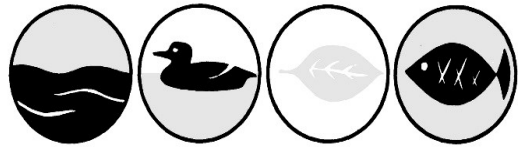


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August 2022 Newsletter

On Saturday July 16th, Lake County Pheasants Forever (LCPF) and the Northern Illinois Conservation Club partnered to host the 4th Annual outdoor Education Day. Additional support was provided by Waukegan Bowmen who handled running the archery station and by IL Learn to Hunt that handled the cooking station.

There were a total of 6 stations: Archery, Wild Game Cooking, Tomahawk Throwing, Air Rifle, Fishing, and Shotgun Shooting. All participants were put into 1 of 6 groups and rotated to each station throughout the day. The first station started at about 9 AM and the last station started at 3 PM. The participants spent about 50 minutes at each station before rotating to their next assigned station. This event was for everyone 10 and up, including adults. This was not strictly a youth event. There were about 60 registered participants, split almost 50/50 youth to adults.

Upon arrival, they entered into the club house to sign in, sign waivers, collect a bag, hat, and other items that were donated. They were also given a "passport". This passport was their ticket to each station and identified what group they were in and what station they should be at at, any point. At each station, if they had shown interest in the station (asking questions, answering questions, catching a fish, hitting a clay, etc.), they were given a sticker from that station. For the participants that collected a sticker from each station (6 total), they were entered into a raffle to pick from items on a table that ranged from fishing lures, tackle boxes, yard games, gun cleaning kits, archery equipment, etc. At least 70% of the participants collected all 6 stickers.

Lunch was provided by LCPF and Chicago Performance Food Group. During lunch, the IL DNR sent officer Tom Davis with a trailer to talk to everyone during lunch. The trailer was open to be walked through and contained a lot of information. Officer Davis was there to answer any questions anyone had about the outdoors in Illinois.





The organizations that volunteered their time and support were:

Lake County Pheasants Forever Northern Illinois Conservation Club Trout Unlimited
 IL Learn to Hunt Waukegan Bowmen Chicago Performance Food Group
 IL Department of Natural Resources

The volunteers were:

Matt Mercereau	Abby Kauth	Curtis Twellmann	Dan Stephens	Matt Kilbride
Jason Buckley	Denise Fini	Mark Fini	Tom Faber	Jason Johnson
Jim Thorpe	Sandra Grishaber	Miles Ten Eyck	Jordan Marcelain	Sarah Marcelain
Jim Moore	Tim Bliese	Greg Halper	Jeff Reinke	Dave Rushford
Evelyn Adams	Megan Berns	Darwin Adams	James Waldow	Diane Waldow
Laura Golonka	Randy Way	Rich Levin	Phillip (Trip) Banks	Lito Guevarra
Tom Scott	Iliana David	Philip David	Rick Deegan	Ken Piktel
Patrick Michael	John Mathatas	Leonard Dane	Paul Hettich	JulianneHettich
Adam Wojciechowski				





Pond Management July 20

Jennifer Biancalan a consultant from Aquatic Services gave an excellent presentation about our pond. Aquatic Services comes every 2 weeks during the spring and summer months to inspect the pond for algae, water quality, temperature, PH levels and alkalinity. The pond is 6-7ft at the deepest. Because the pond has so much growth around the outer perimeter, she puts her boat in for a better inspection.

Because of the two aerators, our pond is wonderful and healthy. One of the main reasons for it being healthy is there isn't runoff from surrounding highways.



Dennis & Lets Sathoff
Christopher Smith



Jim Waldow
Bill & Andy Szmegalski

For mowing the club property for the
Outdoor Education Day.

Don't forget our next Nature Night on August 17 at 6:30 – All about Falcons

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Aug 15	General/Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Aug 17	Nature Night - All about Falcons	6:30 pm
Sept 12	General/Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Sept 18	Trap Shoot	10 am – 2 pm
Sept 21	Nature Night - Pollinators & Open Spaces	6:30 pm
Oct 1	Adopt-A-Highway	10:00 am
Oct 10	General/Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Oct 15	Halloween Party	
Oct 16	Trap Shoot	10am – 2 pm
Oct 19	Nature Night - Honey Products	6:30 pm
Nov 7	General/Board Meeting	7:00 pm
Nov 13	Trap Shoot	10 am – 2 pm
Dec 5	General/Board Meeting	7:00 pm