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TO: Wingshooting Clinic Registrants

SUBJECT: Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area Introductory Wingshooting Clinic

To register for the Wingshooting Clinic at the Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area on **Saturday, June 22 or Sunday, June 23, 2024**, 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 student to help with the cost of the clinic. 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, June 19th. An email will be sent to confirm your reservation and registration 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 Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area between 9:30-10:00 a.m. to check-in. **If for any reason you are unable to attend, call us at least 72 hours in advance. We typically have a waiting list and can 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:

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Sincerely,

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I am the parent/guardian of: _____, and I give permission for my shooting student to participate in the wingshooting clinic at the **Middle Fork SF&WA** on:

Please Check One: Saturday, June 22, 2024 Sunday, June 23, 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'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
Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area**

Please Check One: Saturday, June 22, 2024 Sunday, June 23, 2024

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). **Note: Since shotshells will be provided, students bringing a shotgun must call 815/258-8474 by Monday, June 17th to apprise us of the gauge.**

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

**MIDDLE FORK STATE FISH & WILDLIFE AREA WINGSHOOTING CLINIC
INSTRUCTIONS FOR STUDENTS**

SPECIAL NOTES:

- Participants must be at least 4 feet 6 inches tall and weigh 75 pounds or more to participate. **Introductory Wingshooting Clinics are designed for beginning and novice shotgun shooting students. Participants must legitimately be in either the "Never" or "Rarely" skill level to enroll in these clinics. Potential registrants with shooting skills beyond the novice level should consider registering for a Hunter's 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, June 22 & Sunday, June 23, 2024, 10a - 4p ** Students may sign up for **EITHER** day

LOCATION: Middle Fork State Fish & Wildlife Area, near Collison, IL

DIRECTIONS: From I-74, take Exit 206. Travel 6 miles north to County Road 2400 N, turn right at the Middle Fork Wildlife Area sign. Proceed ¼ mile - the site headquarters is on the left. *From the north and west*, from Collison, go approximately 2 miles east to the T-intersection, turn right and travel ½ mile south to County Road 2400 N; turn left and proceed to the site headquarters.

LUNCH: Lunch will be provided at no cost for registered 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. Tank tops are discouraged. Bring a shooting or hunting vest **that fits reasonably well** if one is available. **A cap or hat is required.**

FOOTWEAR: This is a field activity. Wear comfortable but sturdy shoes or boots. No open-toed shoes or sandals.

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 it. If the shotgun has interchangeable chokes, bring the most open choke(s) available (cylinder, skeet or improved cylinder). **Note: Since shotshells will be provided, students bringing a shotgun must call 815/258-8474 by Monday, June 17th to apprise us of the gauge.**

INSTRUCTORS: Indoor classes will be instructed by an Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Volunteer Hunter Safety Instructor or a National Sporting Clays Association (NSCA) and IDNR Certified Wingshooting Instructor. Wingshooting instruction in the field will be given by NSCA and IDNR Certified Wingshooting Instructors.

SPONSORS: This Wingshooting Clinic is sponsored by the IL Dept. of Natural Resources, IL Conservation Foundation; Pheasants Forever - Champaign County; Pheasants Forever – Vermilion County; GunsSaveLife; and Gordon Farms Seed Company. 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 Section by sponsoring wingshooting clinics and through youth hunting programs for many years.