

# 2024 PARK RANGER INSTITUTE

## Session II

### **Sunday March 24**

1:00pm – 5:30pm: **REGISTRATION** (Administration Building)

5:30pm – 6:30pm: Supper

6:45pm – 7:00pm: Welcome/Opening Remarks, John Byrd - Executive Director, Gym

7:00pm – 9:00pm: Presenter: Mark Strickland, Retired Director of the NCJA

9:00pm – Until: Social in game room at gym.

### **Monday March 25**

7:00am – 8:30am: Breakfast

9:00am – 5:00pm: “Top Gun Competition” Sgt. Robert Young, Elon University P.D - Range\*

8:30am - 11:30am “Team Building” Clint Richardson, Greensboro Parks & Recreation, NC (Retired) and Ranger Laura MacLeod, St. Louis Co. Parks, MO (Classroom over the gym)

8:30am - 11:30pm: “Kidnaping Case Review” Lt. Kurt Blatner, Delaware Natural Resources Police, DE C-102

8:30am – 11:30am: “Interpreting Waterfalls” Brian Bockhahn, Regional Education Specialist, North District, NC State Parks – meet in the lot in front of the cafeteria.

11:30am – 1:30pm: Lunch

1:30pm – 5:30pm: “Top Gun Competition” continued – range\*

1:00pm – 6:00pm: “CPR/First Aid/AED Course” Kent “Duke” Brown, Horry County Beach Safety Director, SC (\$35 Fee – includes certification, two pocket mask, and a practice CPR Value) (maximum of 12 participants) C-101

1:30pm - 5:30pm: "All about Snakes", Michael Romano, Lakes Supervisor/Environmental Education Specialist, Greensboro Parks & Rec. Dept., NC C-102

1:30pm – 5:30pm: “Building & Operating a Disc Golf Course” Steve Shaw & Dusty Cantley, Alamance County Parks, NC C-103 (includes a practical exercise).

5:30pm – 6:30pm: Supper

7:00pm – 9:00pm: "Things That go Bump in The Night" Michael Romano. Lakes Supervisor/Environmental Education Specialist, Greensboro, NC Starts in C-101

7:00pm – 9:00pm: ‘Ranger Roll Call’ Capt. Steve Savidge, Delaware Natural Resources Police, DE C-102

7:00pm – 9:00pm: “Night Archery Competition” Clint Richardson, Greensboro, NC, (Retired) Area between the gym and range.

## **Tuesday March 26**

7:00am – 8:30am: Breakfast

8:30am – 12:30pm: “Top Gun” continued\*

8:30am – 5:30pm: “Compass/Land Navigation with a Search and Rescue Exercise” Superintendent Amanda Lasley, South Mountain State Park, NC start in C-101

8:30pm - 12:30pm: “Dealing with Individuals with Mental Illness and Developmental Disabilities” Ranger II Erin Brown, Eno River State Park, NC C-102

8:30pm – 12:30pm: “Human Trafficking in Parks” Superintendent Jane Switzer, Tennessee State Parks, TN C-103

11:30am – 1:30pm: Lunch

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

1:30pm – 5:30 pm: “Characteristics of Distress and Active Drowning Swimmers” Kent “Duke” Brown, Horry County Beach Safety Director, SC start in C-101 (Location to be determined)

1:30pm - 5:30pm "The Civilian Response to an Active Shooter" Paul "Rob" Phelan, NCJA Staff, C-102

1:30pm – 5:30pm: “No Conflict Equestrian Trails” Lora Goerlich, Toledo, OH (Park Ranger Retired – Metroparks of Toledo) C-103

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 the lot in front of the gazebo next to the dorm.

5:30pm – 6:30pm: Supper

7:00p - 9:00 pm: “Recruitment of Volunteers” Michael Moore, Virginia Aquarium, Virginia Beach, VA C-101

7:00pm – 9:00pm: “Ranger Roll Call” Capt. Steve Savidge, Delaware Natural Resources Police, DE C-102

7:00pm – 9:00pm: “Owl Hike/Program” Chimney Rock State Park, meet in lot in front of gazebo.

### **Wednesday March 27**

7:00am – 8:30am: Breakfast

7:30am - 5:30pm: “Caving Trip to Elizabethton, TN” Ranger Laura MacLeod, St. Louis County Parks, MO, Meet in the parking lot in front of the cafeteria. (Requires a \$65 fee/Maximum of 12 people)

7:30pm – 12:30pm: “Museum of the Cherokee Indian ” John Byrd & Steve Shaw, meet in the lot in front of Gazebo.

8:30am - 12:30pm: ‘Historic Weapon Making” Brian Bockhahan, NC State Parks starts in C-101an moves to Chimney Rock State Park for the practical.

8:30am - 5:30pm: “De-escalation Techniques” Cpl. Brian McKinery, Delaware Natural Resources Police. C-103

8:30am – 11:30am: “Volunteer Trail Patrol Programs, Oversight and Expectations” Jim Cassidy, Ranger Patrol Supervisor, Metroparks of Toledo. C102

11:30pm – 1:30pm: Lunch

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 – 5:30pm: “Starting an Archery Program in your Park/Day Archery Competition” Clint Richardson, Greensboro Parks & Rec. Dept., NC (Retired) starts in the classroom over the gym.

1:30pm – 5:30pm: Leadership Mentoring the next Generation” Lt. John R. Byrd Sr. MS (Retired) Durham P.D., NC C-101

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

5:30pm – 6:30pm – Supper

7:00pm – Until: Tournaments: **\*All tournaments are two-person teams\***

- Dart Tournament – Michael Moore
- Pool Tournament – Laura MacLeod
- Corn Hole Tournament – Steve Shaw

### **Thursday March 28**

7:00am – 8:30am: Breakfast

8:30am -12:30pm “Mt. Mitchel State Park Tour” (Weather Permitting), John Byrd, meet in lot in front of Cafeteria.

8:30am – 5:30pm: “High Adventure Programming, Rope Techniques & Knots” Jim Wall, Owner/President of Challenge Design Innovations, Inc., Pineola, NC (class will start in C-101 and go for a practical exercise after lunch – transportation will be provided)

8:30pm - 12:30pm: “Bigfoot and Other Cryptids – A Walk into the Unknown” Michael Romano, Environmental Educator/Lakes Supervisor, Greensboro Pks. & Rec., NC C-102

8:30pm - 12:30pm: ‘Responder Strong” Cpl. Brian McKinery, Delaware Natural Resource Police, C-103

11:30am - 1:30pm: Lunch

1:30pm - 5:30pm: “Geocaching” Laura McLeod, St. Louis Park Rangers, MO C-101

1:30pm – 5:30pm: “Outdoor Safety-Plants and Animals to be Aware of for Staying Safe in the Outdoors” Dick Thomas, High Point Parks & Recreation Dept, NC C-102.

1:30am - 5:30pm: "The Importance of Being Involved in the Planning Process" Lt. John R. Byrd Sr., MS (retired Durham P.D.) C-103

1:30pm - 5:30pm: "Active Shooter Response Exercise" Sgt. Robert Young, Elon Campus University Campus Police, NC (Classroom at Gym) \*

5:30pm - 6:30pm-Supper

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

- Speaker: TBA
- Presentation of Awards: John R. Byrd Sr. – MC
- Door prizes & group photo

### **Friday March 29**

Breakfast on your own.

9:00am – check out of dorms.

2023 Session II Adjourned

### **Additional Information**

- \*\*\*These classes are for sworn personnel only
- Classrooms 107, 223, & 226 are in the Administration Building on Campus Map
- Classrooms 101, 102, & 103 are in the Cafeteria Building on Campus Map
- 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.**