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From the President

Jon Pries

As we move along into another year, we're going to be welcoming several new directors onto the state board. I'd also like to thank Dale Butler for shifting gears and accepting a seat for our executive sessions. He's replacing Phil Ferrare, who has become the newest regional director and is covering the northwest and north-central portions of our state. Congrats, Phil!

I also hope everyone experienced a memorable, safe, and successful fall and winter hunting season. I've heard many interesting stories and some tall tales, for sure! Most of all, we need to remember to introduce newcomers to our sport and be sure the young folks have opportunities to become involved with us. I've heard of servicemen trying to acquire leave time to be home and hold tight the tradition of hunting with their extended families and friends. It's at these times that I'm thankful for all these men and women are doing for all of us. Remember to tell them, "Thank you." They really appreciate that.

Looking ahead, we're working with the PGC to leg-band more gobblers this winter and to implement and update turkey hunting safety messages and promos to remind everyone that proper gun handling, knowing your surroundings and what is in and beyond the line of fire, positive identification, and seeing a beard are the necessary ingredients to ensure a safe and successful spring hunt. We're expecting that things will move along and the orange head-dress won't be required of us this spring. Share with us the responsibility of mentoring,

reminding, and instilling safety and ethics into the minds of anyone you're afield with.

Once again, thank you all for everything you do to keep the NWTF a frontrunner in the world of conservation organizations. I really need to make use of this opportunity to thank Rhonda Henry for all the secretarial projects and some non-secretarial things she helps out with when asked. My computer was in the dumps for a bit, and I relied on her to keep things moving forward—and they did. Quality folks are hard to come by and especially to keep around for some time. We do these things because we care and feel a responsibility to cycle through the system, but there is a constant need for new folks to express interest and keep the wagon on course. Please, feel free to chat with anyone of our state chapter directors about joining our ranks, as we are always looking to fill vacancies or for help in other areas or committees.

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Calling contest

The Sportsman's Warehouse at Mt. Nebo Pointe, just north of Pittsburgh off I-279, will be hosting a NWTF sanctioned calling contest on Saturday, March 22. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and the contest begins at noon. For details, call Mike Scrip at 412-366-6100 or email at mscrip@sportsmanswarehouse.com. Please note that all contestants must be current members of the NWTF. Memberships can be purchased at the event.

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Wild Turkey

Oddities



BY BOB ERIKSEN,
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Turkey hunters often ask biologists about the frequency of occurrence of certain characteristics among wild turkeys. For instance, just last week I received an e-mail inquiring about how regularly gobblers with double snoods are seen. That would be a pretty tough one to predict, but it got me to thinking about oddities that occur a little more regularly. Probably the most frequently asked question of this nature has to do with the incidence of bearded hens. With that question in mind, I went back to banding records for eastern wild turkeys captured in New Jersey between 1977 and 2007.

Unfortunately, not all of the data was on the computer so I had to do a bit of checking the records the old-fashioned way. Actually, going through the records of wild turkeys I had personally banded over the years was kind of fun and interesting.

So, just how many hens have beards? Some reports indicate that as many as 25 percent of hen turkeys are bearded. That figure was derived from a relatively small sample of Rio Grande hens captured in the early 1970s. Among eastern wild turkeys, the incidence of bearded hens is not nearly as high as that report indicated. In the 30-year period between 1977 and 2007, 2,360 wild turkeys were live trapped and banded in New Jersey. A larger number of turkeys were examined at checking stations, but check station operators may miss the occasional bearded hen or other oddities and fail to record the information. Technicians and biologists involved in banding usually record any oddities they encounter so the trapping records provide a pretty reliable index of the incidence of oddities.

A total of 1,515 hen turkeys were banded in New Jersey in the past 30 years. Of those, 133 (8.77%) sported beards. Hen beards ranged in length from 1 to 8 1/2 inches, but averaged about 6 inches. In general, the beards were quite thin compared to those of gobblers. Juvenile hens (hens that are less than a year old) are probably less likely to have visible beards than their adult counterparts. It is also likely that a very short beard that does not show through the breast feathers might not be noticed by a biologist handling the bird while banding it. Biologists and technicians banding turkeys are likely to search for a beard on a jake, but not on a young hen. Looking only at the 619 juvenile hens banded in those 30 years, I found that only 7 (1.14%) had noticeable beards. On the other hand, of the 903 adult hens banded in the same years, 126 (13.95%) were bearded. The incidence of beards on adult eastern turkey hens might be a more reliable index of the true occurrence of beards on eastern hens, that is between 13 and 14 percent.

Even more uncommon than beards on wild turkey hens is the occurrence of spurs. Out of the same 1,515 hens banded in New Jersey only 5 (0.33%) had spurs. Four adult hens out of 903 (0.44%) and 1 juvenile hen

out of 612 (0.16%) had spurs. In all cases, the spurs were less than a half inch long, and most of the hens with spurs had a spur on only one leg. Some of the spurs on adult hens were pretty sharp, and the juvenile had blunt spurs.

What about anomalies among gobblers? How many gobblers have multiple beards or multiple spurs? How many have no beard or no spurs? There were 845 gobblers banded in the 30 years between 1977 and 2007. Only 31 of the banded gobblers had more than one beard (3.66%). In other words, less than 4 percent of eastern wild turkey gobblers have two or more beards. Of the birds we examined while banding, only one had three or more beards. Over the years, I have measured multiple beards on gobblers killed by hunters. Most had two beards, and three beards were next most common. I have seen harvested gobblers with as many as eight individual beards, but they are quite rare. Two of the banded gobblers (0.23%) had no visible beard and on closer examination had no indication that they had ever had a beard. Only one of the captured birds had multiple spurs (0.11%), and one had no spurs at all.

About fifteen years ago on a beautiful spring morning, I called up an old gobbler for one of my sons. It was Jesse's first gobbler, and he made a good shot at about 29 steps. That bird weighed 21 _ pounds and had three beards and double spurs on both legs! Jesse was pleased with his gobbler, but he really had no idea what an uncommon trophy that bird was. Would you believe that the second gobbler Jesse killed also had double spurs? Since then he has taken one more tom with a double beard, but has no more multiple-spurred gobblers to his credit.

Getting back to the question about double snoods, that is a tough one to answer. None of the toms in the sample of banded birds from New Jersey had two snoods. Though I have examined hundreds of eastern gobblers harvested by hunters at check stations and other locations, I have never seen a gobbler with two snoods. I recall seeing a photograph of one such bird. My guess is that the occurrence of double snoods is so uncommon that most biologists will never observe the oddity. But if you live long enough and look at enough wild turkeys, you are bound to see a few oddities!



2007 Bass Pro Shops Wheelin' Sportsmen Hunt

On Saturday, October 20, 2007, the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World in Harrisburg held their first Wheelin' Sportsmen NWTF deer hunt with the Michaux Yellow Breeches Chapter, along with many local volunteers and other conservation and outdoor organizations. We had help from, and many local committee members from the NWTF, SCI, and NRA served as guides and helped to gain hunting access for the participants. Chris O'Hara from Bass Pro Shops was instrumental in coordinating the event.

Michaux Yellow Breeches Chapter President, Randy Rakers, was able to get five hunters from the Walter Reed Army

Hospital's Wounded Warriors program to participate in the hunt. Overall, 22 hunters were able to participate in the various activities throughout the weekend. Friday night, the hunters were all invited to the Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World store for a fun-filled evening to meet their guides and enjoy a meal provided by SCI, along with raising some money for the NWTF with a silent auction and raffles. With heavy rain Friday night, everyone prepared for the Saturday's hunt to be wet one, but when the sun rose Saturday morning, all were greeted with a sunny morning and blue sky. Even though the weather was hot and the deer were not

moving, the hunters did manage to harvest four deer that day.

We would also like to thank the following people for helping make this day a great success for the hunters: Harold Stoneberger, landowner and SCI Blue Mountain Chapter, Adam Flod, SCI Blue Mountain Chapter and Eastman Outdoors, Jim O'Brien, Bass Pro Fishing Manager, Kory Enck NRA, Carl Roe, PGC Executive Director and Troy Bauer for taking care of the hunters butchering needs and all the landowners in WMUs 5B and 5C who donated their land to hunt on.



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Turkey Talk



NWTF's James Earl Kennamer Honored as Top Conservationist *by Outdoor Life magazine*

EDGEFIELD, S.C. – The National Wild Turkey Federation's Dr. James Earl Kennamer was recently honored in Outdoor Life magazine's top-25 list of people who have positively affected our hunting and fishing traditions.

Kennamer, NWTF's senior vice president of conservation programs, has played a key role in forging the partnerships between hunters and wildlife agencies, corporations, and conservation groups that helped restore turkey populations across North America. His dedicated work with wildlife agencies has made a difference, moving turkey populations from 1.3 million in 1973 to more than 7 million today.

"I really appreciate the NWTF giving me the opportunity so many years ago to work on behalf of wildlife, particularly the wild turkey," Kennamer said. "Outdoor Life has been entertaining and informing hunters, America's true conservationists, for decades. They've been an important part of sustaining our hunting traditions, and it's a great honor to be recognized by such a distinguished publication."

One of Kennamer's early successes was working with the NWTF Technical Committee, bringing together state, federal, and provincial agency biologists to coordinate habitat work, wild turkey restoration programs, and funding through NWTF's Making Tracks program. Through this program, NWTF works with wildlife agencies to

coordinate the trap and transfer of wild turkeys. In areas where they are abundant, wild turkeys are usually trapped via nets propelled or dropped over a feeding flock. Trapped birds are individually placed in specialized transport boxes, and then released in areas of suitable habitat with few or no wild turkeys.

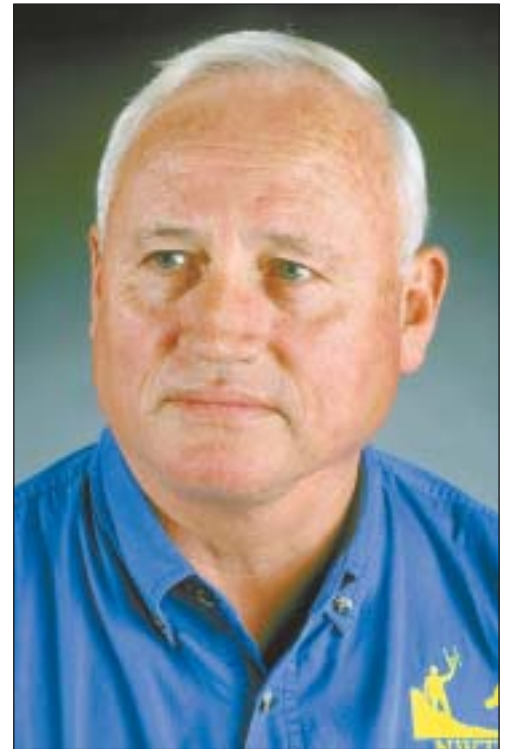
Since the 1950s, state and provincial wildlife agencies have moved more than 192,000 wild turkeys into suitable habitat across North America. The NWTF has accelerated those efforts through the purchase of trapping equipment, transfer boxes, funding, and the help of its volunteers and partners.

"James Earl has helped steer turkey research and restoration across this country," said Curtis Taylor, chief of Wildlife Resources for West Virginia's DNR in the Outdoor Life Top 25 article. "He's an icon of wildlife conservation."

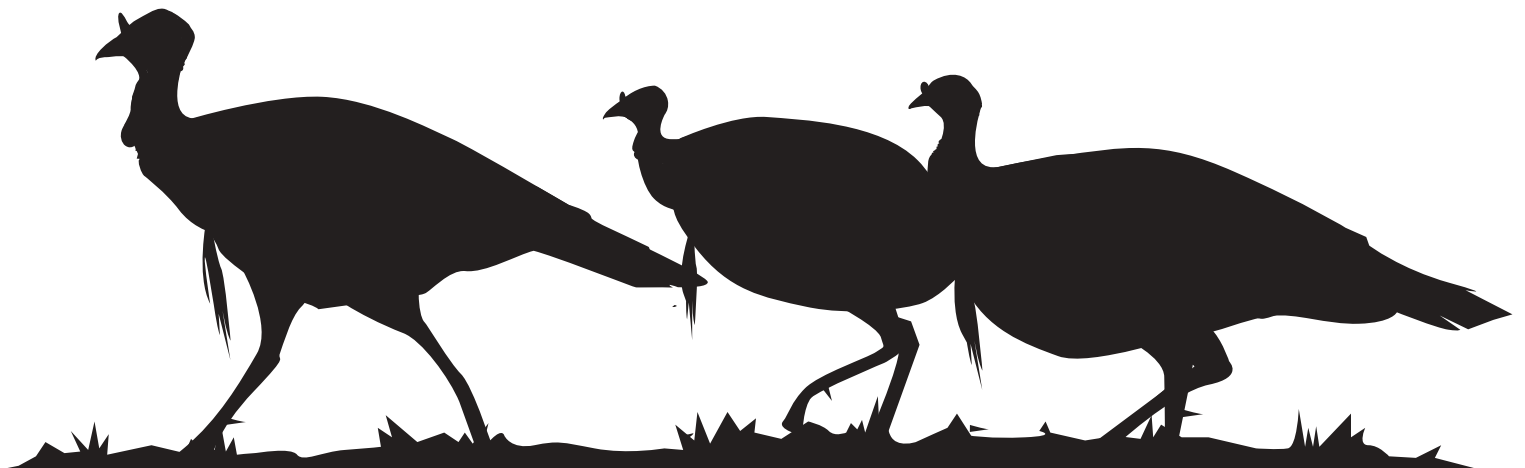
Dr. Kennamer came to the NWTF from a tenured professorship at Auburn University in 1980. His leadership in wild turkey research and management has garnered respect throughout the conservation community and helped the NWTF become the driving force in conservation it is today.

"James Earl joined the NWTF when we were still defining ourselves," said Rob Keck, NWTF CEO. "He took a chance because he believed so strongly in conservation and the wild turkey."

Outdoor Life magazine will be spotlighting



its honorees at the 2008 SHOT Show. They'll be singling out one person from the list to receive the Readers' Choice Award. You can help select this person. Just log onto outdoorlife.com and cast your vote to select NWTF's Dr. James Earl Kennamer as the most deserving candidate.



Game Commission, Wild Turkey Task Force continues to study wild turkey population in Michaux State Forest

Since the 1980s, turkey hunters in Adams and Franklin counties noted a disturbing trend. While turkey populations in other parts of Pennsylvania were enjoying a historic high density, the turkeys in the Michaux State Forest were becoming scarce. From that concern, a group of concerned persons from the Game Commission, National Wild Turkey Federation, three local chapters of the NWTF, and Michaux State Forest Bureau of Forestry formed a "Wild Turkey Task Force," to research the problem.

Long considered a wildlife oasis, in recent years, the Michaux has been increasingly surrounded by urban sprawl. While urbanization has not treated turkeys well in the grand scheme of things, additional research from Wildlife Management Unit 5A, in which the state forest is located, revealed that perhaps a combination of factors are placing undue stress on turkeys.

From this research, the task force has agreed upon certain recommendations that have been forwarded to the Game Commission's Bureau of Wildlife Management and the Board of Game Commissioners to consider as part of establishing seasons and bag limits for wild turkey, as well as making other wildlife management decisions. Among those recommendations, the task force has recommended that:

1. The Board of Game Commissioners keep the fall turkey-hunting season in WMU 5A closed until data from turkey population indices show a steady population improvement for three consecutive years. If the population remains at least stable through next summer, the task force potentially could recommend to the Board that it open the fall season as early the fall of 2009.

To err on the side of caution, Mary Jo Casalena, Game Commission wild turkey biologist, noted that this recommendation could perhaps be a three-day, mid-week hunt. "Fall turkey hunting is the second most popular fall season, next to deer hunting," Casalena said. "When we open the fall season here we don't want to place too much pressure on this turkey population

and find ourselves right back where we started with a low turkey density." The fall season in WMU 5A was closed in 2003, when research results showed that the fall turkey harvest was one factor suppressing the wild turkey population.

2. The Game Commission should not increase turkey numbers in WMU 5A by

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the trapping and transfer of birds from other areas. While this seems an easy, quick fix, Casalena pointed out that research indicates that doing so will likely not increase the population in the long term. "Accurately managing and monitoring the natural population already in place is the recommended course of action, and the population is now increasing," Casalena said.

3. The Wild Turkey Task Force will seek to work with local farmers, orchards, and landowners to modify the method of controlling rodent populations in the area. "Free-ranging turkeys are susceptible to picking up rodenticides while foraging," Casalena said. "NWTF is contacting orchard owners around the Michaux to offer assistance with building and distributing bait stations for ridding orchards of unwanted rodents rather than broadcasting rodenticides. These bait stations will help prevent accidental rodenticide poisoning of turkeys." She stressed, however, that while turkey mortality from rodenticide poisoning is small, it is another form of mortality that is preventable. The NWTF hopes to supply the bait stations to orchard owners next fall.

Fruit growers interested in participating may contact NWTF Regional Biologist, Bob Eriksen, via e-mail (boberiksen@juno.com), for more details.

4. The Wild Turkey Task Force members will monitor the use of wildlife openings by hen turkeys and their broods within the state forest to see if more time and money should be put into improving the habitat of these openings.

5. Road closures in the state forest during spring gobbler season and the turkey-nesting season continue so as to minimize disturbance of nesting hens.

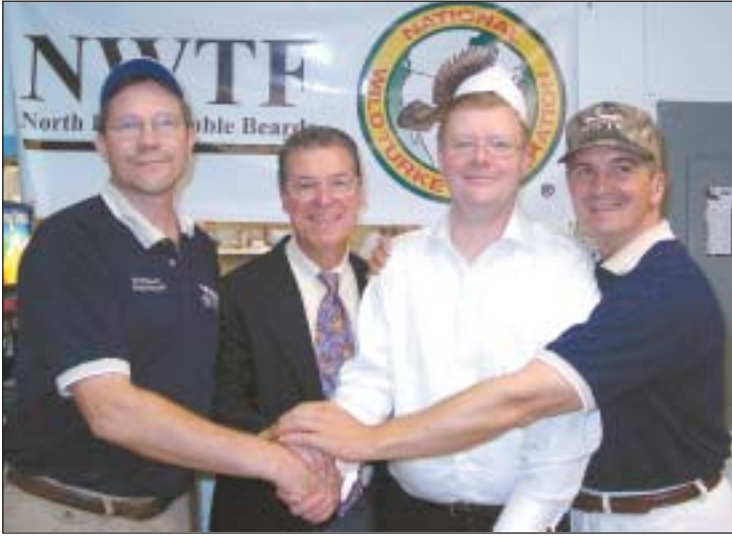
6. Timber stand thinning be conducted in certain sections of the state forest. Acorn production is important to a healthy turkey habitat. The Michaux forestry staff will conduct timber stand thinning in certain sections of the state forest. This will improve survival and growth of oaks and remove less desirable competitive tree species. This effort has been ongoing with thinning on almost 300 acres so far, according to Bureau of Forestry Forester, David Yeager.

7. Excessive mountain laurel, which is only of marginal use as a habitat covering for turkeys and other species, be removed to encourage growth of other shrubs and plants more beneficial to turkeys. A process called "scarification" uses a bulldozer with attached specialized equipment to disturb the forest soils. Then, special seeds and acorns are loosely tilled into the exposed soil and allowed to germinate. Almost 300 acres in the state forest were treated last year.

8. Long-term monitoring of the turkey population in the Michaux State Forest will continue in order to evaluate the impacts of management strategies.

Don Heckman, spokesperson for the Pennsylvania Chapter of the NWTF said the organization has always been active in supporting measures to increase turkey habitat. "I suppose it may be difficult for non-hunters to understand the admiration and respect that we have for this intelligent, wary game bird," Heckman said. "To that end, the Pennsylvania NWTF and our local chapters are ready and willing allies for a common cause – assuring healthy populations of free-ranging wild turkeys."

Local Chapters participate in Turkey Hunters Care program



North boros

Left to right: Bob Schmid, President of Double Beards; Tom Lazar, Director of Development at Light of Life Rescue Mission; Tom Friday, owner of Friday's Market; and Paul Blake, Double Beards member



Left to right: SVD-AC volunteers Dick Musante and Ron Nalley, AM NWTF member Matt Zunich, SVD-AC volunteer John O'Connor, AM NWTF president Mike Culp, and SVD-AC volunteer Ray Amato. Walt Young photo

Allegheny Mountain

The Turkey Hunters Care program is a community outreach initiative of the NWTF in which local chapters team up to support food banks, missions, homeless shelters, and civic organizations through turkey donations and volunteer time.

On October 19, The North Boros Double Beards, located in the North Hills of Pittsburgh, donated 36 turkeys to Light of Life Rescue Mission located on Pittsburgh's North Side. The donation was part of the Turkey Hunters Care program and was coordinated with Tom Friday's Market, also in the North Hills. The donation will help Light of Life provide their annual Thanksgiving Banquet for the poor, hungry, and homeless of Greater Pittsburgh.

"As a conservation group and organization of turkey hunters, we want the community to know that we are interested in more than just hunting," said Bob Schmid, president of the Double Beards. "That's why we partnered with groups like the Woods Run Youth

Fishing tournament in July and now with Light of Life. It's a natural continuation of our involvement with the communities in the northern sections of Allegheny County."

"We expect to serve over 1,000 turkey dinners on Thanksgiving," said Tom Lazar, Light of Life's Director of Development, "and this donation certainly helps us do that. Most importantly, every meal represents an opportunity for people in need to receive life-changing care provided by our programs."

On Nov. 13, members of the Allegheny Mountain Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (AM NWTF) donated 50 Thanksgiving turkeys to the St. Vincent DePaul - Assumption Chapel (SVD-AC) food pantry in Altoona. The chapter also donated an additional 30 turkeys to the St. Vincent DePaul in Lilly. According to SVD-AC director Don Belsey, the food pantry assists about 725 needy families in northern Blair County each month.

Zimmerman Family Visits State Game Lands 211

BY BOB ERIKSEN, NWTF REGIONAL BIOLOGIST

Just as the leaves were beginning to change this fall, the Zimmerman family gathered at the home of Jerry's parents for a trip to visit the land dedicated to the memory of their son, husband, father, brother, and cousin. Pennsylvania Game Commission Land Management Officer Scott Bills and Pennsylvania Chapter Board Member Don Heckman helped to arrange the family's visit to the site of the sign placed in honor of Jerry and to a food plot dedicated to his memory. Jerry would have been pleased with the fine weather, the changing leaves, and the quality of the food plot on the mountain near his parents' home.

On that bright Sunday afternoon, more than twenty people traveled to the game lands and paused to remember our friend, dedicated conservationist Jerry Zimmerman. Few people dedicate

their lives and energies to the wildlife resource in the way Jerry did. From the day he joined the staff of the National Wild Turkey Federation and even before, Jerry had an intense interest in leaving wildlife habitat in better condition than he found it. Jerry worked tirelessly to raise funds for use in habitat enhancement projects, and it is fitting that a parcel of land was purchased and added to the Game Lands system in his memory. Donations and gifts from Jerry's many friends made the purchase of the land possible and provided the funding for the food plot located within sight of the sign.

Many forms of wildlife will benefit from the addition of this property to SGL 211, and many future hunters who never met Jerry will enjoy following their hearts to the woods. Wild turkeys and deer will feed in the food plot near the sign. Thank you, Jerry, for all you did to make this world a better place for wildlife and hunters.

Profiles in Habitat

The Carbohydrate Factor

BY JOE KRUG

In the lunchroom at work, several hunters were discussing the heavy acorn crop in the area that they hunt. One hunter concluded that this was an indication that we were in for a very tough winter. Finding it difficult to remain on the sidelines of the conversation, I questioned my colleague.

"I am hunting only about 15 miles from you, and we don't have any acorns. Does that mean your winter is going to be harsh, and our winter is going to be very mild?" I asked.

My friend glared at me and failed to come up with a response. I expect that in the back of his mind, he was saying not so nice things about me.

And then there is the fellow who tells me about the woolly worm that he saw that was all black, its presence confirming that we are in for a really bad winter. I usually respond by telling him about the woolly worm I just saw that was almost all brown in color. I follow by asking my friend if that means that on his side of the highway, they are going to have a harsh winter, while on my side of the road, the conditions will be mild? Another nasty glare.

Rather than calling attention to my questionable people skills, perhaps a short, educational course on the subject would be appropriate. Current mast crops are no indication of what future weather conditions will be. They can, however, be a direct result of past weather conditions. In order for a tree to produce fruit (or seed), it must store an ample amount of carbohydrates, starches, and sugars. It takes three conditions for this process to take place: sufficient amounts of water, sunlight, and nutrients.

Photosynthesis takes place in a tree's leaves, where sunlight, water, and nutrients are converted into carbohydrates. The starches are then stored in the trees, twigs, roots, and branches. After the tree

stores enough carbs, it knows it is in condition to produce a crop of fruit and sets an abundance of blossoms. A good mast crop usually follows if the blossoms escape any late frost. After the tree purges its fruit, it has most likely been depleted of carbohydrates and energy. This same tree will go back to storing energy in the form of sugar and starches and is not likely to produce another crop of fruit for a couple more years.

In orchards, fruit farmers rarely experience a year without fruit on their trees. That is because they spend a lot of time and energy fertilizing, liming, pruning, and irrigating their orchard. A wild apple tree of questionable genetics, growing on the next ridge in an infertile soil, may produce a crop of apples maybe only once every eight or ten years.

How can this knowledge be of any avail to a hunter, aside from avoiding nasty glares? It would be wise to take a few lessons from the guy who operates the orchard. Pruning that old apple tree where you bushwhacked several bucks over the years would be helpful to its productiveness. Also take time to remove any competing vegetation, which robs the tree of water and nutrients.

Speaking of nutrients, don't forget about fertilizer. For a good rule of thumb, add about one pound of fertilizer for each inch of trunk diameter – 10-10-10 or 15-15-15 fertilizer should be adequate. Do not – and I repeat – do not exceed this amount! Excessive nutrient levels can severely damage the tree. About every third year, I recommend skipping the fertilizer to avoid nutrient build up. Better to err on the side of safety. If soil is acidic, a coat of lime once every six or seven years would be beneficial as well. The same type of care to that big oak tree will greatly enhance its productivity as well. Skip the lime for this big boy, however, because oaks like acidic soils.

Good luck with your newfound knowledge, and may all of your efforts bear fruit!

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Habitat Corner – Frost Seeding

BY BOB SCHMID

If your clover plots are anything like mine, they are probably coming through the winter showing some bare spots from overuse by the deer and turkeys. A good technique for recharging your existing clover plots prior to the spring is frost seeding. As the name implies, this technique of seeding occurs before the last frost of the season. The best time to do this is when the daytime temperatures are above freezing but the nighttime temperatures dip below freezing, creating a freeze-thaw action.

Best results are achieved once the snow has melted. Choose your favorite type of clover seed and apply at a reduced rate than the directions state. A rate of about 50 percent of the recommended seeding rate is probably plenty, or between 2 and 6 pound per acre, depending upon the type of clover you plant. Use a broadcast spreader to apply the seed or even a hand spreader, depending on the size of the plot and the equipment you have available. The objective is to achieve good seed to soil contact. This occurs when the freeze-thaw cycle creates tiny fissures in the soil, which then sets the seed into the soil when the ground thaws. Frost seeding is one technique in maintaining your existing clover plots that can help minimize weeds from filling in bare spots and prevent you from having to completely replant the plot.

For more information on creating food plots and other habitat management techniques log on to the "Habitat Corner" page on the PA NWTF Web site: www.panwtf.org/habitatcorner.php.



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As an additional benefit, each member can purchase additional bags of Northeast/Midwest Strut and Rut[®] Mix for just \$69.00 and/or Clover Blend for just \$44.74, unsubsidized but at a reduced price, in **unlimited** quantities. However, to take advantage of these savings, you must submit the order with this seed subsidy offer.

Northeast/Midwest Strut and Rut[®] Mix comes pre-inoculated and a 20-pound bag will cover approximately one acre. This mixture will provide areas of food and cover throughout the winter and provide excellent nesting and brood-rearing cover during spring and early summer. This mix is great for wild turkey, deer and other wildlife. Broadcast 20-pounds over one acre from May into late June and through September in the fall. Cover seed " deep using a drag or culti-packer to insure good soil to seed contact. Soil pH should be 5.5 – 7.0. If you cannot have soil tested, fertilize with 5-10-15 at a rate of 250 pounds per acre and a minimum of 2,000 pounds of lime per acre.

Clover Blend is a 9-pound mixture of pre-inoculated alsike, ladino, white and red clover. Soil pH should be 6.5 – 7.0. As an alternative to soil testing, add 300-500 pounds of 3-9-9 fertilizer per acre. Broadcast 9-pounds per acre in spring. Cover seed " deep using a drag or culti-packer to insure good soil to seed contact.

Sincerely,

Jon Pries
Pennsylvania State Chapter President
National Wild Turkey Federation





PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER SEED OFFER
 Limited Quantity – First Come, First Serve
 Offer Expires March 1, 2008 **OR** While Supplies Last
 Nwtf Members Only

First Name (Please print or type)		Last Name	
Shipping Address (We cannot deliver to PO boxes)			
City		State	Zip
Daytime Phone		Evening Phone	
Member Number	E-mail Address		

SEED SUBSIDY OFFER (Pennsylvania Super Fund Program Pays 50% Cost Of Seed And Shipping)
Sponsor Members May Purchase A TOTAL Of Two (2) Bags of either seed mix
Regular Members May Purchase A TOTAL Of One (1) Bag of either seed mix

9860058 I want _____ 20# bag(s) of Northeast/Midwest Strut and Rut® Mix Powered By Grow Coat™ for just \$34.50 each, shipping included.
Sponsor members allowed 2 bags Regular members allowed 1 bag

9860124 I want _____ 9# bag(s) of Clover Blend for just \$22.37 each, shipping included.
Sponsor members allowed 2 bags Regular members allowed 1 bag

NON SUBSIDIZED – BUT AT A SPECIAL REDUCED PRICE WITH NO LIMIT ON AMOUNT ORDERED

9860059 I want _____ Additional 20# bag(s) of Northeast/Midwest Strut and Rut® Mix Powered By Grow Coat™ for just \$69.00 each, shipping included.

9860125 I want _____ Additional 9# bag(s) of Clover Blend for just \$44.74 each, shipping included.

Total for my order \$ _____	MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION
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Payment: Check # Money Order Visa
 MasterCard American Express Discover

Credit Card Number	Expiration Date
Signature	Date

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

National Wild Turkey Federation
 C/O Pennsylvania Seed Offer
 P.O. Box 530
 Edgefield, South Carolina 29824



Source Code: PA SS08

Attention Pennsylvania Turkey Hunters

YOU Can Help Eliminate Orange During Spring Turkey Season

At their October Meeting, the Pennsylvania Board of Game Commissioners indicated they prepared to eliminate the fluorescent-orange requirement for the spring

turkey season. It's not a done deal, though. There are still members of the media, legislators and others who do not understand the facts. And they could influence the final outcome of this vote. Let's work together to make sure this unnecessary and ineffective regulation is rescinded.

Now is the time! Currently, there is a public comment period regarding eliminating the mandatory use of fluorescent orange. A final vote will occur at the January Board of Game Commissioners' meeting. You can help by ensuring the commissioners understand why wearing orange does NOT make spring turkey season safer. Contact each commissioner in the next few weeks and tell them the facts about how orange does not improve spring turkey hunting safety. See their contact information below.

Make your voice heard TODAY.

PGC Commissioners
Thomas Boop, President,
Roxane Palone, Vice-President,
Gregory Isabella, Secretary,
Russel Schleiden, Commissioner,
H. Daniel Hill III, Commissioner,
David Schreffler, Commissioner,
Jay Delaney, Commissioner,

E-mail the commissioners at PGCOMMENTS@state.pa.us, or write the commissioners at:

Pennsylvania Game Commission
2001 Elmerton Ave.
Harrisburg, PA 17110-9797
717-787-4250

Help the Commissioners understand these facts:

FACT: Pennsylvania is the only state that requires orange during spring turkey season. Yet, spring incident rates in Pennsylvania have changed very little since this regulation was introduced in 1992. Average incident rate per year before mandatory orange (1985-1992): 8.75 per year; 4.3 per 100,000. Average incident rate per year after mandatory orange (1993-2005): 10.38 per year; 4.5 per 100,000.

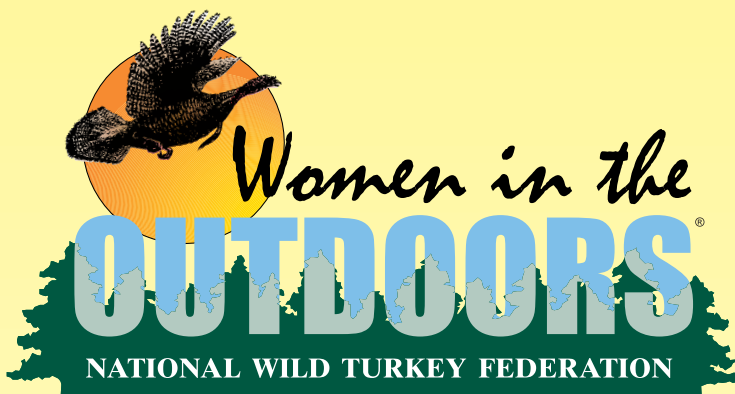
FACT: Other states with large numbers of turkey hunters show the same or even lower average number of incidents and incident rates as Pennsylvania. Average incident rates from 1993 to present:

New York – 180,000 hunters – 7.45 incidents per year – 3.5 per 100,000;
Missouri – 125,000 hunters – 5.8 incidents per year – 4.67 per 100,000;
Wisconsin – 168,000 hunters – 2.7 incidents per year – 2.75 per 100,000;
Michigan – 98,000 hunters – 1.00 incidents per year – 1.00 per 100,000; and
West Virginia – 120,000 hunters – 1.75 incidents per year – 1.2 per 100,000

FACT: Scientific field research shows use of fluorescent orange clothing reduces a hunter's chances of harvesting a turkey. Hunters in camo are three times more successful according to research conducted in three states and published in the Wildlife Society Bulletin.

FACT: Orange is closely related to red in the color spectrum and can be mistaken for the red of a gobbler's head. Because of this, the use of orange could potentially draw fire.

More than 10 years of testing has proven the regulation requiring spring turkey hunters to wear an orange hat while moving has done nothing to improve safety. Thus, the Pennsylvania Chapter of the NWTF recommends the PGC rescind the regulation. Instead, the NWTF's Pennsylvania Chapter promotes education and awareness as the best ways to reduce spring turkey hunting incident rates. To show they are serious about that, the chapter will continue to support the PGC by providing turkey hunting safety information, preparing safety articles for a variety of publications, making turkey hunter safety DVD/CD sets available to hunter education instructors, posting billboards reminding hunters to properly identify their targets, and participating in hunter education classes as volunteer instructors.



2008 Pennsylvania Events

Do you enjoy activities in the out of doors? Would you like to learn outdoor skills or brush up on old ones, and network with other women who enjoy the same outdoor activities as you enjoy? Then come and participate in a National Wild Turkey Federation's Women in the Outdoors event! You will learn outdoor skills in a non-competitive environment. Skills that you can take home and share with family and friends. Make new friends and maybe take up a new hobby.

Come and join the fun!

January 26

PA State Chapter and Cabela's
Tammy Mowry: 724-284-9201,
tammynwtf@zoominternet.net
Steven Pickett: 610-929-7040,
steven.pickett@cabelas.com
Cabela's, Hamburg (Berks
County)

March 1

Moraine Chapter
Tammy Mowry: 724-284-9201,
tammynwtf@zoominternet.net
Butler City Hunting & Fishing
Club, East Butler (Butler
County)

March 28-30

Pennsylvania State Chapter
Rhonda Henry: 814-443-6241,
rhondapa@hotmail.com
Tammy Mowry: 724-284-9201,
tammynwtf@zoominternet.net
Frank T. Soles YMCA Camp,
Rockwood (Somerset County)

April 19

Allegheny Valley Chapter
Heather Wells: 724-265-4883,
HeatherWells531@msn.com
Bullcreek Sportsmen's Club,
Tarentum (Allegheny County)

April 20

North Boros Double Beards
Chapter
Cathy Schmid: 412-766-7687,
schmidcathy@hotmail.com
Kimberly Lehnhardt:
412-867-1937
Sportsman's Warehouse,
Pittsburgh (Allegheny County)

May 2-4

PA State Chapter and Carlisle
YMCA
Tammy Mowry: 724-284-9201,
tammynwtf@zoominternet.net
Bonnie Berk 717-243-2525,
ext. 222,
bonnieberk@comcast.net
Camp Thompson YMCA
Camp, Gardners, PA (Adams
County)

May 16-17

PA State Chapter and Black
Moshannon State Park
Michelle McCloskey:
814-342-5960,
blackmoshannonsp@state.pa.us
Tammy Mowry: 724-284-9201,
tammynwtf@zoominternet.net
Black Moshannon State Park,
Philipsburg (Centre County)

May 31

Kinzua Allegheny Chapter
Jessica Arnold: 814-436-1048,
duckdog@outdrs.net
Chapman State Park,
Clarendon (Warren County)

May 31

Sherman's Valley Strutters
Chapter
Judy Bitting: 717-834-5908,
judybitting@hotmail.com
Duncannon Sportsmen's
Association, Duncannon (Perry
County)

June 14

Jerry Zimmerman Memorial
Chapter and Walking Purchase

Chapter

Katrina Skrapits:
610-760-1689, kskrap@ptd.net
Ontelaunee Rod & Gun Club,
New Tripoli (Lehigh County)

June 14

Red Rose Chapter
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broseyj@yahoo.com
Tammy Kauffman:
717-354-0457,
tkauffman@frontiernet.net
Milton Grove Sportsmen's
Club, Elizabethtown (Lancaster
County)

June 21

Wilhelm Chapter
Annette (Sis) Tobin:
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lattobin@peoplepc.com
Meg LeSuer: 814-734-5029
Lake Edinboro Sportsman
League, Edinboro (Crawford
County)

June 21

Keystone Sportsmen's Club
Women in the Outdoors
Tammy Parks: 724-354-3595,
tspjat@icubed.com
Keystone Sportsmen's Club,
Creskide (Armstrong County)

June 21-22

PA State Chapter and
Sinnemahoning State Park
Jackie Flynn: 814-647-8401,
jallynn@state.pa.us
Sinnemahoning State Park,
Austin (Cameron County)

July 12

Moraine Chapter
Tammy Mowry: 724-284-9201,
tammynwtf@zoominternet.net
Butler City Hunting & Fishing
Club, East Butler (Butler
County)

July 19

PA State Chapter and Cowans
Gap State Park
Beth Garner: 717-485-3948,
NRCowansEEPrograms@state.pa.us
Cowans Gap State Park, Fort
Loudon (Franklin County)

August 1-2

Muncy Creek Chapter
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570-323-7947,
hurwitzbatteriescqm@verizon.net
Nancy Craft: 570-482-4364,
rockrun@dishmail.net
North Mountain Sportsman
Club, Muncy Valley (Sullivan
County)

August 9

Penns' Woods Spurs Chapter
Danielle Straley: 412-798-2965,
dstrale2@comcast.net
Trafford Sportsmen's Club,
Trafford (Westmoreland Co.)

August 9

Mt. Pisgah State Park
Nicole Carman: 570-297-2734,
nicolecarman@yahoo.com
Mt. Pisgah State Park, Troy
(Bradford County)

August 9

Lower Bucks Longbeards
Chapter
Dawn Secrest: 267-253-9002,
girlshunt2@comcast.net
Langhorne Rod & Gun Club,
Southampton (Bucks County)

August 30

Bald Eagle Longbeards Chapter
Mary Probst: 570-748-3339
Western Clinton Sportsmen's
Association, Hyner (Clinton
County)

Events will continue to be scheduled throughout the year, be sure to check back often to see what events have been added.

10th Anniversary



Weekend Getaway

*Presented by the
Pennsylvania State Chapter
National Wild Turkey Federation*

*March 28-30, 2008
6:00 p.m. Friday -
3:30 p.m. Sunday*

*Frank T. Soles YMCA Camp
Rockwood, PA (Somerset County)*

Do you love the outdoors, but can't find time to enjoy it?

Are you tired of your typical weekend...errands, laundry, kids, cleaning, chores...the same old thing?

Have we got the Perfect Escape for you.

This is an opportunity to stretch your wings and try something new and exciting in a setting that encourages comfort and fun in the outdoors. It's like weekend camp for grownups!!

Grab your mom, sister, friend, or co-worker, or grab all of them. Bring them to the 10th anniversary celebration for a fun and exciting weekend of learning and fellowship.

Bring your checkbook or credit card too for special raffles, games, and a silent auction.

**Registration for this event is
\$135 - \$160 and includes:**

- ◊ Choice of 7 expertly instructed classes
- ◊ Equipment and materials needed for use during classes
- ◊ Friday evening snacks, Saturday breakfast, lunch, and supper, Sunday breakfast and lunch
- ◊ Sleeping accommodations for 2 nights in cabins which contain bunk beds. Cabins are heated. Lodging will be assigned as applications are received. Bring a sleeping bag, pillow, towel/washcloth, and personal toiletries.
- ◊ 1-year subscription to the Women in the Outdoors Magazine
- ◊ 1-year membership to the Women in the Outdoors (or extension of current membership)

Please Note: Organizing this event takes place months in advance, and every effort is made to offer all scheduled classes. However, due to circumstances beyond our control, instructors, topics, and schedules may change. In the event of an unforeseen cancellation, participants will be offered an alternative class.

Demonstration equipment will be provided for your use. Feel free to bring your own bow, firearm, binoculars, fishing gear, compass, etc. Classes are outdoors and hands-on. For safety and comfort, please bring clothing suitable to a variety of weather.

Send check and registration to:

Rhonda Henry
151 Trent Road
Friedens, PA 15541

Directions to Camp Soles, confirmation letter, and items to bring with you will be provided upon receipt of your paid registration.

For additional information, contact:

Rhonda Henry (814) 443-6241
Email: rhondapa@hotmail.com

Tammy Mowry (724) 284-9201
Email: tammyntwf@zoominternet.net

Carolyn Huff (724) 946-2350

Group classes will occur during the evenings. Friday evening be prepared for our 10th Anniversary Party and on Saturday we'll have our annual turkey calling class and turkey calling contest.

Option 1: Friday evening arrival: Participants may choose to arrive around 6:00 p.m. Snacks will be provided during the evening. Upon arrival you will receive your room assignment and your personal schedule for the weekend. The evening program will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Registration fee is \$160. (several of the specialized classes are additional)

Option 2: Saturday morning arrival: Arrive between 8:00 and 8:30 a.m. Upon arrival you will receive your room assignment and personal schedule for the weekend. **Registration fee is \$135. (several of the specialized classes are additional)**

Sponsorships: If you believe in what the WITO program is about and would like to contribute further—Sponsorship Level Memberships are available for \$200, which includes a sponsor gift, sponsor pin, and entry into a special drawing for new Sponsor Members this weekend.

*Raffles, Silent Auction, and
Door Prizes*

Class Choices and Descriptions

Archery: Learn about this fast growing sport. Do you want to learn backyard recreation, competitive target shooting, or maybe you want to go bow hunting? You will learn how to select equipment that fits you. There will be lots of hands-on instruction. Experience the thrill of hitting the target!

Fishing: Develop basic skills needed to catch fish: casting, knot tying, lure selection, fish identification, fishing locations, and equipment choice and use.

Shotgunning: You will become familiar with different types of shotguns, ammunition, and proper gun fitting. Time will be spent at the range where you will shoot clay birds.

Outdoor Survival Skills: We know getting lost could happen, but if you were in such a situation would you survive? What you will learn in this class may make the difference. Learn how to cope in a survival situation using materials on hand. Learn how to minimize heat loss, maximize heat gain, and how to be found.

Pistols and .22 Rifles: Participants will learn proper handling of .22 rifles and pistols, shooting positions, and basic shooting techniques. There will be lots of practice time.

Dutch Oven Cooking: Food always tastes better when it's cooked outside. Don't go hungry in the outdoors! This session covers methods, equipment, and recipes for delighted tummies.

Muzzleloading: Peer through a puff of smoke and experience the thrill of delayed discharge! In this introduction to the sport of shooting muzzleloaders, you'll load, shoot, and fire this primitive firearm.

Attracting Wildlife: Would you like to learn to make your property more appealing to wildlife? You'll learn how to plan for a safe and attractive backyard? **(\$5 charge for class supplies)**

Outdoor Crafts: In this class you will be making two different crafts that you will be able to take home with you. One of the items will be a duct tape tote bag. **(additional \$10 to cover supplies for this class.)**

Cowboy Action Shooting: American History buffs and serious shooters alike agree the use of vintage firearms, authentic costuming, unique targets, and fast action make this one of the most interesting of all shooting sports!

Trailer Handling: This course is for the woman who wants to be independent and confident enough to trailer a boat, ATV, snowmobile, or camper by herself. Learn towing safety, maintenance, and the art of backing up trailers. A valid driver's license is required.

Basic Painting: Participants in this class will learn the basics of getting started in painting different items, while doing a hands-on project. **(\$5 charge for class supplies)**

Geocaching: This is sometimes called "high-tech" treasure hunting. Geocaching is one of the fastest growing activities. This class will involve using a GPS unit and you will also go on a hike throughout the facility property.

Climbing Wall: Are you up for a new challenge. The climbing wall will provide a wealth of opportunities to have fun while enhancing self-esteem and confidence. It involves adventure, risk-taking, and attempting the unusual, while encouraging participants to test their limits. Come and challenge yourself. This is a brand new class for our event. How far can you get up the climbing wall? This is sure to be a popular class. (Weather permitting) **(\$5 charge for class supplies)**

Knots, Knots, Knots: It's time to tie up the tarp, or hang the bear bag, or tie the canoe on top of the car, or.....do you know how to tie the knot? This class will take the mystery out of knots. Learn various knots, how to tie them, and when to use each knot. Hands-on activities will help reinforce newly learned knot tying skills.

Trapping and Furbearers in Pennsylvania: Learn about the furbearers of Pennsylvania. This class will include identification, humane trapping standards and devices and equipment placement.

Basic Car Care: Worried about being stranded on the highway? Worry no longer. You will learn how to change a flat tire, what's involved in changing your oil, and other key elements vital to basic car maintenance. You don't want to miss this class.

Fly Fishing: Learn how to cast a fly rod while you acquire information on fly fishing, local opportunities, rules, and regulations.

Essential Oils (NEW CLASS): Discover the natural healing power of essential oils! For many centuries, people have used essential oils for medicinal and aromatherapy purposes. This course will introduce you to the properties of the most common essential oils and how to blend them. You will also have the opportunity to create your own essential oil blend. **(additional \$5 to cover supplies for this class.)**

PA Song Birds (NEW CLASS): Have you ever wondered what song birds you have around your home. In this class you won't wonder anymore. You'll know exactly what song birds are in your backyard as well as throughout the state.

Canoeing: Learn the basic knowledge and skills needed to be safe on the water and enjoy canoeing. Topics include safety, equipment, preparation, strokes, maneuvering, and more.

Kayaking: Learn the basic knowledge and skills needed to be safe on the water and enjoy kayaking. Topics include safety, equipment, preparation, strokes, maneuvering and much more.

Powder Puff Tools (NEW CLASS): Are you intimidated with trying to tackle small jobs around your house because you don't know the difference in the various tools your husband or you owns. This class will help you learn the basics for getting familiar with the tools that you might need for some around the house jobs.

PA Black Bears (NEW CLASS): The Pennsylvania Game Commission will be teaching this class and you'll get to learn about the beautiful black bears we have in the state.

Basic Hunting (NEW CLASS): Is the idea of hunting new to you, but you don't know where to start learning. This class is just for you. You'll get the basics for the different types of hunting that take place.

Backpacking in PA (NEW CLASS): In this class you will learn about selecting, packing, and wearing a backpack, choosing a campsite, selecting food, gear and clothing, staying safe, and the "Leave No Trace" principles of wilderness travel.

Gun Cleaning/Maintenance: So you've taken your first shots, but how do you keep your equipment in tip-top shape? Learn the basics of cleaning your firearm from proper tools and equipment to safety. You'll get to try it yourself with some hands-on training.

Soap Making (NEW CLASS): In this class you'll have the opportunity to make your own soap. You'll be able to take your creation home with you. **(additional \$5 to cover supplies for this class.)**

REGISTRATION FORM

To ensure your registration is processed accurately, please register only one person per registration form (copies of the registration may be made)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Email Address _____ (Email is our preferred method of sending your confirmation, map, etc.)

New member _____ Renewal member _____ Membership Number _____

Emergency Contact _____ Emergency Phone () _____

Room with: _____ Early to Bed _____ Night Owl _____

Women in the Outdoors T-shirts can be ordered with your registration fee. T-shirts are \$10 each. T-shirts will not be available at the event, please indicate size you want. Deadline for ordering is 3/1/08.

_____ Small _____ Medium _____ Large _____ XL _____ XXL _____ XXXL

Registration Fee: Option 1: **\$160** Option 2: **\$135** Several classes have an additional fee.

Payment Method (cash, checks, and credit cards will be accepted)

- \$ _____ Registration fee
- \$ _____ Additional class fee
- \$ _____ Raffle 1: \$20 each (tickets will be held until the day of the event)
- \$ _____ Raffle 2: \$2 or 3 for \$5 (tickets will be held until the day of the event)
- \$ _____ I can't attend, but I want to keep my Women in the Outdoors membership current and magazine coming (\$25)
- \$ _____ Women in the Outdoors T-shirt (\$10)
- \$ _____ TOTAL

No refunds after March 15. You may send a substitute.

Make check payable to: **PA State Women in the Outdoors**

- **Charge my credit card number** _____
- Circle one: **Visa** **M/C** **Discover** **Exp. Date:** _____ **Card ID Number:** _____
- (The 3-digit number is located on the back of your card, usually at the top of the signature area)
- Signature: _____ **(please bring your credit card along)**

Course Offerings: Rank your top 10 choices in order of preference, with 1 being your first choice and 10 being your last. (We will do our best to place you in your top 7 choices)

_____ Archery	_____ Muzzleloading	_____ Geocaching	_____ Essential Oils	_____ Basic Hunting
_____ Fishing	_____ Attracting Wildlife	_____ Climbing Wall	_____ PA Song Birds	_____ Backpacking
_____ Shotgunning	_____ Outdoor Crafts	_____ Knots, Knots	_____ Canoeing	_____ Gun Cleaning
_____ Outdoor Survival	_____ Cowboy Action	_____ Trapping	_____ Kayaking	_____ Soap Making
_____ Pistols/Rifles	_____ Trailer Handling	_____ Basic Car Care	_____ Powder Puff	
_____ Dutch Oven	_____ Basic Painting	_____ Fly Fishing	_____ PA Black Bears	

In addition to our silent auction, we are also having a couple of raffles before and during the event. The first raffle is: \$20 and can be included in your payment. These prizes would make great gifts:

- Prize 1: Knight Big Horn muzzleloading rifle, 50 caliber, stainless with thumbhole stock, new Realtree pattern**
- Prize 2: 1/4 C.T TW Diamond Pendant**
- Prize 3: Electric Turkey Fryer and 3 Person Tent**



Our second raffle is for a collector's trunk. **Raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5**

From jewelry to collectibles, they can all be stored in this magnificent stained white pine chest. This handsome piece of furniture features an iron stand and one drawer. The top of the chest opens to reveal more storage and is adorned with Dennis Minor's art, "Old Timer." The front also features an NWTF medallion.

PARTICIPANT RELEASE

The participant, by signing below, acknowledges this program involves some risk and she/he assumes responsibility for her/his action and for any injury that may result from participating and also waives and releases all other participants, the host, sponsors, instructors, the National Wild Turkey Federation, officials, and/or other parties involved in the event from all claims and/or damage/injury incurred in connection with this event. In addition, participant grants the sponsors, co-sponsors, and the National Wild Turkey Federation the unconditional right to use the name, voice, email address and photographic likeness of the person listed above, in regards to any of the publications and audio/video productions.

Signature of Participant _____ Date _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian for Participant of Ages 14 – 17 _____ Date _____

SILENT AUCTION AND PRIZE DRAWING!

Last year we tried this and it was such a hit, we wanted to do it again this year. It can be a lot of fun and the participants will get to go home with some great goodies!!

We're inviting each of you to bring an item. If you choose to participate, you may place your item in either the silent auction or door prize drawing. It doesn't have to be anything big. It doesn't have to be anything new. You can be creative! It can be anything from homemade S'mores kits to a Compound Bow set-up. Here are some general guidelines you can follow.

1. **It should have an outdoor theme.** It doesn't have to be outdoor equipment, it could be a really cool antler shed, a basket made of natural materials, or a pair of wildlife earrings. Of course, it could also be a compass, a tent, a canteen, or a canoe.
2. **It can be new or used, as long as it's in good condition.** For example, if you have a piece of outdoor equipment that you're no longer using and don't plan to use, or if one of your relatives has a piece of equipment that is no longer being used – bring it.
3. **It can be worth 50 cents, \$5, or \$500** or anything over, under, or in between.

All proceeds will go towards the event!

You can bring your Silent Auction or Door Prize donation with you to the check-in table. Your donation will be designated for the purpose that you specify below. THANKS SO MUCH!

Item Description: _____ Approximate Value: _____

Donated by: _____

Please check all that apply:

- This item by be combined with others to increase the value of the prize
- I would prefer this item NOT be combined with others
- I would like this item to be used as a Door Prize
- I would like this item to be used in the Silent Auction
- This item may be used in either the Door Prize Drawing or the Silent Auction

If you would like information on possibly car pooling with others, please indicate below and we will make sure you get a list of those interested in car pooling.

I would like information on people who are car pooling YES NO

Celebrating 10 years of



2008 Hunting Heritage Banquets

January through June

Date	Chapter	City	Contact
Jan. 19	Shermans Valley Strutters	Duncannon	Mowry
Jan. 19	Wilhelm	Edinboro	Ferrare
Jan. 26	Muncy Creek	Muncy Valley	Smith
Feb. 1	Blue Mountain	Lebanon	Smith
Feb. 2	Chesquehanna Spurs	St. Benedict	Ferrare
Feb. 2	Moraine	Butler	Mowry
Feb. 8	Penn's Woods Spurs	Export	Mowry
Feb. 8	Honey Hole Longbeards	Hazleton	Smith
Feb. 9	Roger Latham Memorial	Coraopolis	Mowry
Feb. 9	Red Rock	Wilkes Barre	Smith
Feb. 9	Col-Mont Gobblers	Danville	Ferrare
Feb. 15	The Laurels Longbeards	Hockessin, Del.	Smith
Feb. 16	Wapiti Roost	St. Marys	Ferrare
Feb. 16	Lake Marburg	Hanover	Mowry
Feb. 16	Lykens Valley	Lykens	Smith
Feb. 23	Gobblers Knob	Punxsutawney	Ferrare
Feb. 23	Lower Lackawanna Longspurs	Duryea	Smith
Feb.29	Delaware County Longbeards	Boothwyn	Smith
Feb. 29	Steel City Spurs	Bridgeville	Mowry
Mar.1	Mon Valley Longbeards	Monongahela	Mowry
Mar.1	Warrior Trail Gobblers	Waynesburg	Mowry
Mar. 1	Terrace Mountain	Huntingdon	Ferrare
Mar. 1	Moshannon	Dubois	Ferrare
Mar. 1	Stony Valley	Harrisburg	Smith
Mar. 7	Jerry Zimmerman Memorial	Allentown	Smith
Mar. 7	Wolf Creek Longbeards	Grove City	Mowry
Mar. 7	Shade Mountain	Port Royal	Ferrare
Mar. 8	Lakefront Gobblers	Edinboro	Ferrare
Mar. 8	Pocono Mountains	Kresgeville	Smith
Mar.14	Friendship Hill Spurs	Dunbar	Mowry
Mar.14	Red Rose	Lancaster	Smith
Mar. 15	Millcreek	Brookville	Ferrare
Mar.15	Peters Creek Trail	West Newton	Mowry
Mar. 15	Schuylkill Spurs	Palo Alto	Smith
Mar.15	Tuscarora Longbeards	McConnellsburg	Mowry
Mar. 15	Susquehanna	Clearfield	Ferrare
Mar. 18	Shenango Valley Beards & Spurs	Hermitage	Ferrare
Mar.20	Laurel Highlands Committee	Greensburg	Mowry
Mar.22	Ten Mile Valley	Washington	Mowry
Mar.22	Cascade Thunderin' Toms	New Castle	Mowry
Mar. 22	Nittany Valley Longbeards	State College	Ferrare
Mar. 28	Allegheny Valley	Cheswick	Mowry
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Mar.29	Fort Chambers	Fayetteville	Mowry
Mar. 29	Endless Mountains	Sayre	Ferrare
Mar. 29	Lake Region Longbeards	Hamlin	Smith
Mar.29	Lower Bucks Longbeards	Morrisville	Smith
Apr. 2	Allegheny Sultans	Titusville	Ferrare
Apr. 5	Kinzua Valley	Smethport	Ferrare
Apr. 5	Tamarack Turkey Talkers	Corry	Ferrare
Apr.5	2nd Chance Tom's	Ambridge	Mowry
Apr.5	Foothills Spurs	Rimersburg	Mowry
Apr.10	Arnie Hayden Memorial	Whitneyville	Ferrare
Apr. 12	Armenia Mountain Spurs	Troy	Ferrare
Apr. 17	Northwest Thunderin' Toms	Meadville	Ferrare
May. 3	Juniata Gobblers	Breezewood	Mowry
May. 10	Wilson F. Moore Memorial	Montrose	Smith
May. 17	Northern Counties Full Fan Ch.	Carbondale	Smith
May. 17	Shippensburg Strutters	Shippensburg	Mowry
May. 31	Brush Valley	Shamokin	Smith
June. 6	Southern End Strutters	Holtwood	Smith
June. 7	Mason Dixon	Kresgeville	Smith
Jun.13	Yellow Creek	Indiana	Mowry
Jun. 14	Central PA Limbhangars	Houtzdale	Ferrare
Jun.14	Whitehorse Mtn. Longbeards	Somerset	Mowry
Jun.18	Allegheny Plateau	Johnstown	Mowry
Jun.19	North Boro Double Beards	Pittsburgh	Mowry
Jun.21	Tussey Mountain Strutters	Martinsburg	Mowry

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