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TO: Wingshooting Clinic Registrants

SUBJECT: Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA Introductory Wingshooting Clinic

Registration for the Wingshooting Clinic at the Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area on **Saturday, June 11, 2022**, or **Sunday, June 12, 2022**, is done through the "Click Here to Register" link on the IDNR Wingshooting Calendar Page. If you've accessed this registration packet, you've likely already purchased your clinic tickets through the ICF Events webpage. There is a \$10.00 registration fee per participant for the clinic, as the registration fee is used to help with the cost of the clinic. Please complete the attached Skill Level Assessment form, and, if applicable, also complete the attached permission form. The permission form must be signed by a parent or guardian for any participant under 18 years of age.

A fact sheet with information that you will need to review is also attached below. The completed form(s) should be sent as early as possible but must be received no later than Wednesday, June 8th. Your registration is not confirmed until we've received payment (event ticket purchase through the ICF Events webpage) and your completed form(s). Please mail or email your form(s) to:

Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA
ATTN: IWC Wingshooting Clinic
10149 County Highway 11
Chandlerville, IL 62627
nate.goetten@illinois.gov

Please be on time for the clinic. We will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. so you will need to be at the Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA between 9:30-10:00 a.m. to check-in. Participants in the clinic 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 for any reason you are unable to attend, call us at least 72 hours in advance as we typically have a waiting list. We will be able to accommodate someone else if you let us know you will be unable to attend.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mike Lemke at 217/622-4582.

Sincerely,

Nate Goetten

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Site Superintendent, Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA
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Attachments

Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA
Introductory Wingshooting Clinic

I am the parent/guardian of: _____, and I give permission for my shooting student to participate in the wingshooting clinic at the Jim Edgar Panther Creek SFWA on:
(Circle One) Saturday, June 11, 2022 Sunday, June 12, 2022

I understand part of the clinic will include shooting shotguns at clay targets, and I hereby specifically give permission for my 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 remove any 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: _____

**Wingshooting Clinic
Skill Level Assessment
Jim Edgar Panther Creek State Fish and Wildlife Area**

Please Check One: **Saturday, June 11, 2022** **Sunday, June 12, 2022**

Name (print legibly) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

County _____

Telephone #'s _____

Email Address _____

Age _____ Height _____ (ft) _____ (in) Weight (youth) _____

How did you find out about this clinic? _____

I have shot at clay targets... (CHECK ONE)

- Never (less than 1 box of shells)
- Rarely (less than 20 boxes of shells)
- Occasionally (more than 20 boxes of shells)
- Often (more than 100 boxes of shells)

CHECK ONE of the following:

- I will use an IDNR department owned shotgun (encouraged).
- I will bring my own shotgun.

***** Please circle one of the following gauges (12 ga, 20 ga, 28 ga)**

Twenty-eight gauge shotguns with shotshells will be provided. Students may bring their own shotgun. If the shotgun has interchangeable chokes, bring the most open choke(s) available (cylinder, skeet or improved cylinder).

*****The gauges listed above are the only gauges we can accommodate.**

Jim Edgar Panther Creek SF&WA WINGSHOOTING CLINIC
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHOOTING STUDENTS

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Participants must be 10 years of age or older, and at least 4 feet 6 inches tall and weigh 75 pounds or more to register.
- **Introductory Wingshooting Clinics are designed for beginner/novice youth, women and men shotgun shooting students. Participants must legitimately be in either the "Never" or "Rarely" skill level to enroll in these clinics. Prospective participants with shooting skills beyond the novice level should consider registering for a Hunters Wingshooting Clinic.**
- The Department of Natural Resources, the Safety Education Instructor, 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.

DATES AND TIMES: Saturday & Sunday, June 11 & 12, 2022, 10am - 4pm

LOCATION: Jim Edgar Panther Creek SF&WA, Chandlerville, IL (217/452-7741)

DIRECTIONS: From IL Hwy. 125 approximately 1.75 miles west of Ashland, IL or 3.5 miles east of Philadelphia, IL, turn north on Newmansville Rd. Proceed north on Newmansville Rd. approximately 7 miles to the Jim Edgar Panther Creek SF&WA entrance sign. Turn west at the entrance sign and proceed approximately 1.75 miles to the site headquarters.

COST: The fee for each session (Saturday or Sunday) is \$10 per person. **The fee is not refundable.** Your reservation will be confirmed when your payment has been processed and the required forms are received by mail or email.

LUNCH: Lunch will be provided at no cost to wingshooting students at the site headquarters building.

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 **that fits reasonably well** if one is available. **A cap or hat is required.**

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 and will be provided. Students with their own shooting glasses and ear plugs or earmuffs are encouraged to bring them. Students who wear prescription glasses or contact lenses should wear them.

SHOTGUNS: Twenty-eight gauge shotguns with shotshells will be provided. Students with their own shotgun are encouraged to bring the shotgun. If the shotgun has interchangeable chokes, bring the most open choke available (cylinder, skeet, or improved cylinder). **Note: Since shotshells will be provided, students bringing a shotgun must indicate the gauge at the bottom of the Skill Level Assessment form (only 12ga, 20ga or 28ga).**

INSTRUCTORS: Classroom and field Wingshooting instruction will be provided by National Sporting Clays Association/IDNR Certified Wingshooting Instructors.

SPONSORS: Capital Area Coveys Quail Forever; New Salem Firearms; National Wild Turkey Federation; Ducks Unlimited Tri-County Chapter; the Illinois Conservation Foundation and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. By providing funding and support for the wingshooting clinics, these organizations are demonstrating their strong commitment to the shooting sports and firearm safety, to family oriented outdoor recreation and to effective public agency/private sector partnerships. The IDNR has been involved in training sportsmen and women through its Safety Education Program by sponsoring wingshooting clinics and through youth hunting programs for many years.