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TO: Wingshooting Clinic Registrants

SUBJECT: Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area Introductory Wingshooting Clinic

The Illinois Conservation Association, in conjunction with Pheasants Forever - Henry County Chapter & Rock Island County Chapter, and the Illinois DNR, is hosting an Introductory Wingshooting Clinic at the Johnson-Sauk Trail SRA on **Saturday, September 7, 2024**. To register, complete the attached Skill Level Assessment form and, if applicable, the attached permission form. The permission form must be signed by a parent or guardian for any participant under 18 years of age. There is a \$10 registration fee per participant, which is donated to the Illinois Conservation Foundation to support future youth shooting sports and Illinois DNR programs. Checks should be made payable to **Illinois Conservation Foundation**.

A fact sheet with information that you will need to review is also attached. Please send the completed Skill Level Assessment form, check and, if applicable, the signed permission form to the address provided at the bottom of this letter. A limited number of shooters are allowed per day; therefore, registrations should be submitted as early as possible and no later than Wednesday, September 4th. Your registration will be confirmed after we receive the forms.

Please be on time for the clinic. We will start promptly at 10:00 a.m. so you will need to be at the Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area between 9:30-10:00 a.m. to check-in. Lunch will be provided, but please bring your own drinks to stay hydrated for the entire event.

If for any reason you are unable to attend, call us at least 72 hrs. 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 any questions or require additional information, please contact us at the following:

Johnson-Sauk Trail SRA
Attn: Jolyn Jackson
28616 Sauk Trail Road
Kewanee, IL 61443
309/853-2425
DNR.JohnsonSaukTrail@illinois.gov

Sincerely,

Jolyn Jackson

Jolyn Jackson
Site Superintendent
Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area

Wingshooting Clinic Skill Level Assessment

JOHNSON-SAUK TRAIL STATE RECREATION AREA
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

Name (print legibly) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

County _____

Email Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Other Phone _____

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

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 with their own shotgun may bring their shotgun. If the shotgun has interchangeable chokes, bring the most open choke(s) available (cylinder, skeet or improved cylinder). **Note: Since shotshells will be provided by IDNR, students bringing a shotgun must indicate the gauge so we can make sure we have them on hand.**

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

Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area
Jolyn Jackson, Site Superintendent
28616 Sauk Trail Road
Kewanee, IL 661443
DNR.JohnsonSaukTrail@illinois.gov
309/853-2425

I am the parent/guardian of: _____, and I give permission for my shooting student to participate in the wingshooting clinic at the Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area on:

Please Check One: Saturday, September 7, 2024

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 behavioral disorders, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder, seizure disorder, 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/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Telephone Number(s) (Include Area Code)

Cell: _____

Residence: _____

JOHNSON-SAUK TRAIL STATE RECREATION AREA

WINGSHOOTING CLINIC

INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

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.

DATE AND TIMES: Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, 10:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Check-in 9:30-10:00 a.m.)

LOCATION: Johnson-Sauk Trail State Recreation Area, Kewanee, IL

DIRECTIONS: Directions to the Johnson Sauk Trail State Recreation Area follow:

- From Kewanee, IL take IL Route 78 north five miles to park entrance on the east (right) side of highway
- From Interstate 80 exit at Interchange 33 and proceed south six miles to park entrance on east (left) side of highway
- Once in the park, look for signs for the wingshooting clinic assembly area.

DRINKS/LUNCH: Please bring your own drinks to stay hydrated for the entire event. Lunch will be provided at no cost to wingshooting students.

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.

FOOTWEAR: Wingshooting instruction and shotgun shooting are field activities. Wear comfortable but sturdy shoes or boots. No sandals or open toed shoes allowed.

EYE & EAR PROTECTION: Eye and ear protection are mandatory and will be provided. Shooting 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. You may bring your own shotgun. Please call us (309/853-2425) no later than Tuesday, September 3rd to advise us of your shotgun's gauge so we'll have the correct shotshells on hand for you.

INSTRUCTORS: Wingshooting instruction in the field will be given by NSCA/IDNR Certified Wingshooting Instructors.

SPONSORS: The Wingshooting Clinic is sponsored by Pheasants Forever - Henry County Chapter & Rock Island County Chapter; the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and the Illinois Conservation Foundation (ICF). The IDNR has been involved in training sportsmen and women through its Safety Education Section by sponsoring wingshooting clinics and through youth hunting programs for many years. The ICF supports youth activities at its Torstenson Youth Conservation Education Center in Winnebago County and by providing funding for youth outdoor activities throughout Illinois.