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WOMEN'S OUTDOOR SKILLS WORKSHOP

HELD AT SQUAW CREEK REFUGE

Mound City, Missouri - - Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge will hold the fourth Annual Women's Outdoor Skills Workshop starting on Friday, April 17 with greet and meet activities and workshop classes beginning on Saturday, April 18, 2009. The event is hosted by the Brickyard Hill Drummers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge. The "Women's Outdoor Skills Workshop" is designed to give women 14 years of age and older an opportunity to learn new skills involving outdoor recreation. Sixty-five women of diverse ages attended last year's spring 2008 one day workshop held at the Squaw Creek Refuge. Workshop classes instructed this year will include; archery, birding identification and techniques, fly-fish tying and casting, kayaking, pond fishing, wild flower gardening, rifle shooting, quilting, Dutch oven cooking and more. All major activities are being held on the Squaw Creek Refuge. The coordinators for the event are Lori Stickler a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation and Squaw Creek Refuge staff member Corey Kudrna. Refuge staff members would like to invite all outdoor enthusiast women for a fun filled day on the Squaw Creek Refuge.

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Further information can be obtained by contacting the Squaw Creek National Wildlife Refuge at (660) 442-3187. Squaw Creek Refuge is located 5 miles south of Mound City and 30 miles north of St. Joseph, Missouri. Visitors may take I-29 to Exit 79, then two and ½ west on Highway 159 to the refuge entrance.

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