

## **NDG&F January 18th Newsletter**

### **Sign Up for Winter BOW**

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman program has a few openings available for a one-day winter workshop Jan. 26 at Upper Souris National Wildlife Refuge, Lake Darling, and a three-day workshop Feb. 22, 23 and 24 at Lake Metigoshe State Park, Bottineau.

A darkhouse spearfishing class is offered for \$50 at Upper Souris.

Dog sledding, snowshoeing, winter survival, darkhouse spearfishing, and cross-country skiing are classes available at Lake Metigoshe. Cost of the workshop is \$135.

Women interested in the workshops are encouraged to register online at the Game and Fish website, [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov). Those interested should sign up immediately, as each class is limited to 12 participants.

Preregistration with payment is required. Equipment and snacks will be provided.

More information is available by contacting Nancy Boldt at (701) 328-6312, Brittany Fish at (701) 527-3075, or email [ndgf@nd.gov](mailto:ndgf@nd.gov).

### **North Dakota Earth Day Patch Contest**

The state Game and Fish Department's annual Earth Day awareness campaign is accepting entries for design of a 2013 Earth Day patch. North Dakota students ages 6-18 are eligible to participate. The deadline to submit entries is March 15.

The Game and Fish Department will announce a winner in three age categories – 6-9, 10-13, and 14-18. Each winner will receive a pair of Nikon 8x40 binoculars. The final patch design will be chosen from the three winners.

The winning design will be used on a patch given to members of Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H clubs and any school participating in Earth Day cleanup projects on state-owned or managed lands in North Dakota in April and May.

The patch should incorporate some aspect of Earth Day – celebrated April 22 – or keeping North Dakota clean. It must be round and three inches in diameter. There is a limit of five colors on the patch, and lettering must be printed. Name, address, age and phone number of the contestant must be clearly printed on the entry form. Only one entry per person is allowed.

Earth Day entry and reporting forms are available on the Game and Fish Department's website, [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov). For more information, contact Pat Lothspeich by email at [ndgf@nd.gov](mailto:ndgf@nd.gov), or call (701) 328-6300.

### **Coyote Catalog Connects Landowners with Hunters, Trappers**

The state Agriculture and Game and Fish departments have launched a cooperative project to connect coyote hunters and trappers with landowners who would like to reduce coyote populations in their area.

Called the “Coyote Catalog,” the project creates an online database similar to what the North Dakota Game and Fish Department has used for the past several years to match deer hunters with farmers/ranchers who wanted to reduce deer populations on their land.

#### Registration

Landowners can sign up via the North Dakota Department of Agriculture’s website at <http://www.nd.gov/ndda/coyote-catalog>. Required information includes county and contact information.

Hunters and trappers can sign up at the Game and Fish Department website at [gf.nd.gov](http://gf.nd.gov).

Landowners will receive information on hunters interested in hunting and/or trapping in their county and will need to make the initial contact with prospective hunters.

“We’re pleased to have a collaborative project such as this with the Department of Agriculture, that is meant to provide a service to match those who want to hunt or trap coyotes, and those who may have a problem with coyotes on their land,” said Game and Fish Department Director Terry Steinwand. “This type of system has worked well in getting those landowners with deer and hunters together and we believe this can work equally as well.”

Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring says, “This is a critical issue for livestock producers, especially entering calving and lambing season. There is a high risk of incidence when you have a high population of coyotes. This program is a great and effective partnership between our agencies, and certainly between our state’s landowners and hunters and trappers.”

The Coyote Catalog will remain active through March 31, and then start up again next winter.