

► **Black Bear Hunting**

**Neil Curry** Director Witt Stephens Jr. Central Arkansas Nature Center, AGFC

**Pat Knighten** Project WILD Coordinator, AGFC

Black bears once were so common Arkansas was known as the "Bear State." Bear meat, hides and oil were major Arkansas exports for two centuries. Unregulated hunting and loss of habitat reduced the bear population from more than 50,000 to less than 100 by the 1940s. This presentation explores historical hunting methods as well as the AGFC's successful reintroduction of the black bear in Arkansas. Teachers also will learn how to take advantage of the AGFC's literacy programs that highlight bears to hold the attentions of young minds.

► **Introduction to Firearms and Archery**

**Chuck Woodson** Arkansas Youth Shooting Sports Program Coordinator, AGFC

**Curtis Gray** Arkansas National Archery in the Schools Program Coordinator, AGFC

Firearms were vital tools to gather meat and furs. They also were necessary defensive and offensive weapons, as well as a sought after commodity in the trade industry with American Indians. Teachers will be able to expand their knowledge of historic firearms and will be able to shoot flintlock guns (without projectiles) and primitive archery tackle. Teachers also will receive information on the AGFC's Arkansas Youth Shooting Sports Program and the National Archery in the Schools program.

► **Primitive Hunting**

**Matt Reed** Curator of American Indian Collections, Oklahoma Museum of History

**Joe Huggins** Hunter Education Coordinator, AGFC

American Indians developed many skills and strategies to improve subsistence hunting. This presentation highlights these practices and will demonstrate how natural materials were used to hunt turkeys and deer. Participants also will learn what natural materials can be used to simulate wildlife calls for many species. Teachers will have the opportunity to collect information on implementing hunter education in their schools' curriculums

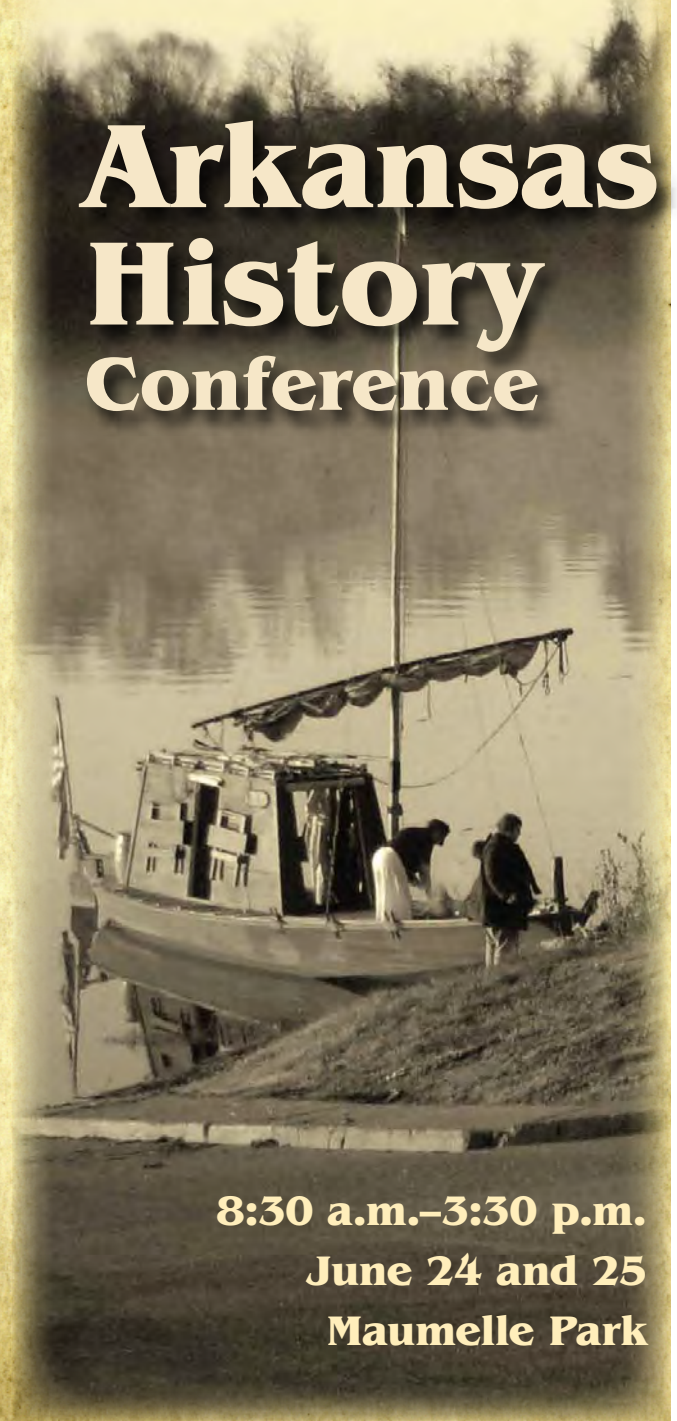
► **Native Fishing Techniques and Tackle**

**David Fowler** Historical Interpreter, Fort Gibson Historic Site, Oklahoma Historical Society

**Dawn Cook** Hooked on Fishing-Not On Drugs Coordinator, AGFC

American Indian tribes inhabiting Arkansas relied heavily on fish for their diet and survival. This presentation highlights traditional Cherokee fishing techniques using available natural resources. Teachers will be exposed to gigs, fish traps and river cane hooks, and will weave a working net. Teachers also will learn about chemicals found in native plants that were used to harvest and prepare fish. Teachers will be given information on Hooked On Fishing-Not On Drugs, a program encouraging fishing and other outdoors alternatives to drug use.

# Arkansas History Conference



**Arkansas Game and Fish Commission**

2 Natural Resources Drive

Little Rock, AR 72205

(501) 223-6375 [www.agfc.com](http://www.agfc.com)

**8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.**

**June 24 and 25**

**Maumelle Park**

Join the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and its partners on the bank of the Arkansas River for a day of living history. Two one-day teacher workshops will be offered to give educators the information and angle they need to teach their students with a focus on conservation and the history of The Natural State.

It was not unusual for people settling and living in Arkansas to work with five or more languages and cultural practices. Every presentation in this teacher workshop will provide information from many cultural perspectives. Presenters will represent French, English, Spanish, Cherokee and Pawnee cultures.

Differing points of view between social classes, such as civilians, women, migrant hunters, traders and soldiers, also will be represented. Each group adapted to the natural resources available to them. Because some groups didn't fully understand the limits and needs of the resource, many wildlife and plant species were misused and depleted.

The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission still deals with these elements, offering statewide education programs and curriculum standards to teach about our natural resources in an outdoor setting.

Each of the following programs will be presented each day:

### ► Flint—and— Steel Fire Making

**Ben Swadley** Director Plantation Agricultural Museum, Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism

The ability to create fire using flint and steel often meant the difference between life and death for early settlers. Participants will learn how to build a fire using primitive flint-and-steel techniques.

### ► Keelboat and Encampment

**Ed Williams** President, EARA

The Early Arkansas Reenactor's Association will display a working reproduction of an early 19th Century keelboat. Keelboats dominated Arkansas's waterways, transporting colonists, freight and expeditions throughout the state. They were key to transporting Arkansas's natural resources up and down rivers for trade. A small encampment also will be erected to demonstrate how Europeans established trading locations, which would eventually become villages and towns.

### ► Dutch Oven Cooking

**Phyllis Speer** Northern Regional Education Coordinator, AGFC

Dutch ovens are a staple in the outdoors and in American History. During this presentation, educators will participate in Dutch oven cooking and partake of the delicious results.

## Arkansas History Conference Registration

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

School ID# (or last 4 digits of SS#) \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_

School District \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested  June 24  June 25

### Mail or fax registration forms to:

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission  
Education Division  
2 Natural Resources Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72205  
Fax (501) 223-6310

Register online  
[www.agfc.com/education-class/  
justforeducators/ahia2009.aspx](http://www.agfc.com/education-class/justforeducators/ahia2009.aspx)

### Deadline to register is June 8.

Registration is limited to 60  
on a first-come, first-registered basis.

### When and Where:

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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Maumelle Park

on the bank of the Arkansas River

Lunch and snacks will be provided.

