

Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center Mitchell State Park & Outdoor Skills Academy 2017 Events



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School Field Trips Register Here

January

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Rod Building^{OSA}

This class will be held every Wednesday in January. Classes will run from 4pm-8pm. Pre-Registration is **required** prior to attending one of these classes. This class will teach you the basics of how to make your own fishing rod. The cost for building your own rod will vary based on rod type/style. Available rod styles range from; a custom ice rod, to casting rods, to building a Sage fly rod, or repurposing/fixing an old rod. To register for this class: Contact Edward Shaw at (231)-779-1321 or email shawe@michigan.gov with “Rod Building” in the subject line. [Sign Up](#)



Decoy Carving Thursday Nights @ 6pm

Learn to carve and paint your own fish decoys in the Cadillac style of carving. Class is taught by Al Nelson and Al Williams who learned how to carve from the great Oscar Peterson himself. Class is held every Thursday Night all fall and winter long. Classes start at 6pm. Some equipment is available for use. You may bring your own materials or a starter kit may be provided at cost of materials.

Snow Shoeing / Night Hike Fridays @ 6pm

Join the HFC interpreter on the heritage trail for a guided interpretive hike. Some snow shoes are available. Pre-registration required. [Pre- Register Here](#)

Ice Fishing Classes

Classes will be held on select dates throughout January, February, and March (as conditions allow). Events and classes will vary so pre-registration is mandatory. All rods, bait, and some other gear is provided at no cost. Classes are for beginners to advance and for families or individuals. Classes fill quickly so don’t wait. [Register Here](#)



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February

North American Snow Fest- All events can be found on their website at www.nasfcadillac.com
The C.T.J. Hunting and Fishing Center will host the following during NASF.

- Build a Snowman
- Family Fishing
- Snowshoe/ Hike
- Story Time
- Crafts



Free Fishing Weekend Ice Fishing Seminars & Youth Fishing Contest: February 18th

Join Outdoor Skills Academy Pro-Staff at the Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center for an on the ice experience and learn how to ice fish. This is one weekend a year that a fishing license isn't required. We will have rods and other gear available for use. We will teach you the basics of how to target pan fish in the great north. We will cover how to use electronics to locate and catch fish (Vexilar Flashers). Tight lining, setting tip ups, and what tackle to use. Program will be from 12pm to 4pm. All students will need to dress properly for this outdoor event. We will meet at the Center for introductions and then hit the ice. Students will be broken into groups and will rotate through various stations. The cost for the program is FREE! [Registration is required](#) as seats are limited. All bait and materials are provided; however, you may bring your own gear if you have it.

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Fly Tying Wednesday Nights @ 7pm

Learn how to tie flies with the local Trout Unlimited Pine River chapter and the Mackinaw Trail Fly Fishers. This class will be held Wednesday nights 7:00pm -9:00pm. You must register prior to attending please call John at (231) 775-3546 or email: jmzak@att.net. Class is free.

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March

Free Weekly Ice Fishing Classes

Classes will be held every Saturday at 12pm throughout January, February, and March (as conditions allow). Events and classes will vary so pre-registration is preferred. All rods, bait, and some other gear is provided at no cost. All classes are tentative and will not run if another event is happening. Please call ahead.

To register for this class: Contact Edward Shaw at (231)-779-1321 or email shawe@michigan.gov with "Ice Fishing" in the subject line.



Free Ice Fishing Seminar and Youth Ice Fishing Derby:

Saturday March 4th

See last page for details & sponsors.

Steelhead Clinic ^{OSA}: March 25th

The Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center proudly hosts the DNR Outdoor Skills Academy's Steelhead Clinic. Class starts at 10am at the Hunting and Fishing Center. The Outdoor Skills Academy Pro-staff will be presenting various strategies and techniques for chasing Michigan's chrome torpedoes. Feel free to bring your own gear, if possible, or if you're new to steelheading some equipment is available on a first come, first serve basis. The "hands on" portion of the clinic will be at the Hunt and Fish Center, then Sunday morning we will hit the water and show you how to fish and what to look for on the beautiful Manistee River. Visit www.michigan.gov/huntfishcenter for more information/signup. Class Starts at 10:00 am sharp and will run about 7 hours. **The cost for this Class is \$40.00 Includes lunch, some tackle, and instruction.**



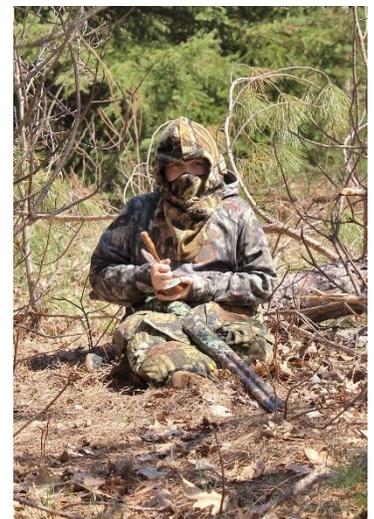
April

Turkey Hunting Clinic ^{OSA}: April 1st

Join us at the Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center for the First Annual Outdoor Skills Academy Wild Turkey Clinic. This A-Z class on how to hunt wild turkeys will cover everything you need to know to get started turkey hunting. The class will cover how to find a location, scouting, calling, and gear to use. **The cost for this class is \$25.00 and will include lunch.** More Details to come

Hunter Safety April 22nd

You must come into the Hunting and Fishing center to register for hunter safety. **Cost for this class is \$10.00.** Class will run from 8:30am to 4:00pm.



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A Day on the Water! (Walleye Clinic)^{OSA}: May 6th

This 3-4 hour class will go through how Outdoor Skills Academy Pro-Staffer Steve Berry and representatives from Fishbone Custom Lures spend their day chasing trophy walleye. This class will cover everything from which rod & reel to use, to how to use your electronics. DNR staff will be on hand to cover any rules and regulation questions you may have. Plus tips from a master taxidermist on how to care for your trophy fish when you catch it and want to have it mounted. **Cost for the class is \$25.00.** You can register for the class at www.michigan.gov/huntfishcenter

Beginners Bass Fishing^{OSA}: May 13th

Bass Fishing for Beginners Clinic. Class starts at 10am at the Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center. The OSA Pro-Staff will be presenting various strategies and techniques for chasing Northern Michigan Bass. Feel free to bring your own gear. This clinic will cover a wide range of techniques for pursuing both Smallmouth and Largemouth Bass, but will focus on the use of various plastic presentations, including Texas Rigging, Carolina Rigging, Tube Jigs, etc. **Cost for this Class is \$25.00.** You can register for the class at www.michigan.gov/huntfishcenter

Fly Fishing Clinic^{OSA}: May 20th

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Free Ice Fishing Seminar and Youth Ice Fishing Derby Saturday March 4th

The Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center and the Outdoors Skills Academy proudly present the second annual Free Ice Fishing Seminar and Youth Ice Fishing Contest. This family oriented event will start at 9AM at the C.T.J. Hunting and Fishing Center. We will begin the day with seminars presented by representatives from Clam Outdoors, HT Enterprises, Jaw Jacker, Vexilar Inc., as well as world famous tight-liner Dave Young, and the MDNR Outdoor Skills Academy Pro-Staff. They will be covering everything from jigs and bait, to floats, and ice safety. Also featured will be a MDNR Conservation Officer with a segment covering rules and regulations.

After the seminar concludes we will relocate from the C.T.J. Center to the ice where the hands-on lessons will continue, as well as, kicking off the Youth Fishing Contest. The Derby will run from 1PM until Dusk. The derby is open to all kids 16 and under. There will be various gifts for all derby participants, and special prizes will be awarded for the biggest, most, and first fish, for each age class.

All ages and skill levels are welcome to attend the seminar, but all gear and prizes are reserved for attendee's 16 and under. Prior registration is required by February 28th to participate in the gear giveaways. To register please email or [Register Here](#) with "March 4th" in the subject line. You must [register](#) for the event at least one week prior to the event to be included in the free gear giveaways.





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Steelhead Clinic March 25th & 26th

This class is for both beginners and advanced fisherman. It is taught by folks who have more than 30 years of fishing steelhead in Michigan. We will have one day in the classroom and spend the next on the river. **Cost for the class is \$40.00** and includes Lunch.

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Open Water Walleye May 7th

This 3-4 hour class will go through how Outdoor Skills Academy Pro-Staffer Steve Berry from Church Tackle and Pro- Staffer Matt Peterson from Fishbone Custom Lures spend their day chasing trophy walleye. This class will cover everything from which rod & reel to use, to how to use your electronics. DNR staff will be on hand to cover any rules and regulation questions you may have. **Cost for the Class is \$25.00**

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Bear Hunting Clinic July 29th, August 5th, & August 6th

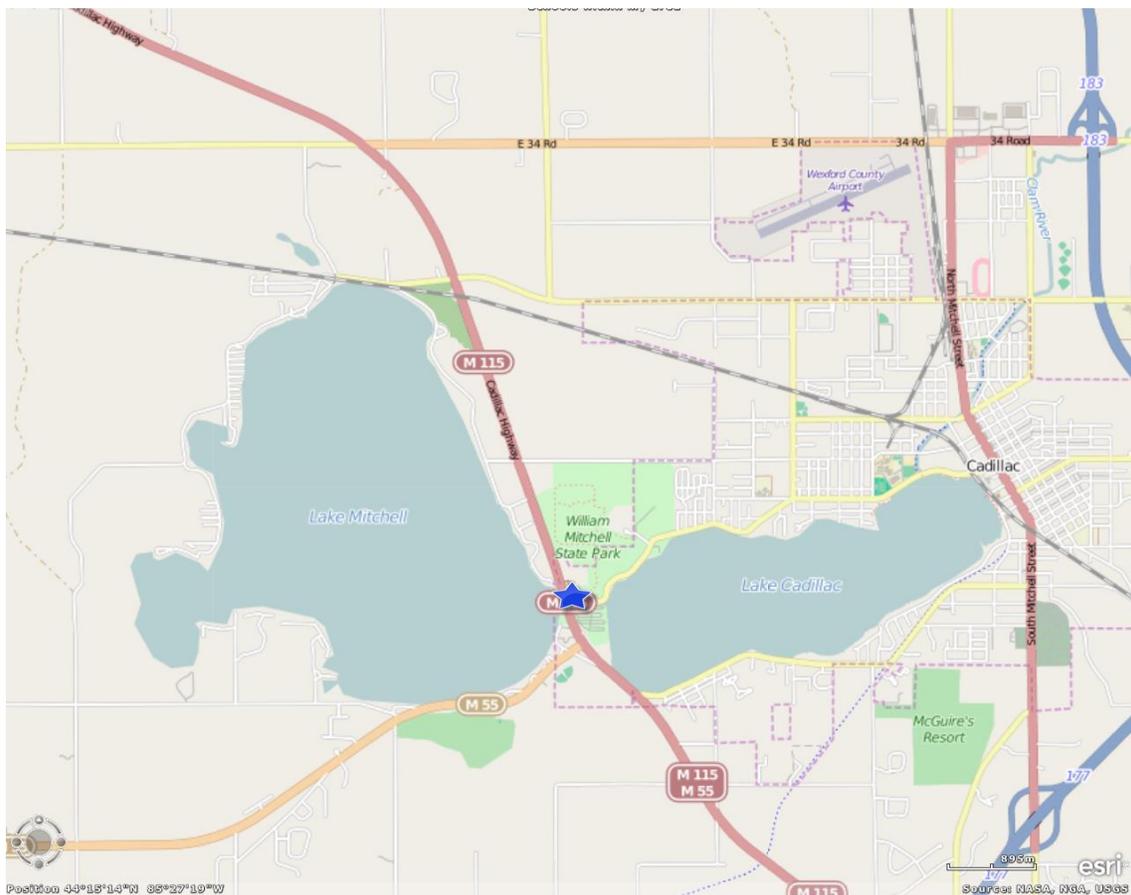
The Michigan DNR and members of the Michigan Bear Hunters Association will offer bear hunting clinics in Cadillac Michigan. Class will run from 10a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Students will learn the ins and outs of bear hunting with experienced hunters and experienced DNR educators. The class will cover habitat, gear, stand placement, baiting, rules and regulations, carcass care, and hide care.

Participants will spend about 3 to 4 hours in the classroom then hit the trail to learn how to place a stand and bait in the woods. Michigan DNR Bear Patch and Lunch provided. This class is sponsored by the **Michigan Bear Hunters Association.**

Who has provided some great door prizes for the classes. For more information on the Michigan Bear Hunters Association and to learn how you can help preserve the hunt go to <http://www.mibearhunters.org> **Cost for the class is \$30.00** includes Lunch and your bear patch.



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