



## *2011 Waterfowl Hunter Camp*

### **CAMP HANDBOOK**

Located at Bird Haven Ranch  
Biggs, California

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# **CAMP OVERVIEW**

The California Waterfowl Association's camps introduce juniors to the sport and traditions of waterfowling. Juniors learn from experts in the field with a safe, positive and supportive environment.

At camp, juniors will learn about or hone their skills with shotguns, waterfowl identification, gear, decoys and lots more. Juniors will receive hunter education instruction and complete the test for earning their hunter education certificate.

## **ABOUT CWA**

The California Waterfowl Association (CWA) is a nonprofit organization, whose mission is to conserve the state's waterfowl, wetlands, and hunting heritage. Over 20,000 members support the association's conservation and outdoor heritage programs.

### Waterfowl Resource Programs

CWA focuses its conservation efforts on four species of waterfowl. The mallard, pintail, wood duck, and goose programs cover much of the spectrum of wetlands and uplands located in California and the Pacific Flyway. These programs benefit more than 200 wildlife species. Each one poses unique challenges in habitat conservation, government action, education, and population enhancement.

### Outdoor Heritage Programs

CWA's heritage programs are designed to motivate people of all ages to get outdoors. Many of CWA's projects focus on the youth of today and help ensure abundant waterfowl and wetlands for tomorrow. CWA political activities increase outdoor recreation opportunities and protect our outdoor traditions for the next generation of waterfowl stewards. The association represents waterfowlers in a collective voice that is heard in the state capital and in our nation's capital.

# **CAMP PROGRAM INFORMATION**

## **Arrival and Departure**

Campers are to check in at Bird Haven Ranch on November 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Please do not arrive early.

Campers will be served dinner Friday evening after the overview.

## **Friday November 18<sup>th</sup>**

6:00 PM: Check-in, turn in paperwork, and store personal belongings.

6:30 PM: Parents and campers will be given an overview of the camp. After the overview, campers will begin hunter safety instruction and parents are free to leave.

## **Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**

5:30 AM: Parents need to return to Bird Haven ranch by one hour before start of hunt. Hunt will end at approximately 11:00 AM. Pictures will be taken and lunch will be served immediately following the hunt. After lunch, the campers will be released to their parents or guardians and should plan to collect all of their belongings.

## **Cancellation Policy**

Circumstances arise that may result in the cancellation of your camper's registration. If we are able to refill the spot, your camp fee is refundable minus a \$20 processing fee. If we are unable to refill the spot, the entire camp fee is non-refundable.

## Correspondence

Campers will be very active during their stay at camp and we don't anticipate them needing to contact anyone. They will be having a great time at camp learning and discovering new things. See emergency contact numbers if you must contact your child during camp.

## Food Regulations

Please do not supply your child with food, chewing gum, candy, etc. during their stay at camp. We provide ample, balanced meals, and numerous light snacks. The food can attract ants and mice to the campsite and may also cause hard feelings among the other campers. All food brought by the campers will be confiscated by the camp staff. Please let us know if your camper has a food allergy or restricted diet.

## Hospital

Chico Community Hospital is located at 560 Cohasset Road, Chico, CA approximately 15 miles away. Their phone number is (530) 894-8987.

## Hunter Education

Hunter Education Instructors have the discretion of deciding whether a student is given the final examination after completing at least ten hours of instruction. Upon evaluation, if the student does not display the appropriate maturity level when handling firearms, the student will not be given the final examination. Students displaying inappropriate behavior will not be certified regardless of knowledge or skill level.

## Medical – First Aid

The Coordinator holds current First Aid and CPR cards. See *Camper Health Record* for additional information in case of emergency.

## Medications

All medications must have the child's name, medication name and strength, dosage and the prescribing doctor's name and phone number on each bottle. Also send written administering directions from the doctor. Please place medications and instructions in a zip lock bag with the child's name printed in bold letters on the outside. **Give bag and instructions to the camp coordinator for administration.**

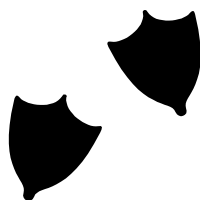
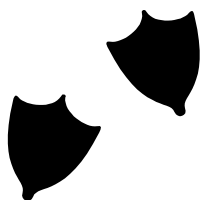
## Telephone Regulations

We ask parents only to call the camp in an emergency situation. If your child is homesick or has an emergency you will be notified immediately.

## Important Phone Numbers

California Waterfowl Association Office  
(916) 648-1406

George Oberstadt – Camp Coordinator  
(916) 275-0961



# WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Suggested list of clothing and items you may want your camper to bring to camp, as well as items to leave at home.

## Clothing/Bedding

1-2 Pair of Sturdy Pants  
1-2 Pair of Short Pants  
2 T-shirts  
1 Pair of Old Tennis Shoes  
1 Pair of Hiking boots  
2 Pairs of Socks  
1 Long Sleeve Shirt  
1 Rain Jacket  
2 Pair of Underwear  
Sleeping Bag & Pillow  
Sleeping Pad or Air Mattress

## Toiletries

Toothbrush & Toothpaste  
Bathing Necessities  
1 Old Towel  
Washcloth  
Soap  
Deodorant  
Comb and/or Brush  
Needed Medications

## Items You May Want To Bring

Chap Stick/Lip Protector  
Hat or Sun Visor  
Mosquito Repellent  
Sunglasses  
Sun Screen

## What To Leave At Home

Candy & Food  
Cell Phones & Pagers  
Any Flame Lighting Device  
Fireworks  
Knives  
Hand Held Games  
Radios, CD & Tape Players

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## **DIRECTIONS TO Bird Haven Ranch**

**9263 COUNTY ROAD 67  
BUTTE CITY, CA 95920**

### **From Sacramento**

- **On Highway 99 at the north end of Gridley the 4 lanes will narrow to two.**
- **Go 3.0 miles to the first signal.**
- **Turn left to Biggs on B Street.**
- **Go 1.3 miles through the town of Biggs. There are 3 stop signs.**
- **After crossing the railroad tracks take the first right onto 8<sup>th</sup> Street.**
- **8<sup>th</sup> Street will take a sharp left in ½ mile and 8<sup>th</sup> Street becomes Afton Road.**
- **Go 9.4 miles. There will be a left then right curve just before the bridge over Butte Creek.**
- **After crossing the bridge continue approx 1.5 miles to Bird Haven ranch. You will see a large sign on your right.**

### **From Redding**

- **Go South on I-5 to highway 162 in Willows.**
- **Take 162 east and follow for approx 20 miles.**
- **Turn right on Road Z.**
- **Follow Z for approximately 3 miles to the stop sign.**
- **Turn left onto Road 67**
- **Follow the road for approx .5 miles to Bird Haven Ranch.**
- **You will see a large sign for Bird Haven Ranch on your left.**

# CWA CAMP COORDINATOR

The camp will be chaperoned by CWA Camp Coordinator George Oberstadt. George joined CWA in 2005 and has been a dedicated volunteer for many years. Prior to joining CWA, George worked for five years as a middle school teacher in El Dorado County.

## *A Message from George*

As a child growing up in Connecticut, my dad introduced me to hunting and fishing. My greatest childhood memories are spending time in the outdoors with my dad, mom and brother. I currently love shooting trap, skeet, and sporting clays around the central valley of California. I have hunted ducks, geese, grouse, turkeys, pheasants, quail, dove, and deer from Canada to California and Connecticut.

My goal is to provide a camp setting with responsible and knowledgeable instructors to educate as many interested youngsters as we can. Thank you for allowing your child to attend the camp. It is truly a great honor for me to share this wonderful sport and heritage with them.



# REQUIRED FORMS FOR CAMP

Enclosed with this handbook are the various forms which need to be completed in full. Please complete these forms and bring them with you to the camp. **Be sure to complete both sides and all pages in this packet.**

**1. REGISTRATION AND PERMISSION FORM, RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT**

Please complete all necessary information on both sides.

**2. CAMPER HEALTH RECORD**

This form must be completed on both sides. The camp staff will review this form and notify your child's counselor of any recommendations or restrictions.

**3. CODE OF CONDUCT STATEMENT**

Parents please review and complete this form with your child and stress the importance of proper conduct while at camp. We want all campers, counselors and staff to have an enjoyable time and create fond memories to last a lifetime.

**4. PERMIT FOR CAMPER PHOTOGRAPHIC AND VIDEOTAPE REPRODUCTION**

Release of photos/videos for promotional use.