



Wonderful OWL Weekend  
June 12 - 14, 2026 Class Descriptions



1. **Archery and Tomahawk & Knife Throwing** – Barry Kemery and Ray Harner (retired MD DNR police officer) guide novices and help experienced archers hone their skills. Bullseye targets as well as 3-D targets will be available. We welcome back long-time re-enactor Mike Shubert tomahawk and knife throwing. Distance, timing and letting the tomahawks and knives do the work are the keys to success. You will hit the target like an expert after receiving tips on the correct way to hold and release tomahawks and knives.
2. **Basic Shotgun Shooting** – Terry Oland (retired NRA range officer and retired hunter education instructor) and avid outdoorsman and hunter Dave Hansroth will explain all the safety aspects of firearms safety. If you are a novice shooter, this is an opportunity to learn gun safety, handling, range etiquette, proper technique, stance, rules, etc. Our instructors will have you hitting the targets very quickly. The targets will be set specifically for making it easy to learn a new skill. You are welcome to bring your own gun and shells. **Cost of Shells: \$10 per box of 25.**
3. **Basket Weaving** – Marilyn Julius (Central PA Basket Weavers Guild) will patiently guide students of all levels. All basket making supplies will be provided for use during the class. If you have your own standard basket making supplies, you may bring them. Water buckets and other supplies will be provided for use during class. Session is limited to 5 students. Two sessions available, morning and afternoon.

Students will choose from one of the two below baskets. In addition to demonstrations, and step-by-step examples, written directions will be provided for each basket. Both beginners and experienced weavers are welcome. You must advise when registering if you plan to make both so that sufficient supplies will be available.



**Potato Masher Round Basket** (approximately 3 hours) This round basket is made with an antique potato masher. The masher is placed between 2 layers of spokes. The pattern is very flexible allowing for a variety of sizes and a variety of designs. A variety of dyed reed will be available. **Fee: \$35.**



**Basket Woven Over Plastic Pot** (approximately 3-4 hours) This round basket is made over a plastic flowerpot. It starts with a round wooden slotted base. The basket is woven in a continuous weave. The pot will remain as a lining to the basket. A variety of dyed reed will be available. **Fee: \$35.**

4. **Beyond the Battle Museum** – Visit Gettysburg's newest attraction where you will "travel through time following twelve galleries of immersive exhibits stunning artifacts, and unforgettable stories." Truly believable, 'Caught in the Crossfire Experience.' will be most impressive and realistic. **Fee: \$16 General. \$15 Seniors (65+) & Veterans.**
5. **Bryant's Battery Powered Tools & Tricks** – New project! Using battery powered tools, Bryant Descheemaeker, the tool guru, will instruct the class on safety, selection of proper tools and techniques while you create a lovely herb garden box to plant and grow the aromatic herbs, which Debbie will share success secrets as well as the plants.
6. **Chainsaws** – Dave Poe, ISA Certified Arborist, Maryland Licensed Tree Expert and the Branch Manager of Cumberland Valley Tree Service and Landscaping will instruct you in safety, correct cutting methods, as well as falling a tree. Truly an exciting class. **Note: long pants, long sleeve shirt, & hiking boots (no sneakers) are required; and insect spray a must.**

7. **Handguns** – Welcome back Ron Colbert, USCCA Certified Firearms Instructor and NRA Certified Firearms Instructor. Ron will provide information on different types of handguns, and emphasis on safety while instructing you on shooting accuracy. Those new to handguns will be versed in all aspects of safety surrounding the handling, loading, unloading and shooting of handguns. Those who are familiar and have shot handguns previously, will be given a safety refresher course and then spend time hitting the bullseyes. A variety of handguns will be available for you to try. You are welcome to bring your own gun and bullets. Shooting will take place at Bridgeport Farm.
8. **Kayaking & Canoeing** – New location! The historic Forest and Stream Club's Monocacy River will be your destination to learn the basic kayak and canoe handling and safety from retired DNR officer Fran Gower, before setting off on a down-stream adventure. You may bring your own kayak, paddle and vest or there will be limited equipment available. **Note: Please check box on registration form if you are bringing a kayak or canoe with a paddle or if you need both. Also, note if you need a life vest by noting the size needed.** *Participants will need to drive/carpool approximately 20-minutes each way.*
9. **Nature River Walk** – Follow your guide, Frank Ryan, retired DNR Officer and turkey hunter to the extreme, along the banks of the Monocacy River learning tree I.D., native and invasive plants, edibles, wildlife trails and tracks, while hearing some fascinating stories. But you must stay alert, there may be a beaver or muskrat swimming around the island or a majestic eagle flying overhead.
10. **Pointers, Pods, Pollinators & Butterflies**– New this year! Our own OWL enthusiast, Becca Clark, leads this workshop. Discover how a simple plant can support an entire ecosystem! In this engaging adult workshop inspired by the **Pheasants Forever “Milkweed in the Classroom”** program, participants will learn about the vital role milkweed plays in supporting pollinators—especially monarch butterflies—and grassland wildlife. Through a mix of discussion and hands-on activities, attendees will explore the monarch life cycle, the importance of native plants, and how to grow and care for milkweed at home or in community spaces. Participants will also practice seed preparation techniques and leave with practical ideas for creating pollinator-friendly habitats, as well as a plant of your own if you desire! Class will also include a butterfly craft and live butterfly release.
11. **Pool Playtime or River Relaxation** – Spend a few hours lounging around the pool, swimming, or playing pool games OR put your chair in the refreshing Monocacy River water at Bridgeport and just relax. Please bring your own towel. *Participants will need to drive/carpool approximately 10-minutes each way to the pool. You may drive down to the river bank.*  
**NOTE: No lifeguard on duty at either location.**
12. **Segway Tour of Gettysburg** - This tour (“Western Battlefield Tour”) visits both ends of Pickett's Charge, the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Little Round Top, the Peach Orchard, Wheatfield, Devil's Den, the High-Water Mark, and more. It takes approximately 3 hours (including training) and covers about 9 miles with 4 rest stops. The tour is escorted by a staff person who plays a recorded tour by a Licensed Battlefield Guide. **Note:** Minimum Age of 14 with those under 16 requiring a parent or legal guardian participate and Minimum Weight: The Segway is operated by shifting of one's weight forward and back. In order to safely accomplish this, each rider must be at least 100 lbs., regardless of age. Group limited to 8. 30-minute drive to/from our location. **Fee: \$86 and optional gratuity.** (<https://segjours.com/>).
13. **Skeet and Trap Shooting**– New class and new location when you head over to the historic Forest and Stream Club (located in Detour) for a morning of instruction and fun, hitting all those clays while learning (or improving) new shooting skills at the trap and skeet ranges. Brad Brown, Terry Oland, Dave Hansroth, and Taylor Potter will be sharing their knowledge with tips and tales of these fun, challenging sports. Please bring your favorite shotgun and ammo although there will be various shotguns for you to use and ammo, as well. *Participants will need to drive/carpool approximately 20-minutes each way.*  
**Cost of Shells: \$10 per box of 25.**
14. **Sourdough Starter & Ender** – New this year! Come prepared to learn the successful strategy to make real sour dough bread. Becky McCulloch will provide step by step instructions for the all-important starter (which you will take home). Then the fun begins with hands on folding and folding of the dough. Completing the afternoon will be baking the dough and even sampling your yummy, warm, fresh-made bread. **Fee: \$40.**
15. **Sporting Clays at Orvis** – Nestled in the beautiful Appalachian Mountains, enjoy the panoramic scenery as you shoot your best round of sporting clays in an exciting forested course. Orvis Hill Country (<https://www.orvis.com/orvis-hill-country.html>) will host your morning adventure. *Participants will need to drive/carpool approximately 25-minutes each way.*

**Fee: Per round of 50 - \$45 with trapper or \$35 without trapper. Per round of 100 - \$90 with trapper or \$70 without trapper. Optional Golf Cart for 6 \$50. Gun Rental \$55. Ammo \$14-\$19.** You may use your own shells (target load 7 1/2 or 8). Trapper tip is optional but appreciated.

- 16. **Stream Fishing** – New location! Travel to the historic Forest and Stream Club (located in Detour) to try your luck fishing in the Monocacy River with Ray Harner, former DNR Police, fisherman and hunter extraordinaire, sharing all of his secrets, techniques, and tricks to land that big one. You may bring your own fishing rod. We will have a few rods for use as well. *A Maryland fishing license is required and may be purchased online ([MD Outdoors - Login](#)), or at Walmart. Participants will need to drive/carpool approximately 20-minutes each way.*
- 17. **Trailer Backing** – New this year! Turn the steering wheel to the right? No, to the left? No, the trailer is going to the side!! Help!! Take this class to learn the correct, easy steps to back your trailer into that perfect parking spot. Jeff Richards, local engine repair mechanic (as well as hunter and fisherman) will be showing you exactly how to master trailering.

**EVENING ACTIVITIES will include –**

- **Friday** – Bear Presentation - An informative presentation on Maryland Bears by Jeff McAfee with MD DNR. Maryland’s conservation programs and habitat improvements have allowed for a healthy population of bears. Learn about conserving and managing habitat, while promoting human safety and property protection. Learn also about the habitat, sounds, diet, reproduction, and behavior of bears. They are ‘oh so cute’ and look so ‘cuddly’, but wait, looks can be deceiving.
- Night Vision - Night Vision Hunting with Jeff Richards - In this workshop we will spend time learning all about night hunting. You will get hands-on experience with different types of optics. An opportunity to put into action what you have learned. How many eyeballs can you spot?
- **Saturday** – Ladies Personal Safety – Sheri Davis with Delta Defense LLC provides an enlightening presentation specifically addressing personal safety issues for ladies. She brings energy and enthusiasm and enjoys sharing details about increasing awareness and making a plan for situations we hope never to encounter, but need a plan for if we do. You will be provided with takeaways for your personal safety in every day scenarios.

**ACRONYMS –**

DNR..... Department of Natural Resources  
NRA..... National Rifle Association