



## *2010 Waterfowl Hunter Camp*

### **CAMP HANDBOOK**

Located at Conaway Ranch  
Woodland, 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 Conaway Ranch on July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Please do not arrive early.

Dinner will be served on Friday evening to campers.

## Friday, July 30th

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 their hunter safety instruction while the parents and camp coordinator will hold private discussions and any additional questions can be answered at that time.

## Sunday, August 1st

3:30 PM: 'Graduation Ceremony'  
Parents should plan to attend a brief graduation ceremony on Sunday. Please arrive by 3:15 pm and bring a chair to relax while we celebrate your camper's experiences at camp and give them some goodies. After the ceremony, the campers will be released to their parents or guardians and should plan to collect all of their belongings.

**Note:** If the parent or guardian will not be picking up their camper, please inform the camp coordinator who they should be released to at the end of camp.

## 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

Woodland Memorial Hospital is located 15 minutes from Conaway Ranch at 1322 Cottonwood Street. Their phone number is (530) 662-3961.

## 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

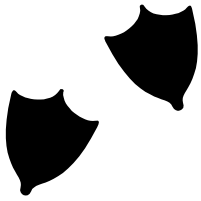
We ask parents only to call the camp in an emergency situation. If your child is homesick or has an emergency you will be notified immediately.

### Important Phone Numbers

California Waterfowl Association Office  
(916) 648-1406

George Oberstadt – Camp Coordinator  
(916) 275-0961

Mike Hall – Conaway Ranch Coordinator  
(530) 308-0681.



# 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  
2 Pair of Underwear  
Sleeping Bag & Pillow  
Sleeping Pad or Air Mattress  
Waders

## Items You May Want To Bring

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

## Toiletries

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

## What To Leave At Home

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

# **DIRECTIONS TO CONAWAY RANCH**

The camp is located at the Conaway Ranch in Woodland, California.

## From Sacramento

Take I-5 North to Woodland and take the Road 102 exit. Take left at end of exit ramp and head south. Approximately 2 miles take left onto East Heritage Parkway / County Road 25. Approximately 3 miles take left at the Conaway Ranch headquarters (large complex of barns) and follow signs to registration.

## From Redding

Take I-5 South to Woodland and take the Road 102 exit. Take right at end of exit ramp and head south. Approximately 2 miles take left onto East Heritage Parkway / County Road 25. Approximately 3 miles take left at the Conaway Ranch headquarters (large complex of barns) and follow signs to registration.

# 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.