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Dec 6-8, 2019

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Participants ages 12 & up are invited to take part in a unique and educational weekend.

Early Bird Registration (by Nov 22)

Age 16+ \$150

Ages 12 -15 \$95

Registration (Nov 23- Dec 3)

Age 16 & up- \$175

Age 12 -15 years-- \$105

Questions about the event should be directed to:

Ben Kirkland, Director of Natural Resources

Bkirkland@chehaw.org, (229)430-5275

Register Online at (preferred method):

<https://chehaw.regfox.com/chehaw-traditional-skills-gathering-2019>

Register manually by returning completed copies of pages 6-8 to:

Jackie Entz, Director of Education

jentz@chehaw.org, (229)-430-3012

Traditional Skills Featured Instructors:

- Scott Jones – Media Prehistoria, Past president of The Society of Primitive Technology, Archaeologist and primitive technology expert
- Colbert Sturgeon – National Geographic’s “Live Free or Die” personality and Survival arts specialist
- Jackie Briggs – Twined bags, corn shuck dolls and basketry.
- Mike Stuckey – Primitive pottery
- Nick Baker- Flint and steel fire
- Ed Lunderman- Leather working
- Brian Floyd- Archaeologist teaching shell and bone tools, various primitive skills
- Ken Purdy- Blacksmithing
- Karen Kirkland – KarBenKreations, Pine Needle Baskets, Loom Weaving and Spinning
- Ben Kirkland – Chehaw’s Director of Natural Resources, All-round primitive technologies

Additional instructors will be added as needed & based upon enrollment

Traditional Skills Gathering Session (Ages 12+):

- Thursday: Camp Site check in
- Friday: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Saturday: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
- Sunday: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

Lodging & Meals:

Camp Sites: Primitive camping is included in the price of the event, THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE A TENT, please see the packing section below for more information on packing a shelter. There is a large restroom with hot showers at the event site. Staff/instructors will camp in the central instructor area. Participants will camp on the outer edge of the instructor area. We will be able to use the park's main tent camping area for overflow if needed. Restroom and shower facilities are a short walk from the campground area. Garbage and recycling bins will be provided, please be sure to put items in the proper receptacles.

Park Hours: There is an attendant at the Front ticket booth during operating hours, from 8 am – 6 pm daily. For reentry afterhours you will be provided with a camper gate code. Our camp host/security lives on grounds for emergency purposes.

RV Camping & Cabins: The Park has RV camping available, call the main line 229-430-5275 to speak to a member of our guest services staff reservations. There are full hook up sites and cabins available for rent. RV camping and cabins are by reservation request. The RV campground is located within walking distance (about 200 yards) of the event site.

Teepee Rental: Guests also have the option to rent a teepee from the park from Thursday- Sunday at the rate of \$90. The tee pee will comfortably sleep 5 adults in sleeping bags or 3 adults on camping cots. Teepees are by reservation request.

Fires: Ground fires are permitted under the following rules:

- Never leave a fire unattended by an adult
- Dig the sod/ground about 4" deep
- Place sod to the side so it can be replaced later

DO NOT BRING FIREWOOD if you are coming from more than 50 miles away! Transporting firewood can introduce insects and disease into our forests. Firewood will be provided by the park for use in the event area.

Vehicles: Limited parking available in the main event area. Plenty of parking is available a short distance away (50 yards). Please limit the movement of vehicles in the event area.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch on Friday and Saturday. Sunday is breakfast only. All of the meals listed are included in the registration fee. Breakfast and lunch will be served at the Zoo concession stand, a short walk from the event area.

Participants should bring their own supplies for meals including: plates, bowls, cups, and utensils. Chehaw is devoted to conservation and sustainability, washing and reusing supplies for meals reduces the amount of trash in our landfills.

Evening meals are on your own, however it is our intent to have venison or wild hog available on Friday and Saturday evening. Evening meals are NOT part of the price nor guaranteed. You are welcome to participate if you wish.

Please bring any dietary restrictions to our attention. We will do our best to accommodate food allergies. We recommend bringing alternative snacks/meals for picky eaters. Vegetarian meals are available upon request, WITH PRIOR NOTICE. Bring extra food and beverages as needed. There are restaurants and grocery stores a short drive from the park.

Packing List:

Shelter: Bring some type of insect and weatherproof shelter. Temperatures average 50 – 75 F, but have been known to get as low as 32 F in the evenings and as high as 90 F during the day. Campers will need proper bedding, a ground pad is recommended for a good night's sleep.

Class will continue rain or shine...SO BE PREPARED!!

While most classes will be held under a roof, be prepared to be outside in inclement weather.

Clothing: Check the weather forecast before packing and plan for all contingencies. Be comfortable but remember that some classes will involve walking through the woods and swamps of South Georgia.

Toiletries: Bring personal toiletries. There is a large restroom at the camp site and more in the tent and RV campgrounds, all with showers, along with a small laundry area in the RV campground.

Water: There are spigots and faucets with clean drinking water from the City.

Light sources: Event area lighting is limited. Bring flashlights/lanterns as needed.

Tools: Everyone should have a good sharp knife with sharpener and know how to use them! If needed, classes will be set up to assist with the proper and safe usage of a knife and axe.

Camper Check in: All participants need to check in with the Front Ticket Booth by 8 pm on Thursday December 5th or by 8 AM on Friday December 6th, 2019.



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Registration Information:

Name: _____

Age: _____ Birth date: _____

Home Address: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email Address: _____

Session Type	Price
Early Bird Age 12-15 yr (through Nov 22)	\$95
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Payment Information: (Staff Use Only):

Payment Method: Check Credit Card Cash
Date Pd. _____ Staff Initials: _____



Program Release

Participant Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Parent/Guardian's Phone Number: _____

Person to Notify in a Medical Emergency: _____

Emergency Contact's Phone Number: _____

Emergency Contact's Relationship to Participant: _____

Please list any allergies or medication for the participant above that Chehaw should be aware of during the program: _____

Is the participant currently taking any medication that we need to be aware of during the program? _____

In case of an emergency, what is your doctor and hospital preference? _____

Is there anything you would like us to be aware of? _____

Does the staff at Chehaw have permission to obtain medical assistance for the person listed above if a parent/guardian cannot be reached immediately? **(Yes / No)**

Participant's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian's Signature
(if under 18 yrs)

Date

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Chehaw is committed to conducting its programs and activities in the safest manner possible and holds the safety of participants in the highest possible regard. Participants and parents registering their children in programs and activities must recognize, however, that there is an inherent risk of injury when choosing to participate. The Parks at Chehaw strives to reduce such risks and insists that all participants follow safety rules and instructions which have been designed to protect the participant's safety.

Please read this form carefully and be aware in registering yourself or your minor child/ward for participation in this program, you will be waiving and releasing all claims for injuries you or your minor child/ward might sustain arising out of the program.

Release of Liability

I recognize and acknowledge that there are certain risks of physical injury to participants in this program. I agree to assume the full risk of any injuries, damages or loss regardless of severity which I or my minor child/ward may sustain as a result of participating in any and all activities connected with or associated with such program.

I agree to waive and relinquish all claims I or my minor child/ward may have against the Chehaw Park Authority dba the Parks at Chehaw (hereinafter referred to as the Park Authority) and its officers, agents, volunteers and employees as a result of participation in this program.

I do hereby fully release and discharge the Park Authority and its officers, agents, volunteers and employees from any and all claims from injury, damage or loss with the activities of the program.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless and defend the Park Authority and its officers, agents, volunteers and employees from any and all claims resulting from injuries, damages, and losses sustained by me or my minor child arising out of, connected with, or in any way associated with the activities of this program.

Authorization

In the event of any emergency, I authorize the Park Authority to secure from any licensed hospital, physician and/or medical personnel any treatment deemed necessary for me or my minor child/ward's immediate care and agree that I will be responsible for payment of any and all medical services rendered.

I authorize the Park Authority to use my child/ward's photograph or video in a variety of traditional and social media sources including but not limited to, Facebook, Twitter, Youtube on behalf of the Chehaw Park Authority.

Acknowledgement of Cancellation Policies

I understand that no refund will be given if I or my minor child/ward is asked to leave the program for violating policies and/or not following safety rules and instructions.

I understand that programs with insufficient enrollment may be cancelled and that, in such a case, I will be notified prior to the program date and will receive a full refund.

I, the undersigned, have read and fully understand the above Release Form: Release of Liability, rules for campground, Authorization, and Acknowledgement of Cancellation Policies and assert that I have legal authority to sign this document on behalf of myself or my minor child/ward.

Name of Participant

Signature of Participant (or parent/guardian)

Date