

Fall is Just Around the Corner

School has started and everyone just wants to get back in a regular routine once again. Labor Day will be the last holiday that officially ends the summer season. The Fall colors should be brilliant with all the rain that we've had and the grass is as green as I've ever seen it this time of year. Everything is setting up to be a beautiful Fall season.

The Janet Huckabee Arkansas River Valley Nature Center is a facility to be proud of. Mr. Outdoors and the family use it regularly. It is for everyone to use. Did you know that teachers, in the summer time especially, have professional development offered there? Every year the fine money that is collected in each county by wildlife officers is distributed to schools in order for students to participate in the programs offered by the nature center. The state of Arkansas is very fortunate to have the facilities conducive to enjoying and promoting the outdoors. If you get a chance go and see what you have helped to create.

Fair season is upon us, so come by the Jim Reynolds Outdoors booth sponsored by Tolliver's Flooring. If you have a public service announcement this is a perfect time to come by. Please support the youth and go by and take a gander, not a goose, but actually look at the entries of animals that organizations such as 4-H and FFA promote so hard to learn what used to be common place. The numbers of animals are not what they used to be when I was just a young pup; however, times they are a changing! We've come a long way from pet rocks to now farming on the computer virtually. Those bales of hay don't seem quite as heavy on the computer.

The opening day of dove season for those wing shooters is upon us also. Dove season will open September 1st on Sunday this year. I like the idea of taking the camper aka JRO on the Road and setting up on Saturday and fellowshipping the rest of the day with my friends telling stories of days gone by. Build a campfire and gather everyone around and make sure all the kids participate. If they're too young to shoot a shotgun have them take their BB gun and make it a teachable moment. Canada goose season starts the same day and the following Saturday teal season begins. Wow, it's time to get everything ready and I still have honey dos to take care of! So, make sure you have all your ducks in a row.

The main thing is to get back in the school routine and realize that the people driving those big yellow buses have an awesome responsibility. Leave earlier than normal, pay attention to cross walks, and respect the job that our teachers do. Remember that patience is a virtue that is an admirable quality. After that, get into the outdoors and have some fun in the real world rubbing elbows with nature.

Listen to Jim Reynolds Outdoors every weekend on The Sports Hog 103.1 Saturday at 5am and 9am and Sunday at 7am. Check his blog out at www.jimreynoldsoutdoors.com. Stop by and visit with Mr. Outdoors at his booth at the Sebastian County Fair in Greenwood this week and register to win!