



AN OUTDOOR SKILLS CAMP FOR GIRLS 12-15!

3 Camps to choose from:

- 1. JUNE 10-12, 2009 – in western Iowa OR**
- 2. JULY 14-16, 2009 – in eastern Iowa OR**
- 3. AUG. 5-7, 2009 – in western Iowa**

Outdoor Journey for Girls ("OJ") is a 3-day, 2-night workshop aimed at introducing outdoor skills to girls ages 12–15 in a supportive, learning environment where they have opportunities to try things "hands-on". The outdoor skills include:

- Canoeing & Water Safety
- Basic Orienteering
- Fish & Wildlife ID
- Archery
- Conservation & Mgt.
- Firearm Safety and Basic Shooting
- Camping & Outdoors Survival
- Game Care
- Furbearers/harvesting
- Preparing & Enjoying your Catch
- Fishing at the Lake

The June and August programs are held at the IDNR's Springbrook Education Center, north of Guthrie Center ; the July program is a bit smaller (i.e. fills quickly!) and is held at Black Hawk County Conservation Board's Hickory Hills Park near Dysart.

*Within the program the girls have the opportunity to become certified in **Iowa's Hunter Education** program.*

OJ instructors are DNR conservation officers, biologists and other personnel, county conservation board naturalists and representatives from other agencies like the Natural Resource Conservation Service and Iowa State University.

OJ began in 1992 with one camp; expanded to two in 1995.; and now 3 since 2007. It has been featured in Newsweek and Pheasants Forever magazines, across the state and country on television (including Nickelodeon), and in newspapers. Several states have attended OJ to learn more and possibly start similar camps in their states. Over 1800 girls have participated---so far. Best of all---Everyone from the participants to the instructors has fun!

Outdoor Journey is sponsored by the Iowa DNR and Iowa Women in Natural Resources, with Iowa Pheasants Forever chapters providing full or partial scholarships for most attendees. If you would like more information on OJ, please see the websites for the Iowa DNR (www.iowadnr.gov – under "camps & workshops") &/or IWINR (<http://www.iowadnr.gov/oj/index.html>) or contact your local Pheasants Forever Chapter or Iowa Pheasant Forever's website (<http://www.iowapheasantsforever.org/page/1100/IowaYouthCamps.jsp>).

