

NDG&F July 6th Newsletter

MULEY Day Camp Slated for July 11

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department's Encouraging Tomorrow's Hunters program is a primary sponsor for a youth and family outdoor learning event in the Bismarck area on Saturday, July 11.

Put on by the Mule Deer Foundation, the MULEY Day Camp runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Moffit Gun Range. It includes rifle and archery target shooting, hunting and safety information and demonstrations.

All equipment is provided, along with a free lunch and door prizes for youth (age 18 and under) with parent, guardian or family present. To preregister, email k_kuhlmann@hotmail.com or call 701-320-0493. Visit www.muledeer.org for more information on the MULEY program and event details.

The Game and Fish Department's Encouraging Tomorrow's Hunters program provides grant dollars to help local communities and organizations fund events that promote youth hunting and shooting sports. For more information, contact outreach biologist Pat Lothspeich at 701-328-6332

Game and Fish at State Fair

The North Dakota Game and Fish Department will host thousands of visitors to its [Conservation and Outdoors Skills Park](#) July 17-25 at the State Fair in Minot.

Visitors will be treated to an array of activities, exhibits and useful information as the park will be open from 1-7 p.m. daily. Pathways to Hunting, Fishing, Trapping and Archery are major attractions where each outdoor activity is taught to interested kids and adults. Of course, the opportunity to catch a fish brings excitement to the littlest angler.

Outreach biologist Greg Gullickson said the Conservation and Outdoors Skills Park is a really good stop for the entire family to learn about the outdoors, and to participate in activities that might just turn a youngster and others on to hunting and fishing in North Dakota.

"In addition to some great hands-on outdoor learning opportunities, we offer a live fish display, furbearer exhibit and native prairie plantings," Gullickson said, while also mentioning numerous shade trees and picnic tables provide visitors a chance to rest and enjoy the surroundings.

Two information centers staffed by Game and Fish Department personnel bookend the Conservation and Outdoors Skills Park, which is located on the north end of the grounds near the All Seasons Arena.

"The park is a popular destination," Gullickson said. "Stop in and check it out. And the price is right ... admittance is free."

Hunting Guide and Outfitter Test Set

The next guide and outfitter written examination is Aug. 15 at 1 p.m. at the North Dakota Game and Fish Department office in Bismarck. The test is given periodically to anyone interested in becoming a hunting guide or outfitter in the state.

In addition to passing a written exam, qualifications for becoming a guide include a background check for criminal and game and fish violations; certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and standard first aid; and employment by or contract with a licensed hunting outfitter.

Hunting outfitter eligibility requirements include the guide qualifications, as well as an individual must have held a hunting guide license for two years; and must have proof of liability insurance.

Interested individuals are required to preregister by calling the Game and Fish Department's enforcement office at 328-6604.

Fur Harvester Class Scheduled in Bismarck

The North Dakota Cooperative Fur Harvester Education Program is sponsoring a fur harvester education class in Bismarck for anyone interested in trapping or hunting furbearers.

The course is scheduled for Aug. 18, 20 and 22. The event is free and takes 16 hours to complete over a three-day period.

Students will learn about traps, trapping and snaring techniques, furbearer biology and fur care. A field day allows students to make a variety of land, water and snare sets.

Upon completion, graduates are issued a certification card that is recognized by any state requiring trapper education prior to purchasing a license.

Anyone interested in [signing up for the class](#) should visit the North Dakota Game and Fish Department website at gf.nd.gov, click on the Hunter Education Enrollment link, and then click on the list of hunter education courses.

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