

**W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center  
at Smith Mountain Lake  
Spring 2010  
Adult Education Programs**

As part of its commitment to furthering the educational interests and needs of area adults as well as visitors to our Lake from across the country, the W.E. Skelton 4-H Educational Conference Center at Smith Mountain Lake is pleased to present its schedule of Adult Education Programs for the Spring, 2010 period. In most cases enrollment will be limited and demand is expected to be high; consequently, early registration is advised.

**Adult Education Programs**

**Adult Education Program – 10 AM – 1 PM- February 25 - Jewelry Making With “Beads Indeed”** – “Beads Indeed” from downtown Roanoke, VA in collaboration with the W.E. Skelton 4-H Center invites you to learn how the professionals construct their jewelry. In this three hour session an employee from “Beads Indeed” will guide you as you learn how to construct basic necklaces and earrings. Beads, tools and findings will be provided as well as a few sample pieces to provide ideas and inspiration. All you need to bring is patience and a smile. During the session students will learn and practice the techniques for both necklace and earring assembly. At the conclusion of the session you’ll leave with both a set of earrings and a necklace of your own design and construction. This will be a great way to pick up a new hobby as well as take home some fabulous new items for your own wardrobe. Cost for the entire three hour session is \$50 which includes instruction, materials and a luncheon snack. For a registration form and/or more information please contact Dennis Crowley at (540)-721-2759, ext. 264 and/or our website at [www.skelton4hcenter.org](http://www.skelton4hcenter.org)

**Adult Education Program – 10 AM to Noon – March 2, 3 and 4 – Cooking With Jason** – under the expert guidance of Westlake Kroger’s, well known and respected Chef Jason Hardy, learn how to prepare and serve unique dishes appropriate for Spring and the Easter season. Surprise your family and friends with truly unique and memorable meals. Space is sure to be at a premium for this course since class size is limited to 8. Cost will be \$60 for all three classes which will include lunch, all instruction and all the leftovers you can eat. Contact Dennis Crowley at (540)-721-2759, ext. 264 for registration forms and/or more information or visit our website at [www.skelton4hcenter.org](http://www.skelton4hcenter.org)

**Adult Education Program – 10 AM to 11 AM – March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13 and 20 – Beginning/Intermediate Guitar** – under the patient guidance of experienced instructor, Judi Britt, learn the basics of how to establish a firm foundation and understanding of the skills necessary to master and enjoy the guitar. Emphasis will be placed on Chording, Rhythm and Picking. No musical experience needed just a guitar and a desire to learn and have fun. Cost of \$50 covers all six sessions. Contact Dennis Crowley at (540)-721-2759, ext. 264 for a registration form and/or more information or visit our website at [www.skelton4hcenter.org](http://www.skelton4hcenter.org)

**Adult Education Program – Introduction to Spanish and the Hispanic World – 10 AM to 12 Noon – April 8, 15, 22, 29 and May 6 and 13** – Join experienced instructor Joyce Dittrich for a fun-filled six week exploration of the Spanish language through a multitude of perspectives – language, music, art, literature and geography. Language learning goals will include pronunciation, basic vocabulary, syntax and morphology in a proficiency context. Tools to help learners discover their learning style will be explored through classroom work and the Internet. Expand your view of the world through this interactive experience. The six week course will follow this schedule:

Week 1: Learning Style – what kind of learner are you? Capitalizing on what you already know to design instruction around your strengths. Greetings and Salutations. Meet/Greet. The Spanish alphabet.

Week 2: Counting, colors, description

Week 3: Everyday actions

Week 4: Expressing wants and needs

Week 5: Restaurants and travel

Week 6: Shopping

Classes will begin on Thursday, April 8 from 10 AM until Noon and continue for the five following Thursdays. In order to facilitate the learning environment participants should be comfortable using the Internet. Cost for the six week program is only \$75 – Buen Precio! For a registration form and/or more information please contact Dennis Crowley at the W.E. Skelton 4-H Center at (540)-721-2759, ext. 264 and/or our website at [www.skelton4hcenter.org](http://www.skelton4hcenter.org)

**Adult Education Program – 9 AM to 3 PM – April 22 – Computers for the Barely Computer Literate** – in a positive, good humored environment, Clay Jackson, will ensure that every student, no matter where they are on the computer learning curve leaves with a greater understanding and appreciation of the benefits a home computer can provide. You'll be guided through all the latest hardware and software jargon familiar to any typical grade schooler so you'll be able to converse in an intelligent manner with your children and/or grandchildren. If you feel you're not getting the most out of your current computer system or are thinking about upgrading to a more modern one this is the course for you. Cost of \$60 covers all instruction and lunch. Contact Dennis Crowley at (540)-721-2759, ext. 264 for registration forms and/or more information or visit our website at [www.skelton4hcenter.org](http://www.skelton4hcenter.org)

**Adult Education Program – 9 AM to 3 PM – May 17 and 18 – Antiquing with “Colonel” Bill** – have a fun two days with an experienced antique dealer and instructor who will teach you to tell the differences between all those various types of antiques you have in your home, inherited from relatives and/or you see at antique stores, auctions and estate sales. After you spend some time with “Colonel” Bill you’ll be sure you’ll never be “ripped off” again when you purchase an antique. The most interesting and valuable portion of the class will be when you have an opportunity to bring your own antique pieces to class for discussion and an expert appraisal including value and age. The culmination of the class will include a field trip to a local antique mall where “Colonel” Bill will guide you through an on site examination of the types of antiques you’ve spent two days discussing. Cost of \$60 covers all instruction, appraisals, snacks, lunch both days and a field trip. Contact Dennis Crowley at (540)-721-2759, ext. 264 for a registration form and/or for more information or visit our website at [www.skelton4hcenter.org](http://www.skelton4hcenter.org).

**Adult Education Program – 9 AM to 5 PM – May 28 – America’s Boating Course** – the course to be offered is accepted by Virginia to meet safety certification requirements and covers the required topics that all recreational boaters must know. In addition to the rules of the road, it teaches the various types of boats, required safety equipment, navigation aids, lights and sounds, anchoring, communications afloat, adverse conditions, water sports safety, trailering, personal water craft safety and knots and lines. In addition to the 244 page, four color course book, participants receive two bonus DVD’s. The Coursework DVD utilizes guided instruction and numerous video and audio clips to provide basic boating safety information to reinforce or review classroom learning. The second DVD, from Maptech, Inc. provides software and sample digital charts so the techniques involved with waypoint and route planning may be learned. The cost for the full day program is only \$38 which covers all instruction, the course book and two DVD’s. Please contact Dennis Crowley at the Center at (540)-721-2759, ext. 264 or visit the Center’s website at [www.skelton4hcenter.org](http://www.skelton4hcenter.org) for a registration form and/or more information.