

2024 PARK RANGER INSTITUTE AGENDA

Session I

Sunday January 7

1pm – 5:30pm: **REGISTRATION** (2nd floor of the administration building)

5:30pm – 6:30pm: Supper

6:45pm – 7:pm: Welcome/Opening Remarks, John Byrd - Executive Director, Gym

7:00pm – Until: General Session: "Paul "Rob" Phelan Jr., MA, Training Coordinator, NCJA

Social in game room at gym after General Session

Monday January 8

7am – 8:30am: Breakfast

8:30am - 11:30am 'Round Table Discussion of Current Issues" Jonathan Furman, Supervisor Pittsburgh Park Rangers, Pittsburgh, PA, C-102

8:30am – 11:30am: "Wildlife First Response" Ranger Jill Lee, MNCPPC, MD, C-103

8:30am – 11:30am "Networking/Team Building" Clint Richardson (Retired) Greensboro parks & Recreation, Greensboro, NC & Ranger Laura MacLeod, St Louis Park Rangers, MO, Gym

9am – 5pm: "Top Gun Competition" Sgt. Robert Young, Elon University P.D - Range*

11:30am – 1:30pm: Lunch

1:30pm – 5:30pm: "Top Gun Competition" continued – range*

1:30pm – 5:30pm: "Building & Operating a Disc Golf Course" Steve Shaw & Dusty Cantley, Alamance Co. Parks, NC C-101 (includes a practical off-site)

1:30pm -5:30pm: "Dealing with Large Mammals-Hooves, Horns, Paws & Claws" Michael Romano, Lakes Supervisor/Environmental Educator, Greensboro, NC C-102

1:30am-5:30pm: "Human Trafficking" William "Bill" Loucks, NCJA Staff & Hope for Justice Staff, C-103

5:30pm – 6:30pm: Supper

7pm – 9pm: "Astronomy", Ranger Jill Lee, MNCPPC, MD C-101

7pm – 9pm: "Developing & Implementing Eagle Scout Projects", Ranger Ben Sweet, MNCPPC, C-102

7pm - 9pm: "Things That go Bump in The Night", Michael Romano. Lakes Supervisor/Environmental Education Specialist, Greensboro, NC Starts in C-103

Tuesday January 9

7am – 8:30am: Breakfast

8:30am – 12:30pm: "Top Gun" continued*

8:30am – 12:30pm: "Native American Culture" Ranger Michael Morales, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Rec. Dept., Fayetteville, NC C-101

8:30am – 12:30pm: "Bigfoot & Other Cryptids – A walk into the Unknown" Michael Romano, Lakes Supervisor/Environmental Education Specialist, Greensboro, NC C-102

8:30pm - 12:30pm: "Civilian Response to Active Shooters" Paul 'Rob' Phelan, NCJA Staff, C-103

11:30am – 1:30pm: Lunch

1:30pm – 5:30pm: "Combat Course" Sgt. Robert Young, Elon University P.D., - Range*

1:30am – 5:30am: "Vehicle Burglaries aka Car Clouting" Sgt. Dylan Parks, Delaware Natural Resources Police, DE C-102

1:30pm-5:30pm: "Chainsaw Operation & Safety" Will Parker, Regional Stihl Representative, Class to be held at Chimney Rock State Park with a Practical Exercise. (Meet in front of cafeteria):

1:30pm – Until: “Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute” (off-site trip, minimum of 10 people required) (\$35 fee), Clint Richardson, Greensboro Parks & Rec. Dept., NC (Retired) meets in lot in front of gazebo next to dorm.

5:30pm – 6:30pm: Supper

7pm - 9pm – “Fossil I.D.” Ranger Michael Morales, Fayetteville-Cumberland Parks & Rec. Dept, Fayetteville, NC C-101

7pm – 9pm: “Ranger Roll Call” Capt. Steve Savidge, Delaware Natural Resources Police, DE C-102

7pm – 9pm: “Interpreting Cultural Resources” Brian Bockhahan, Regional Education Specialist, North District, NC State Parks, C-103

Wednesday January 10

7am – 8:30am: Breakfast

8am - 5:30pm: “Caving Trip to Elizabethton, TN” Ranger Laura MacLeod, St. Louis County Parks, MO, Meet in parking lot in front of cafeteria. (Requires a \$65 fee/Maximum of 12 people)

8:00am -1pm – “Museum of the Cherokee Indian, Cherokee, NC, John Byrd & Steve Shaw, meet in front of cafeteria. (museum requires a \$12 fee)

8:30am-12:30pm “Fire Starting Techniques” George Filomarino, Park Manager, Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation, VA C-101

8:30am -12:30pm “Storytelling Techniques” Brian Bockhahan, NC State Parks, C-102

11:30pm – 1:30pm: Lunch

1:30pm – 5:30pm: “Wilderness Survival 101” George Filomarino, C-101

1:30pm – 5:30pm” “Leadership – Mentoring the Next Generation” Lt. John R. Byrd Sr., MS (Retired) Burham P.D., NC, C-102

1:30pm -5:30pm; “Innovative Programming” Michael Romano, Greensboro, NC C-103

1:30pm – 5:30pm “Defensive Tactics for Non-Sworn Personnel” Ranger George Harley, MNCPPC, MD, mat room over the gym.

5:30pm – 6:30pm – Supper

7pm – Until: Tournaments:

Dart Tournament – Brian MacKay

Pool Tournament – Laura MacLeod

Corn Hole Tournament – Steve Shaw

All tournaments are two-person teams

Thursday January 11

7am – 8:30am: Breakfast

8:00pm-12:30pm: “Mt. Mitchell State Park Tour” weather permitting, (highest peak east of the Mississippi River), meet in front of cafeteria.

8:30am – 12:30pm: “Honing Your Presentation Skills” George Filomarino, Virginia Beach Parks & Recreation, VA C-101

8:30pm – 12:30pm: “Detecting Impaired drivers in the Park” Cpl. Conor Smith, Delaware Natural Resources Police, DE C-102 *

8:30am – 12:30pm: “Sustainable Trail Design and Management” (with a practical exercise at Chimney Rock State Park) Braden Meiter, Ranger Supervisor, Allegheny Parks, PA C-103

11:30am-1:30pm: Lunch

1:30 – 5:30 pm: “Geocaching” Ranger Laura McCleod, St. Louis County Parks, MO C-101

1:30pm-5:30pm: “Patrol Techniques for Non-Sworn Personnel” Brian McKay, Retired Supervisor Ocala Park Rangers, FL C-102

1:30pm – 5:30pm: “Starting Your Own Archery Program/Daytime Archery Competition” Clint Richardson, Greensboro Parks & Rec. Dept., NC (Retired) C-103

1:30am – 5:30pm “Rapid Deployment Training” Sgt. Robert Young, Elon University Police, Gym*

5:30pm-6:30pm-Supper

7pm – Until: **AWARDS CEREMONY** – Gym

Presentation: “Looking Back Through the Years ”

Presentation of Awards: John R. Byrd Sr. – MC

Door Prizes & Group Photo

Friday January 12

7am – 8:30am: Breakfast on your own

9am – check out of dorms.

2023 Session I Adjourned

These classes are for sworn personnel only

Classrooms 201 & 204 are in the gym.

All trips and several of the classes will have signup sheets at registration. Some trips require carpooling; please bring an agency van if possible.

All firearms participants should bring at least 150 to 200 rounds of ammunition.

All shooters shoot at the discretion of the Range Master only.