



TO: Wingshooting Clinic Registrants

SUBJECT: Des Plaines Introductory Wingshooting Clinic

To register for the Wingshooting Clinic at the Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area on **Saturday, May 16, 2026**, or **Sunday, May 17, 2026**, complete the attached Skill Level Assessment form. If applicable, please 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. Please send the completed Skill Level Assessment form and, if applicable, the signed permission form to the address provided below. The completed form(s) should be sent as early as possible but must be received not later than Wednesday, May 13th. Confirmation of your registration will be provided 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 Des Plaines 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 as we typically have awaiting list. We will be able to accommodate someone else if you let us know you will be unable to attend.

Please send your completed forms to the address below. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact us by phone at 815/423-5326. Mail forms to:

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

Sincerely,

Jeff Wepprecht

Jeff Wepprecht
Site Superintendent
Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area
815/423-5326
jeff.wepprecht@illinois.gov

Attachments

Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area
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 Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area on:
(Circle One) Saturday, May 16, 2026 Sunday, May 17, 2026

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**

Des Plaines State Fish & Wildlife Area

I will attend on (Check One): Saturday, May 16, 2026
 Sunday, May 17, 2026

Name (Print) _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

E-Mail Address _____

Telephone #'s _____

County _____

Age _____ Height _____ ft _____ in

Weight _____ lbs

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)

I will use an IDNR 28 gauge shotgun

I will bring my own shotgun: (Check one) 12 ga. 20 ga. 28 ga.

**DES PLAINES SF&WA WINGSHOOTING CLINIC
INSTRUCTIONS FOR SHOOTING STUDENTS**

SPECIAL NOTES:

- **Participants must be at least 4 feet 6 inches tall and weigh 75 pounds or more to participate; ages 10 and up.**
- **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. 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, May 16 & 17, 2026, 10am - 4pm

LOCATION: Des Plaines SF&WA (Will County)

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 parking area.

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. No open-toed shoes or sandals allowed.

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

SPONSORS: This Wingshooting Clinic is sponsored by Dale Athletic Club; Friends of the Des Plaines SFWA; German Shorthaired Pointer Club of Illinois; Illinois State Rifle Association; North American Versatile Hunting Dog Association - Illinois Chapter; Sportsmen's Spaniel Club of Calumet, Weimaraner Club of Northern Illinois, the Illinois Conservation Foundation, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. These organizations by providing funding and support for the wingshooting clinic 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.