

Ponca State Park

July 1st-4th, 2019

Monday, July 1st

<u>9:00—11:00 am Introduction to Archery and Shotguns</u>— Join us for introductory courses on Archery and Shotguns. All equipment is provided. Archery participants must be 5 years old or older and Shotgun participants must be 12 year old or older. Meet and pay at the Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex. Cost is \$1/6 arrows for Archery and \$7/ box of shells for



Shotguns.

<u>1:00 pm Starting an Art Journal</u>— There is never a shortage of things to draw in the woods! This program is open to people of all ages and artistic ability. Come join one of our naturalists as they help you complete the first page of your wilderness art journal! **Preregister and meet at the Resource and Education Center. Cost is \$1 per craft. Limited to 20 people.**

3:00 pm Water Works— Water is a great way to have fun and stay cool during the

summer. It is also something we all need to live. Get a little wet with a naturalist, while we play some fun games to help us learn about the importance of water. **Meet at the Resource and Education Center.** *Free.*

Tuesday, July 2nd

<u>9:00—11:00 am Pellet Rifles</u>— Join us for introductory courses on Pellet Rifles. All equipment will be provided. Participants must be 8 years old or older. **Meet and pay at the Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex.** *Cost is \$1/4 clips.*

<u>1:00 pm Fossil Hunt</u>— Many fossils have been found at Ponca State Park including two plesiosaurs, an ancient giant fish (Gillicus), shark teeth, and much more. Participants will look for fossils along the park's riverfront shale. **Meet at the Boat Ramp near the Riverfront Campground, look for the White Bird Van.** *Free.*



JEBRASKA

3:00 pm Tracks on the Trail— Lots of animals use the hiking trails at Ponca State Park. Come take a stroll with one of our park naturalists on the beautiful Bloodroot Trail and keep your eyes peeled for tracks of all kinds! **Meet at the trailhead of Bloodroot Trail.** *Free.*

Wednesday, July 3rd



<u>9:00—11:00 am Introduction to Archery & Muzzleloading</u>— Join us for introductory courses on Archery and Muzzleloading. All equipment is provided. Archery participants must be 5 years old or older and Muzzleloading participants must be a minimum of 12 years old. Meet and pay at the Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex. Cost is \$1/6 arrows for Archery; \$1/2 shots for Muzzleloading.

2:00—4:00 pm Beginner's Fishing Clinic</u>—Fishing is a great time for the whole family. Basic fishing techniques, knot tying, fish ID, casting and other hands-on demonstrations

will be shared. Meet at Resource and Education Center. Free.

Thursday, July 4th— Independence Day!!!

<u>9:00—11:00 am Introduction to .22 Rifle</u>— Join us for introductory courses on .22 Rifles. Participants must be 10 years old or older. All equipment is provided. Meet and pay at Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex. Cost is \$3/10 rounds.

<u>1:00 pm Recycled Seed Bombs</u>—Seeds travel in all sorts of different ways, floating and flying or popping and dropping.

Paper is also part of a plant and travels all around the world for different uses. Some people draw or write, others fold it or paint on it. Join a naturalist to learn some of the ways seeds travel and create your own recycled paper seed bomb to move some pollinator seeds to your house! Preregister and meet at Resource and Education Center. Cost is \$1 per seed bomb. Limited to 25 people.

<u>3:00 pm 4th of July Rockets</u>— Create a fun craft to celebrate the 4th of July. All ages are welcomed. Preregister and meet at the Resource and Education Center. Cost is \$1 per rocket. *Limited to 50*



Visit our Facebook Page, Ponca State Park, NE, to view our upcoming events . All programs subject to change due to staffing/weather. For questions please call (402)-755-2284.



Ponca State Park

July 6th—7th, 2019

Saturday, July 6th

<u>9:00—11:00 am Introduction to Archery and Shotguns</u> — Join us for introductory courses on Archery and Shotguns. All equipment is provided. Archery participants must be 5 years old or older and Shotgun participants must be 12 year old or older. **Meet and pay at the Eric Wiebe** Shooting Complex. Cost is \$1/6 arrows for Archery and \$7/ box of shells for Shotguns. <u>11:30 am Critter Corner</u> — Critter Corner is a very popular program for all ages. This program

provides a snapshot of the wildlife found along the Missouri River. Participants will be able to see and touch live critters, furs, feathers, shells, skulls, etc. **Meet at the Resource and Education Center.** *Free.*

<u>1:30-2:30 pm Superpowers of Water</u> — Did you know that 60 % of our bodies are made out of water? Discover the cool tricks that water can perform and try out neat water experiments. **Visit the Pool.** *Free.*

2:30 pm Puddles of Fun — Ponds hold creatures small and large, squishy and scaley. Join a naturalist as we toodle around the pond and catch the creatures that call it home. Wear shoes and pants that can get wet. There are op-



tions for those who do not want to get wet but still want in on the fun. Meet at the Resource and Education Center. Free.

<u>4:00 pm Carving with Soap</u> — Wood Carving is a unique skill and hobby. Enjoy seeing the art work of a local wood carver and learn tips and trick to carve your own creation out of soap. Preregister and meet at the Resource and Education Center. *Cost is \$1 per craft. Limited to 20 people.*

5:30 pm; 6:15 pm Kids on Parade— Celebrate the 4th of July riding on a hayrack in the Kid's Parade. At 5:30 pm the kids ride from the Resource and Education Center to Turkey Ridge Campground where participants can toss

candy out to the campers. At 6:15 pm the same will be done at Oak Bluff Campground. **Preregister and meet at the Resource and Education Center. Maximum of 25 participants per time slot. Free.**

7:30; 8:30 pm Hayrack Tour — Learn everything you wanted to know about Ponca State Park on a guided hayrack tour. We stop by the Tristate Overlook, Towers of Time, and the Riverfront as we travel through the park. Meet and pay at the Resource and Education Center. Please pre-register at front desk. Cost is \$5.00



for Adults and \$3.00 for Kids (5 years old and under are free). Maximum of 25 people allowed, minimum of 10. No alcohol or pets are allowed.

Sunday, July 7th

<u>9:00—11:00 am Tomahawks & Atlatl</u> — Join us for introductory courses on Tomahawks and Atlatl. All equipment will be provided. Participants must be 8 years old or older. Meet and pay at the Eric Wiebe Shooting Complex. Cost is \$1/6 throws.

<u>1:30 pm Wildflower Prairie Walk</u> — Nebraska's native flowering plants are out in full bloom and the pollinators are busy buzzing around. Join a naturalist to learn some of the native flowers and enjoy a stroll through a naturally



maintained area. A passenger van will be available to the first 10 registered as needed; other participants are welcome to follow in their own vehicles. Preregister for this event by signing up at the Resource and Education Center by 11:30 am the day of. Meet at the Resource and Education Center; We will return to the Resource and Education Center at 3:00 pm. *Free*.

2:30 pm Pizza in a Pie Iron — Forget the oven! The best pizza can be made right over the fire pit. This program will teach the art of campfire pizza cooking in a pie iron. This meal could very well be a

staple in any future camping excursions! Preregister and meet at Resource and Education Center. *\$3 per person.* Limit of 20 people.

Visit our Facebook Page, **Ponca State Park**, **NE**, to view our upcoming events . All programs subject to change due to staffing/weather. For questions please call (402)-755-2284.



NEBRASKA