

**Okefenokee Forestry Field Day**  
**Charlton County**  
**March 28, 2019**  
**At Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge**  
**Folkston, GA**

**Afternoon Options**

After the morning competition and lunch, each group will have a choice of what they would like to do between 12:00 and 2:00 from the list below. We would like to encourage everyone to explore part of the refuge during this time. **Transportation to Option 2 will be by your school buses and coordinated by FFA teachers.**

**Option 1 (1-2 hours) – Visitor Center Vicinity**



**Boat Tour:** Take a 1 hour guided boat tour into the interior of the Okefenokee. Boats will leave at 12:00 and 1:00. The cost will be **\$5.00 per student** and seating is very limited. **You will need to make reservations by Thursday, March 21. To make reservations, contact Okefenokee Adventures at 912-496-7156 and tell them that you are with the Forestry Field Day group.**



**Canal Diggers Trail:** This trail starts at the corner of the picnic area. Walk the 3/4 mile trail to view the remnants of the Suwannee Canal, dug in the late 1800's in hopes of draining the swamp. Once you cross the Wildlife Drive, the trail loops through the longleaf pine forest.



**Cane Pole Trail:** This trail leaves from the western edge of the parking lot and extends to the observation deck overlooking Mizell Prairie, only 1/4 mile away. This trail will take you along the Suwannee Canal.



**Visitor Center:** Explore the Visitor Center, the bookstore and watch the award winning 15-minute film on the Okefenokee Swamp.



**Archery:** An archery venue that you can walk up to and shoot. Refuge staff will be available to provide safety information and instructions.



**Herpetology Table:** The Orienne Society will have a table with several different species of reptiles and amphibians that depend on the Longleaf Pine ecosystem. Stop by to learn some interesting facts about herpetology.



**Fishing Demonstration:** At the boat basin, fisheries biologists from GA-DNR will go over fishing equipment and give pointers with a fishing demonstration. Poles and bait will be available.



**Tree Climbing:** Learn first-hand from one of Okefenokee's wildlife biologists how to climb a tree when working with red-cockaded woodpeckers.

## Option 2 (2 hours) – Chesser Island Vicinity



**Chesser Island Homestead:** Travel by bus down the 4.5 mile Swamp Island Drive to the Chesser Island Homestead and tour the historic home site to learn how “Swampers” use to live. A guide will tell you about life on Chesser Island in the early 1900s.



**Boardwalk:** Travel by bus down the 4.5-mile Swamp Island Drive to our  $\frac{3}{4}$ -mile Boardwalk that takes you from the uplands to the open marsh areas of the Okefenokee Swamp and ends at the Owl’s Roost Observation Tower overlooking Seagrove Lake.