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BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.— Gardner-Webb University's Broyhill Adventure Course (BAC) and communication studies program are using the excitement for the upcoming "The Hunger Games" film premiere to strengthen the community.

The BAC is proud to announce "The Hunger Games Challenge," an event that will plunge participants into the thrill of the "Hunger Games" arena, without the violence. The event will take place throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on March 3 at the BAC. The cost is \$10, and participants must be at least 12 years old. Registration is open until Feb. 17 at gardner-webb.edu/hungergames.

Resident film critic Noel T. Manning, II., director of University relations and adjunct professor of film studies at Gardner-Webb, will also host a panel discussion on "Screen Adaptations and North Carolina Filmmaking." That event is free and open to the public, and will be held at the Cleveland Memorial Library at 6 p.m. on Feb. 28.

Registrants for the BAC "Hunger Games Challenge" will be paired randomly as Tributes and assessed on how quickly and accurately challenges are completed. Activities will test the Tributes' balance, physical coordination, communication and problem solving skills, acrophobia (fear of heights), and determination. Tributes will have to work together and form alliances, as some challenges are solved more successfully and quickly with teamwork.

The challenges involve both high and low ropes activities including a nitro crossing, an initiative wall, the acid river, the Zen balance platform, and a climbing challenge on the BAC's alpine tower. The level of challenge is moderate to strenuous. Trained facilitators will be on hand to ensure individual and group safety.



Watch Video At: <https://youtu.be/gCGGeUD9rYM>

Manning's guests for the Feb. 28 film discussion will include: Robert Whitlow, an author and screenwriter who has had four books adapted to the screen in North Carolina; Gary Wheeler, who has written, directed and produced several films including adaptations of Whitlow's novels; and Beth Petty, Charlotte Area Film Commission Director, who will discuss how filmmakers are recruited to the state. The panelists will also take audience questions.

"Our three panelists will be able to offer behind-the-scenes insight about how they make those artistic decisions involved in translating a book into a film script, and "The Hunger Games" has made that topic even more relevant right here in Cleveland County, since many people are enjoying Suzanne Collins's series in the community read sponsored by the County Libraries and eagerly anticipating the film's release," Manning said.

For more information about either of these events, call Manning at 704-406-4631.

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