an introduction to deer tracking on their own and with a dog. Participants will get to practice tracking on their own on a practice blood trail. Best of all, Sookie, Sheba or Sherman, and her handler will demonstrate proper dog tracking techniques on another blood trail. *Class style: walking in brush and wooded areas, active. TICK PREVENTION HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.*

Advanced Foraging: Using what you've found! - Join us where you'll learn to create your own healing salve and tincture—both of which you'll take home at the end of the session. We'll explore the practical steps involved in making these herbal preparations, as well as dive into key techniques for storing and preserving your foraged finds. Along the way, we'll cover the more technical aspects of using wild plants safely and effectively, ensuring you're equipped to make the most of what nature provides. (\$5.00 per participant) *Class style: Hands-on*

Knowing Your Way-Land Navigation Part 1 - This land navigation and map reading class is designed to provide you with a fundamental understanding of how to use a map, compass and other navigation aids. You will learn about gear, skills and techniques in a hands-on way that will help you navigate in places where cell phones don't work. **NOTE: This is a two-part course. Part 2 is Saturday Afternoon.** Part 2 includes an activity to use your new skills in the field. This will be physically demanding. Side note: Tick prevention is **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**. *Class style: Lecture for Part 1 – Hands on and active Part 2*

Cook Wild Kentucky Outdoors with Cast Iron - Learn the basics of outdoor cooking in this hands-on class as we make campfire coffee, sourdough biscuits, and a hearty breakfast casserole in the Dutch oven. Class opened to beginner cooks as well as the more seasoned! Topics covered will be food safety outdoors, basic measuring and recipe preparation, controlling heat for outdoor baking, fire building and safety, and simple tips to use when planning meals for outdoor adventures. *Class style-Hands-on*

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Introduction to Rabbit Hunting: A Beginners Guide - Join us for a comprehensive, hands-on introduction to rabbit hunting! Designed for beginners, this course covers everything from legal regulations and safety to the thrill of the chase. Whether you are interested in hunting to harvest your own food, companionship with dogs, or learning a new outdoor tradition, this class will provide the foundational knowledge needed to get started. Class style: Lecture, hands-on and active.

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After processing - In this class, participants will learn the fundamentals of properly handling and preparing deer meat from the processing stage to the kitchen. Proper meat care and preparation are key steps in creating high-quality wild game dishes. Using previously processed venison provided for the class, participants will learn techniques for trimming, portioning, packaging, and preparing deer meat for cooking. The class will also cover best practices for meat handling, storage, food safety, and common cooking methods for wild game. Participants will help prepare a few easy dishes to recreate at home for sampling while learning tips and tricks for turning their harvest into delicious meals at home. Come hungry! Class style: Hands-on

Into the woods - Let your curiosity run amuck in our "Into the Woods" class. We will spend time in the woods and along the shoreline of Lake Cumberland, discovering the diverse habitats of the aquatic and woodland creatures at Camp Wallace. Let's discover everything that makes Camp Wallace unique from insects to trees to rocks and even fish! Rain gear, shoes that can get muddy, and tick prevention will help you enjoy this class to its fullest so please bring your personal items to be prepared. This class will go on, rain or shine. Class style: Hands-on and active

All about trail cams - Let's set our sights on how to set up and use trail cameras for many different uses including scouting for hunting, security, wildlife viewing and even nuisance control. Feel free to bring your own equipment if you'd like to gain confidence using the gear you'll be taking home and using in the future. However, equipment will be provided, so bringing your own is completely optional. Class style: Hands-on and active

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Archery All-in-One - Whether you are brand new to archery, looking to sharpen your skills, or already have your own equipment, this class is designed for you! Participants will be divided into groups based on experience level and interests to ensure everyone gets the most out of the program. Attendees will have the opportunity to try a variety of equipment, including Genesis bows and traditional bows, while enjoying fun and interactive archery games and challenges. For participants who already own equipment, a former professional bow technician will be available to provide basic adjustments and personalized shooting instruction to help improve comfort, accuracy, and confidence on the range.

In addition to hands-on shooting instruction, participants will learn about archery opportunities across Kentucky, including ranges, clubs, competitions, hunting opportunities, and programs that allow you to continue building your skills long after the class ends. No experience or equipment is required, just come ready to have fun and shoot! Class style: Hands-on and active

Fly Fishing - Learn basic casting, knot tying, and fly fishing techniques, dispel some of the 'intimidation factor' of fly fishing, review the equipment needed to get started, and go over the best places to go fly fishing in Kentucky. We will be casting from the bank for practice! PARTICIPANTS MUST HAVE A VALID KY FISHING LICENSE *Class style: Hands-on and active*

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