



NATIONAL HUNTING AND FISHING DAY



Family Activities

Saturday, September 26, 2015

HUNTING WITH YOUR CAMERA

Head outdoors to your favorite location. Take your camera and look closely for signs of wildlife. Snap great pictures as you go.

HABITAT IDENTIFICATION

Understanding an animal's habitat is key to successful hunting and fishing. Head outdoors to look for the types of fish and wildlife you want to pursue. Discuss why certain habitats are preferred by different species.

CASTING GAME

Use toy or real fishing rods and have your children try to cast into a small swimming pool or buckets at home. The next time you go fishing everyone will be impressed with their skills.

SHOOTING

Take your child to the local shooting range to practice and improve their aim.

ANIMAL TRACKING

The next time you are outdoors, slow down and look for animal sign. There are many great tracking resources available for Alaskans. Learning to see animal sign in the wild is a great skill for young hunters.

T-SHIRT DECORATING

Use leaves and plants to create your own "camouflage" t-shirts. Leaves can be dipped into fabric paint and then pressed onto t-shirts or other fabric. Use multiple colors to create exciting designs.

OUTDOOR COOKING

Try out some new recipes and make dinner using your camp stove. It's amazing what you can make using a Dutch oven, camp stove or camp fire.

PLANT IDENTIFICATION

As you walk along your favorite trail, meadow or forest, see how many edible plants you can find.

ORIENTEERING AND GPS

Set up mini-geocaches around your neighborhood and have your child practice finding them with a GPS. Practice using a compass by creating a scavenger hunt through your yard using compass bearings.

KNOT TYING

Knowing your knots is an important skill. Practice tying useful knots with your children so they have the knowledge when they go hunting and fishing.

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE

Share your hunting and fishing stories with a child and let them know why you hunt or fish, what you get from the experience, and the respect you have for wildlife and wild places. Be excited about sharing your experiences, especially with youth.

