



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

12th Annual Canyon Fest: “A Celebration of Art & Nature”
Saturday, November 6, 2021
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Fort Payne, AL-- Jacksonville State University’s Little River Canyon Center is pleased to announce the 12th annual *Canyon Fest* set for Saturday, November 6, 2021. Designed to encourage an appreciation for the environment and local culture the JSU Canyon Center has organized a day filled with local music, food, art, and fun for the entire family. The festivities for the day also include live animal programs, art sales and demonstrations, art activities and exhibits. Canyon Fest is free and open to everyone. Dogs are welcome on leashes.

“Canyon Fest has become one of the most anticipated events of the season,” says Anna Lindsey, Little River Canyon Center Sales and Services Manager. “It’s a great place to find unique holiday gift items and at the same time support local artists and environmental education.”

Special features include **Old Time Fiddle & Banjo** featuring Matt Downer in the morning. **Sweet harmonies and traditional Appalachian music** with the Whistlebees in the afternoon. **Fantastic Creatures** (live animal show) with Animal Tales at 11 am and 2 pm. **Pottery and Blacksmith demos ongoing.** Native American flute by Linda Arthur throughout the day.

“We anticipate a strong turnout at Canyon Fest this year,” says Pete Conroy, Canyon Center Director. “I believe this year’s event could coincide with the peak season of fall foliage in Little River Canyon. We hope folks will come and enjoy a terrific day filled with activities for the entire family.”

Although the facility is open daily from 10:00 to 4:00, *Canyon Fest* provides a special opportunity to experience the Little River Canyon Center, its exhibits, trails and people on a beautiful autumn day. Donations are appreciated.

MASKS AND VACCINATIONS APPRECIATED

Schedule of Events:

10:00 am Canyon Fest begins! Art activities, art sales, demonstrations, food, and music will continue throughout the day until 4:00 pm with the following scheduled events:

10:00 am-Noon Matt Downer: Old Time Fiddle & Banjo

11:00 am Live Animal Show: Fantastic Creatures with Animal Tales

2:00 pm Live Animal Show: Fantastic Creatures with Animal Tales

Noon- 2:00 pm The Whistlebees: Old Time Appalachian Harmonies Duo

4:00 pm Festival close

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The poster for Canyon Fest features a large, stylized 'Canyon' wordmark where the 'A' is a yellow triangle and the 'n' is a green triangle. Below the wordmark is a green triangle containing the word 'FEST'. The background is a textured green. A row of yellow pinecones runs along the bottom. To the right, text reads '1ST SATURDAY IN NOVEMBER' in large, bold, white letters, with '10:00am - 4:00pm' and 'Free & Open to the Public!' in a smaller, cursive font. At the bottom, a green banner contains the text 'Art Demonstrations & Sales — Educational Programs throughout the Day — Activities for children' and 'Music, Food, & Fun for the entire family! — Leashed dogs welcomed!'. The JSU logo is in the bottom left, and the Little River Canyon Center logo is in the bottom right.

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