



2011 Waterfowl Hunter Camp

CAMP HANDBOOK

Located at Rancho Esquon
Durham, 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 Rancho Esquon in Durham, CA on Friday, May 13th at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be served to campers on Friday evening. Please do not arrive early.

Friday, May 13th

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 and parents are free to leave at that time.

Sunday, May 15th

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

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

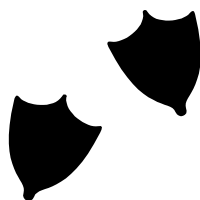
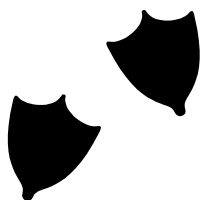
We ask parents only to call the camp in an emergency situation. If your child is homesick or has an emergency you will be notified immediately.

Important Phone Numbers

California Waterfowl Association Office
(916) 648-1406

George Oberstadt–Camp Coordinator
(916) 275-0961

Rick Ponciano–Rancho Esquon Coordinator
(530) 891-8455



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

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
Firearms and/or Ammunition
Fireworks
Knives
Hand Held Games
Radios, CD & Tape Players

DIRECTIONS TO RANCHO ESQUON

From Sacramento/Yuba City

Take Hwy 99 north towards Chico, CA and proceed past the town of Biggs, CA. Turn west (left) onto Richvale Rd, which is about 5 miles north of Biggs. Take Richvale Rd to Midway and turn right. Go about 9 miles to Esquon Rd and turn right. Follow Esquon Rd for about 1 mile. You will see the grain silos on the right. Turn right onto Adams Ranch Rd. Drive slowly past the houses on your right, go through the gate, and cross over the small bridge. Just over the bridge you will see the 'Greenwing' building on your right. Park alongside the 'Greenwing' building and bring your camper and their belongings inside.

From Chico

Take Hwy 99 south towards Biggs, CA. Turn west (right) onto Durham/Dayton Hwy. Take Durham/Dayton Hwy to Midway and turn left. Go about 4 miles to Esquon Rd and turn left. Follow Esquon Rd for about 1 mile. You will see the grain silos on the right. Turn right onto Adams Ranch Rd. Drive slowly past the houses on your right, go through the gate, and cross over the small bridge. Just over the bridge you will see the 'Greenwing' building on your right. Park alongside the 'Greenwing' building and bring your camper and their belongings inside.



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. The last five years prior to joining CWA, George worked 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, PERMISSIONS AND RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS

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. Field Trip Permission Form

On Saturday morning we will be driving to Paradise Rod and Gun Club for shooting activities.