

Outdoor Women at Big Oaks

Join us for the 17th annual Outdoor Women at Big Oaks (OWBO) on Saturday, June 15, 2024 in Madison, Indiana! This event is hosted by Big Oaks Conservation Society (BOCS) and Big Oaks National Wildlife Refuge (NWR). OWBO is a 1-day event designed for women, ages 12 and up, who want to learn basic outdoor skills and outdoor appreciation through courses such as fishing, hunting, canoeing, bird watching, archery, shooting, and much more! All activities begin and end at the beautiful historic Old Timbers Lodge.



All proceeds benefit the Big Oaks Conservation Society; the non-profit group which supports the wildlife conservation and habitat restoration of Big Oaks NWR, and develops environmental education programs to increase public awareness and use of the refuge.

If you would like to learn more, please visit our website, www.bigoaksconservationsociety.org.

Event Day Schedule

This event will be held rain or shine.

07:45 – 08:10am	Registration; Continental Breakfast
08:10 – 08:50am	Welcome, Introductions, and Refuge Safety Briefing (required)
09:00 – 10:20am	Session 1
10:30 – 11:50am	Session 2
Noon – 12:50pm	Lunch at Lodge
01:00 – 02:20pm	Session 3
02:30 – 03:50pm	Session 4
03:50 – 04:10pm	Return to Lodge
04:10 – 04:45pm	Re-group for wrap up and evaluations

Registration Fees

Registration is non-refundable

Registration must be postmarked **BEFORE** dates listed below!

- ◇ \$55 for BOCS members before May 6th
- ◇ \$65 for non-members before May 6th
- ◇ \$70 for BOCS membership & OWBO event registration before May 6th
- ◇ \$35 for participants 12-22 years of age (Must take same classes as guardian if under 18)
- ◇ \$80 for all from May 5th through May 28th

Your registration fee includes: a welcome gift, all class materials, continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments, and your daily pass for Big Oaks NWR.

For more information, call **812-273-0783** or visit www.fws.gov/refuge/big-oaks or email us at mardean_roach@fws.gov

Course Selections

Classes will be assigned on a first registered, first enrolled basis. While we will try to ensure you are enrolled in your preferred classes, class sizes are limited and subject to change without notice.

To ensure you are placed in the same courses as Family/Friends, please select AND rank the same classes AND mail all registration together.

Please rank your class preferences from 1-10 (with 1 being the most preferred) from the following choices:

- _____ Archery 101
- _____ Art in Nature
- _____ Atlatl Throwing
- _____ Backpacking Fundamentals
- _____ Basics of Personal Protection
- _____ Birdhouse Building
- _____ Birdwatching
- _____ Campfire Building
- _____ Campfire Cooking
- _____ Canoeing & Kayaking
- _____ Children in the Outdoors
- _____ Edible Plants
- _____ Find Your Way! (Compass)
- _____ Firearm Familiarity
- _____ Fly Fishing—It's a Girl Thing
- _____ From Sunlight to Syrup
- _____ Get Growing! (Veggie Garden)
- _____ Hypertufa Planter Making
- _____ Landscaping for Wildlife
- _____ Living Green
- _____ Mushrooms: Fungus Among Us!
- _____ Natives aren't Just "For the Birds"
- _____ Nature Connection
- _____ Outdoor Adventure Dog
- _____ Rustic Vine Basket
- _____ Smartphone Photography
- _____ Trap Shooting
- _____ Wild Game Cooking
- _____ Wild Water
- _____ Yoga Foundations