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TO: Hunters Wingshooting Clinic Registrant
SUBJECT: IDNR/Decatur Gun Club
Hunters Wingshooting Clinic -August 23, 2014

To register for the Hunters Wingshooting Clinic at the Decatur Gun Club for Saturday, August 23rd please read and follow the instructions on the attached Fact Sheet and complete the attached Skill Level Assessment Form. The fee for each session is **\$35** per person. **The fee is not refundable.** To secure your reservation, send a check payable to the Decatur Gun Club and a completed Skill Level Assessment Form. Your registration will be confirmed after your check and form(s) are received.

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

Mail your form(s) and check to:

Wayne Steele, President - Decatur Gun Club
IDNR Senior Wingshooting Instructor
3355 Forest Parkway
Decatur, IL 62521
217/855-1027

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. so 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.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact us.

Sincerely,

Wayne Steele

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I am the parent of:

_____, and I give permission for my son/daughter to participate in the wingshooting clinic at the Decatur Gun Club on August 23-24, 2014. I understand the clinic will include shooting shotguns at clay targets, and I hereby specifically give permission for my son/daughter to participate in that activity.

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)

(Address)

(City, State, Zip)

(E-mail Address)

(Telephone Number)

HUNTERS WINGSHOOTING CLINIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

DATES AND TIMES: Saturday & Sunday, August 23-24, 2014

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: Decatur Gun Club, Decatur, IL (217/855-1027).

DIRECTIONS: From I-72 take exit 144. Turn southwest onto IL Route 48 towards Decatur. Next, turn left onto Brush College Road. Proceed 1¼ miles to the intersection of Brush College Rd. and Reas Bridge Road, then turn left onto Reas Bridge Rd. Proceed 1 mile, then turn right onto Christmas Tree Lane. Next, turn left at the Decatur Gun Club entrance sign.

COST: The fee for each session is **\$35** per person. **The fee is not refundable.** To secure your reservation, send a check payable to the Decatur Gun Club and appropriate completed forms to the address provided below. Your registration will be confirmed. **The last day reservations will be accepted is Wednesday, August 20, 2014.**

Mail your check to: Wayne Steele, President - Decatur Gun Club
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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 ear muffs. 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 six - eight boxes or 150 - 200 target shotshells. 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 provided by National Sporting Clays Association/IDNR Certified Wingshooting Instructors.

SPONSORS: This Hunters Wingshooting Clinic is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Illinois Conservation Foundation, and the Decatur Gun Club. 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 skills programs for many years. The Decatur Gun Club supports young shooters through its sponsorship of an SCTP Shooting Team and co-sponsors the Decatur Gun Club Youth/Women's Wingshooting Clinic in September each year.

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

**HUNTERS WINGSHOOTING CLINIC
PARTICIPANT SKILL LEVEL ASSESSMENT**

Clinic Date: August 23, 2014

A.M. or P.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).

Deer Htg. Dove Htg.

Rabbit Htg. Squirrel Htg.

Turkey Hunting

Upland Bird Hunting

Waterfowl Hunting

Woodcock Hunting

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.

Bow & Arrow Handgun

Rifle 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