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TO: Hunters Wingshooting Clinic Registrant
SUBJECT: Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area – Hunters Wingshooting Clinic

To register for the Hunters Wingshooting Clinic at the Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area for Saturday, June 4th or Sunday, June 5th (Sunday AM only) please read and follow the instructions on the attached Instructions for Participants sheet and complete the attached Skill Level Assessment Form.

The fee for each session is \$30 per person. The fee is non-refundable. To secure your reservation, send a check payable to the **Illinois Conservation Foundation** and a completed Skill Level Assessment Form. Your reservation will be confirmed upon receipt of your check and Skill Level Assessment Form.

Also, there is a permission form attached that must be signed by a parent or guardian for any participant under 18 years of age. If the permission form is applicable, please send the signed permission form with your check and Skill Level Form(s). Mail your form(s) and check to:

Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area
Attn: Jeff Wepprecht/Wingshooting
28163 N River Rd
Wilmington, IL 60481

Please be on time for your session. The morning sessions start promptly at 8:00 a.m. and the afternoon sessions start promptly at 1:00 p.m. You will need to be there to check-in at 7:30 a.m. for the morning session and 12:30 p.m. for the afternoon session. Participants in the clinic and hunt will be required to observe all guidance from the CDC and Illinois Department of Public Health at the time of the event regarding face coverings and social distancing.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact us by phone at 815/423-5326.

Sincerely,

Jeff Wepprecht

Jeff Wepprecht
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Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area
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Attachments

Des Plaines SF&WA

Hunters Wingshooting Clinic

I am the parent/guardian of: _____, and I give permission for myshooting student to participate in the wingshooting clinic at the Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area on:
(Circle One) Saturday, June 4, 2022 Sunday, June 5, 2022

I understand part of the clinic will include shooting shotguns at clay targets, and I hereby specifically give permission formy shooting student to participate in this activity.

Safety is very important to all of us. In the space provided below on this Parental Permission Form, please list (print) any chronic medical conditions your son or daughter currently has including allergies, behavioral disorders, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders, seizure disorders, diabetes, or others. If your son or daughter has no chronic medical conditions, please list N/A. This information will be kept confidential by the instructor staff.

Having a medical condition, such as those listed above, does not necessarily disqualify an individual from participating provided that the medical condition is well controlled.

Medical Conditions:

Note: The Department of Natural Resources, the Safety Education Instructor, or the Wingshooting Instructor will removeany participant from the Wingshooting Clinic for disruptive or unsafe behavior.

Parent’s Signature: _____

Parent’s Name (Please Print): _____

Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number(s) (Include Area Code):

Residence: _____

Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

**DES PLAINES STATE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA
HUNTERS WINGSHOOTING CLINIC
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS**

DATES AND TIMES: Saturday, June 4th and Sunday, June 5th (AM Only), 2022

Morning Sessions: Check-in time 7:30-8:00 a.m. Instruction & Shooting 8 a.m. - 12 noon

Afternoon Sessions: Check-in time 12:30-1:00 p.m. Instruction & Shooting 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

LOCATION: Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area, Wilmington, IL (815/423-5326). The sporting clays course will be located on that part of the SF&WA west of I-55.

DIRECTIONS: From I-55 north or south, exit at Interchange 241. Proceed right (west) on River Rd. to the second stop sign. At second stop sign turn right into the parking area.

COST: The fee for each session is \$30 per person. **The fee is not refundable.** To secure your reservation, send a check payable to the IL Conservation Foundation within the next few business days. Your reservation will be confirmed when your check has been received. **The last day reservations will be accepted is Wednesday, June 1, 2022.**

Mail your check and forms to:

Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area
Attn: Jeff Wepprecht/Wingshooting
28163 N River Rd
Wilmington, IL 60481

APPAREL: Wear upper garments that do not restrict either side-to-side shoulder movement or up and down arm movement. Upper garments should not have snaps, buckles, buttons, or strap adjustments on the front side of the shooting shoulder. Bring a shooting or hunting vest or a shotshell pouch if one is available.

FOOTWEAR: Wingshooting instruction and shotgun shooting are field activities. Wear comfortable but sturdy shoes or boots.

EYE & EAR PROTECTION: Eye and ear protection are mandatory. Participants are expected to provide their own shooting glasses and ear plugs or earmuffs. Participants who wear prescription glasses or contact lenses should wear them. Impact resistant safety glasses are required to be worn over prescription glasses if the prescription glasses are not impact resistant. Safety glasses must be worn in addition to contact lenses.

SHOTGUNS & SHOTSHELLS: Bring a field, sporting clays, or skeet shotgun that you're comfortable shooting -any reasonable gauge (410 and 10 gauges are not reasonable). Open chokes are preferable - skeet, improved cylinder, or light modified are sufficient. Bring 6-8 boxes or 150-200 target shotshells - from our experience the more shotshells the better. Target loads in 12 gauge have a 2¾ or 3-dram powder equivalency. Higher powder dram equivalencies will adversely impact your shoulder. Shot sizes of 7 ½, 8, or 9 only please.

INSTRUCTORS: Wingshooting instruction will be given by National Sporting Clays Association/IDNR Certified Wingshooting Instructors.

SPONSORS: This Hunters Wingshooting Clinic is sponsored by the Illinois Conservation Foundation and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The IDNR has been involved in training sportsmen and women through its Safety Education Section, by sponsoring wingshooting clinics, through youth hunting programs, and through hunter's skills programs for many years.

SPECIAL NOTES: The Department of Natural Resources or the Wingshooting Instructor will remove any participant from the Wingshooting Clinic for disruptive or unsafe behavior. Wingshooting Clinics do not satisfy the Illinois Hunter Education Requirement.

**HUNTERS WINGSHOOTING CLINIC
SKILL LEVEL ASSESSMENT
DES PLAINES SF&WA**

Check One:

Sat, June 4th

Sun, June 5th (AM Only)

A.M. P.M. A.M.

Please provide the following information.

(Please Print)

Name _____

Age: _____

Street Address: _____

City _____

State & Zip Code: _____

Telephone #: _____

E-mail: _____

1 Rate the following types of Illinois shotgun hunting from 1 - 8 in order of importance to your hunting activities, with 1 being most important and 8 being least important. Rate only those that apply to your hunting (e.g., if only three or five apply, rate those that apply from 1 - 3 or 1 - 5). If none apply, check Do Not Hunt.

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deer | <input type="checkbox"/> Dove |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rabbit | <input type="checkbox"/> Squirrel |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Turkey | <input type="checkbox"/> Upland Bird |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfowl | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodcock |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Do Not Hunt | |

2 Do you participate in any of the following clay target sports? Check all that apply.

- American Trap
- American Skeet
- Sporting Clays includes 5-Stand
- Informal Handtrap Clays
- Other (Please Specify)

3 Rate the following items from 1 - 4 in order of your frequency of use, with 1 being most often used and 4 being least often used. Rate only those that you use.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bow & Arrow | <input type="checkbox"/> Handgun |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle | <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun |

4 How often do you practice wingshooting? Check only one box.

- Weekly
- One or Two Times a Month
- A Few Times a Year
- Only Just Before Hunting Season
- Shoot Only When Hunting

5 Rate your skill level as a wingshooter (i.e., your skill level shooting a shotgun at a moving object). Check only one box and give as honest an assessment as possible.

- Beginning Wingshooter
(Hit 25% or less of moving objects attempted)
- Novice Wingshooter
(Hit 25-50% of moving objects attempted)
- Intermediate Wingshooter
(Hit 50-75% of moving objects attempted)
- Advanced Wingshooter
(Hit 75% or more of moving objects attempted)

6 Have you worked with a shooting instructor or shooting coach previously.

- Yes
- No