



NEWSLETTER

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, **7:30 p.m.**

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The February meeting of the Bloomer Rod and Gun Club will be on February 9 at the Clubhouse at 7:30 p.m. The lunch committee for this meeting is Bob and Jean LaTour.

DATES TO NOTE:

February 27—Lake Como Fishing Contest

March 6—CVORA Game Banquet at knights of Columbus Hall in Chippewa Falls.

March 6-7—3-D Archery Shoot

April 17—Spring Party

DNR TURKEY HUNT PROGRAM

There is a program on tap that would help young turkey hunters get started. I think that anything that may get new hunters into the field is good. In hopes that we can get this program off the ground, most of this issue is devoted to the gist of the Learn to Turkey Hunt Program (LTTH).

Beginning in 2005, the Wisconsin DNR began offering "Learn to Hunt" opportunities. The Learn to Turkey Hunt Program is another tool to expose novice hunters to the hunting experience and recruit new hunters into the sport. The LTTH Program represents the opportunity of a lifetime for a novice hunter.

Cody Adams, Conservation Warden, would like to hold a LTTH program out of the Bloomer Rod and

Gun Club in Early April, 2010. In order to do so, Cody would need the help of people who would be interested in being turkey hunting mentors and land-owners who would permit hunting on their land.

Mentors would help with the classroom portion of the event which takes approximately 4-6 hours. The classroom portion would be held the day or week before the actual hunt. Then the following Saturday, the mentors would take their appointed hunters out hunting on their first turkey hunt.

Mentors are the most important ingredient to the future of turkey hunting in Wisconsin. If you have five years of turkey-hunting experience and want to share your hunting experience with a novice hunter, please consider going on a hunt of a lifetime. Mentors who are selected for all LTH programs need to understand the importance of leading by example by conducting hunts in a safe, legal, ethical, and responsible manner projecting a positive image of hunters and the sport of hunting.

Working in partnership with many dedicated turkey hunters and local conservation organizations, successful LTTH events have been held across Wisconsin in the past few years.

GOALS OF PROGRAM

1. To provide a turkey-hunting experience to novice hunters who would not otherwise get that chance.
2. To provide a safe and memorable first-time introductory turkey hunting experience to novice hunters through experienced and qualified mentors.
3. To teach novice hunters about the habits of turkeys, how to read turkey signs, calling techniques, usage of camouflage and blinds, to use proper shooting techniques, and to safely handle firearms.
4. To provide an opportunity for experienced turkey hunters to contribute to overall conservation efforts by giving something back to the hunting heritage through recruiting the next generation of safe, legal, ethical and responsible hunters to carry on the turkey hunting tradition.

Cody will be talking about the event at the Rod & Gun Club meeting on February 9th. If you are interested in participating or being a mentor, you can speak with Cody at the meeting or call him at 715-720-3646.

NOTICE!
This will be the last issue of the newsletter before purging the mailing list of unpaid members.