

# Waterfowl Hunter Skills Training

California Waterfowl and our partners host statewide events for the whole family to enjoy the great outdoors and preserve our outdoor hunting and shooting heritage. Whether you're a beginner or experienced hunter or shooter, we have safe, fun and exciting outdoor events where you can develop skills to get started or become a better waterfowl hunter!



## CWA Youth Events

Beginning Hunter Camps  
Youth Hunter Skills Camp  
Duck Banding  
Youth Hunts



## CWA Family Events

Family Fun Shoots  
Wood Duck Field Day  
Suisun Field Day  
Duck and Goose Calling Clinic  
Waterfowl Expo & Skills Challenge  
Family Hunter Camp



## CWA Hunt Program

Waterfowl, Dove and Turkey Hunts  
Guided Hunts  
Youth and Family Waterfowl Hunts

## Women's Events

Women's Beginning Camps  
Women's Hunter Skills Camp  
BOW CA Events – see [www.bowca.org](http://www.bowca.org)

## DFG Waterfowl Hunting Clinics

see [www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered)

Grizzly Island  
Los Banos  
Riverside/San Jacinto WA  
Tulelake NWR



Visit  
[www.calwaterfowl.org](http://www.calwaterfowl.org)  
for more information.

For details and registration information please visit [www.calwaterfowl.org](http://www.calwaterfowl.org).

California Waterfowl is an award winning nonprofit, hunter-supported conservation organization with a mission to conserve the state's waterfowl, wetlands, and hunting heritage.

**Q: How do I find out more information about these events?**

A: Go to [www.calwaterfowl.org](http://www.calwaterfowl.org). View the 'Hunting' menu on the website and look for 'Clinics and Camps', 'Youth Hunting' or 'Hunt Program' links. You can also view the 'Event Calendar' for direct links to events in the next 2-3 months.

**Q: Do I need to have a hunting license or hunter education certificate to attend?**

A: Beginning hunter camps include the hunter education course to get your certificate. Many of our family events have fun activities for beginners and those with no experience shooting or hunting. Events like Family Fun shoots, Wood duck field day, Suisun field day and Duck banding are good choices.

**Q: Give some examples of what each event includes?**

1. **Beginning Hunter Camps** include hunter education, shooting and conservation activities along with lodging, supplies and meals. Some of them even include a hunt at the end of the camp.
2. **Skills camps and clinics** are designed to help you enhance your hunting skills and work with hunting experts to become a better hunter.
3. **Family Fun shoots** include pellet gun, archery and shotgun instruction. There is also some fun, challenging sporting clays options for more experienced shooters.
4. **Field days, Outdoor Adventure days and Expo** events include a smorgasbord of activities for all ages along with raffles, auctions, great food and social activities.
5. The **Hunt program** includes statewide opportunities to hunt waterfowl, dove, pheasant and turkey for all ages and interest levels.

**Q: I want to get started waterfowl hunting, what do you suggest?**

1. Once you have a hunter education certificate, events like Family Fun shoots, Duck and Goose Calling clinic, DFG Waterfowl Hunting clinics are great ways to gain skills and learn about opportunities in California for waterfowl hunting.

2. Using an experienced guide can be a great way to get started waterfowl hunting. The Youth hunts have guided opportunities each week throughout the waterfowl season. The Hunt program also includes many guided hunting opportunities.

**Q: I would like to attend events with my son or daughter, do you have any opportunities?**

1. The Beginning hunter camps include Camp Moms and Camp Dads that help as chaperones. Camp Moms and Dads can take the hunter education course with the campers and go along with kids in activities like shooting and duck banding. There is no charge for Camp Mom/Dads but we do fingerprint all overnight chaperones.
2. We have new camps in 2011 for Parents and kids to hunt together (Family Hunter Camp) and another for lady hunters and kids to attend together (Montna Farms).

**Q: Speaking of ladies, what programs are specifically targeted for women?**

A: We have a Beginning Hunter camp and Women's Hunter Skills Camp designed for just women. Becoming an Outdoorswoman also has many exciting opportunities around the state for lady hunters and outdoorswoman.

**Q: What do you recommend for family events?**

A: The Suisun March Field day, Family Fun shoots and Waterfowl Expo and Skills Challenge has something for every member of the family and are very reasonably priced.

**Q: I cannot find anything in my area or information on what I am looking for?**

A: Call or email George Oberstadt (CWA Hunting Heritage Programs) at 916-275-0961 or [George\\_oberstadt@calwaterfowl.org](mailto:George_oberstadt@calwaterfowl.org).

**Q: What if I don't have equipment?**

A: We have guns, waders, jackets and everything needed for you to borrow.