



## What is this all about?

We're seeking up to 20 participants, focused on females, and their hunting-age children, who are interested in hunting, and especially waterfowl hunting. Our participants will receive training, social experiences, memberships in two hunting/shooting related conservation organizations, and two different styles of hunting, along with their mentors.

***“This is an opportunity to focus on female-led, non-waterfowling families, helping them to be immersed in the social activities common to waterfowlers in Wisconsin...”***

*– wwa grant application*

To help advance our sport, and to bring new adults into the ranks, the volunteers of WWA are seeking, with the help of a grant from the WDNR Hunter Recruitment, Development, Training & Education program, to find 20 participants (a mix of adult females and their dependent children of hunting age (12 and up).

Local Twin Rivers Chapter key contacts:

**Tracey Bente: 920-650-3270**

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## Who is WWA?

The Wisconsin Waterfowl Association is dedicated to the conservation of Wisconsin's waterfowl and wetland resources.

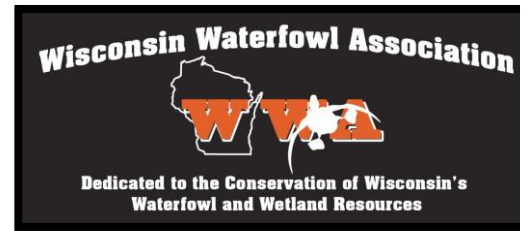
**Habitat Program:** Our field restoration team is a leader in wetland and upland restoration through our historic-ecosystem based technique, which has received international attention and acceptance. Our top priority remains the restoration of Wisconsin's wild-life habitat, and to that end, we have restored thousands of project acres, throughout the state. We are also developing a long-term project in Abrams, WI to provide additional access for disabled hunters and other users.

**Legislation:** Our organization has been a leader in working with the state Legislature and regulators to find solutions to the complex problems associated with waterfowl and wetlands issues. We've also helped stave off an attempted re-allocation of state waterfowl stamp funds to other purposes. Our volunteers & staff serve on the DNR Migratory Bird & Wild Rice Advisory committees, the multi-agency Wetland Team, and the WI Wildlife Federation Migratory Committee.

**Education:** WWA and its volunteers are active in many outdoor education outreach efforts. WWA was among four select groups who were accepted into a 2011 test program designed to help expand participation in the WDNR Learn to Hunt program. WWA has been a leader in this program in the past, hosting the first ever "Learn to Field-Hunt Geese" program. Our chapters do many other youth-related works in their respective areas of the state, including duck & goose banding, invasive species collections, waterfowl education days, duck & goose calling instruction, and waterfowl identification instruction.

To learn more, see our website at:

**[www. wisducks.org](http://www.wisducks.org)**



## Women & Families in Waterfowling

*A mentored, experiential training opportunity, focusing on the hunting lifestyle.*



## What is required to join in?

Participants should be females who have not yet hunted waterfowl, and their dependent children age 12-18.

Each will need a WDNR Customer ID number, and to complete a HIP survey, both of which are available at any licensing station

Each participant will be required to post a \$25 bond, to hold their spot in the program.

Participants must be able to attend BOTH Learn to Hunt events, Friday & Saturday, as well as all 3 preparatory events, partial participation is not allowed, for this program.

A desire to learn, experience new things, and **HAVE FUN!**

\* Participants will not have any additional shooting fees, ammo costs, or fees for the LTH experiences.

\* Participants do NOT need to be able to provide their own firearms, firearms will be available to borrow, through our volunteer mentors, and other resources...

## The calendar of events:

- Introduction, waterfowl traditions, & fun shoot: **Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>: 3-6 pm**
- Wisconsin Wingshooting for Migratory Birds Program:  
**Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>: 8am-5:30 pm**, includes lunch
- Scouting: how-to, LTH prep, & fun shoot 2:  
**Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>: 3-6 pm**
- WDNR Learn to Hunt Geese:  
**Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm AND 5 am-2 pm, September 12<sup>th</sup>**
- WDNR Learn to Hunt Ducks:  
**Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 6-9 pm AND 4 am-2 pm, October 17<sup>th</sup>** – includes game feed luncheon afterwards!

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*Have you, or your children, wanted to learn about Wisconsin's waterfowl hunting opportunities, but you didn't know where to start?*

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*Special benefits included in your \$25 bonding:*

1 year membership in WI Waterfowl Association

1 yr. membership at Jefferson Sportmen's Club

WI Wingshooting Program shotgun training

Federal Migratory Waterfowl Stamp as required



Jefferson Sportmen's Club – our host site for training...

## Jefferson Sportsmen's Club

Host site for initial training, & meetings, JSC will be our "home away from home", and a key partner in our shooting skills educational efforts... to learn more: [www.jeffersonsportsmensclub.com](http://www.jeffersonsportsmensclub.com)

- We've laid out a series of events, with both "hard-skills" training opportunities, and "soft-skills" social situations, to help you "learn the ropes" of becoming a waterfowl hunter in Wisconsin.
- Our team of volunteer mentors will help you learn firearms handling, waterfowl biology, shooting skills, and the fine details of hunting, like: scouting, using decoys, calling, and even preparing your game for the table!

