



# **FREE YOUTH OUTDOOR EDUCATION PROGRAM**

*Sponsored by the*

*Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation and it's Member Clubs*

Open to all Columbia County youth aged 12 through 18 only.

## **2018 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

All courses will be taught by Instructors who are appropriately qualified in their field. More info on each course:

**APRIL 7: HUNTER SAFETY COURSE** - Completion of this course will qualify youth to apply for hunting licenses in NYS. **Must complete online portion of course before attending this day.** You will be sent a link to use to complete your registration with the NYSDEC. Dress appropriately to be outside on firing ranges. Course will be held at Tri Village Rod & Gun Club, 77 Rod & Gun Road, Valatie NY 12184; 8am-5pm. Lunch is included.

**APRIL 14: YOUTH TURKEY HUNT SAFETY TALK & TURKEY CALLING SEMINAR** - This program answers the most asked questions from turkey hunters everywhere: when, where, and how to call and kill turkeys. You will learn techniques and tactics regarding the 'setup', 'calling the wild turkey,' and perhaps one of the most crucial aspects of all, 'taking the shot.' Youth and parent/guardian should plan to attend this talk. Please bring any hunting equipment you have, including firearms and ammunition (guns will be checked for scatter patterns). Dress appropriately to be outside on the firing range. Time is 9:00 am - 3:00 pm and will include lunch. Course will be held at the Ghent Rod & Gun Club, Co Rte 9 (Ghent-Mellenville Road), Ghent NY 12075. **This is mandatory for all youth going hunting on April 21 & 22.**

**APRIL 21 & 22: YOUTH TURKEY HUNT** - Led by Environmental Conservation Officers, Sheriff's Deputies and experienced hunters, youth and their mentors will go on a turkey hunt at various spots throughout the County. Ages 12-15 only. Junior hunting license and turkey stamp are required. **Safety talk being held on April 14 is mandatory. Preference will be given to new hunters.**

**APRIL 28: FLY TYING & FISHING** - Spend a day learning how to tie flies and fishing a pond. Youth over 16 will need a fishing license. Course will be held at the Federation of Polish Sportsman's Club, 400 Newman Road, Hudson, NY 12534; 11am-3pm. Lunch included. *Limited to 10 youth.*

**JUNE 2: MUZZLELOADER / CROSSBOW COURSE** - Muzzleloading Basics: Types and Calibers, Propellants and Projectiles, Ignition Systems, Accessories, Safety, Loading, Shooting and Cleaning. Crossbow: training arrow selection used and travel distance will be covered. They are a short range tool, unlocking, maintenance, cocking and leveling. Course will be held at the Kinderhook Sportsman's Club, 376 Fowler Lake Road, Ghent NY 12075; 9am-3pm. Lunch included.

**JUNE 10: BENCH REST SHOOTING** - Learn about the most accurate rifles in the world, improve your shooting skills, and learn aspects of precision shooting from those that already know. Shooting will be done on an outdoor range at a distance of 100 and 200 yards. Reloading skills will also be taught. Parent/guardian attendance is encouraged. Youth ages 14-18 only. This course will be held at the Canaan Rifle Club, 162 Old Hudson Turnpike, Canaan NY 12029; 12:00-4:00 pm. *This course will be limited to 8 youth.*

**JULY 10 & 12: ARCHERY / 3D ARCHERY** - You can bring your own equipment or all safety equipment, bows and arrows will be provided. Course will be held at the Glencadia Rod & Gun Club, 315 County Route 46, Stuyvesant NY 12173; Tues & Thur class will be 6:00pm-8:30pm. Dress appropriately to be outside and in the woods.

**July 17, 19 & 21: SMALLBORE RIFLE** - Attendees should plan to attend all three days of this course. Participants should wear long pants, a sweatshirt, sturdy shoes and a glove for the non-dominant hand. All safety equipment, firearms and ammunition will be provided. Tues & Thurs 6:00-8:30pm, Sat 9am-3pm. Lunch included on Saturday. Course will be held at the Kalicoontie Rod & Gun Club, 333 Schneider Road, Livingston, NY 12541.

*More courses listed on back*

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*Please fill out registration form completely in case of rescheduling, cancellations, openings, etc.*

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

I give / do not give permission for my child's picture to be taken. The images will only be used to promote this program in the future through the Columbia County Sportsmen's Federation. No identifying information will be distributed.

Parents Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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**JULY 23: CANOE TRIP** - Will stop along the way to dip a seine net—see what fish might be in this part of the water and learn how to identify them. Bring sunscreen, old sneakers or water shoes, prepare to be knee-deep in the water, water to drink, snacks, lunch and insect repellent. Canoes, paddles, and personal floatation devices will be provided. Youth will meet at the Stockport Creek boat launch area, 298 Station Rd (County Route 22), Hudson NY 12534. Some parents will be needed for additional supervision - please let me know if you would be interested in joining! 11 am - 2 pm. *Limit is 8 youth.*

**JULY 25, 26 & 28: SHOTGUN MARKSMANSHIP** - Attendees should plan to attend all three days of this course. First day is **REQUIRED**. Participants should wear long pants and sturdy shoes (no open toes). All safety equipment, firearms and ammunition will be provided. Course will be held at the Philmont Rod & Gun Club, 65 Railroad Ave, Philmont NY 12565; Wed & Thurs 6:00-8:30pm, Sat 9am-1pm. Lunch will be included on Saturday. **This course is a pre-requisite for the Sporting Clays/5 Stand, Trap League and Pheasant Hunt.**

**TRAP SHOOTING LEAGUE:** Will be held on the following dates and times: Aug 1 at Kinderhook Sportsmans Club from 3pm until whenever; Aug 5 at Tri Village Rod & Gun Club from 9am until whenever; Aug 8 at the Philmont Rod & Gun Club; Aug 10 at the Hudson Fish & Game Club from 7-10pm (under the lights); Aug 15 at Kinderhook from 3pm until whenever; Aug 22 at Philmont; Aug 24 at Hudson Fish & Game from 7-10pm (under the lights); Aug 26 at Tri Village Rod & Gun from 9am until whenever. **Prerequisite for this course is July 25 safety talk at Philmont (Shotgun Marksmanship first night of class).**

**AUGUST 18: KAYAK TRIP ON LAKE TAGHKANIC STATE PARK:** Take a kayak trip on Lake Taghkanic. Kayaks and life jackets will be provided. Please let us know if you have any boating experience and if you know how to swim. Meet at Lake Taghkanic Boat launch area. Course will be from 8am - 11 am. Park opens at 8am - plan to arrive as close to then as you can. Must be present for safety talk and question & answer. Parent/guardian should plan to stay on site. *Limit: 6 youth.*

**AUGUST 19: SPORTING CLAYS & 5 STAND** - **Pre-requisite for this course is COMPLETION of Shotgun Marksmanship Course.** All safety equipment, firearms and ammunition will be provided. This course will be held at the Glencadia Rod & Gun Club, 315 County Route 46, Stuyvesant NY 12173; 9:00 am until 4:00 pm, lunch included.

**SEPTEMBER 15: BOWHUNTER SAFETY COURSE** - completion of this course will qualify participants to apply for bow hunting licenses in NYS. **Must complete online portion of course before attending this day.** You will be sent a link to use to complete your registration. Course will be held at the Kinderhook Sportsmans Club, 376 Fowler Lake Road, Ghent NY 12075; 8am-5pm. Lunch is included.

**SEPTEMBER 22: YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT** - **Pre-requisite for this course is COMPLETION of Shotgun Marksmanship Course.** Hunters must have a NYS hunting license. Attendees are required to wear a minimum of a blaze orange vest and hat. Firearms and ammunition can be provided if needed. Maximum of 8 hunters with preference to new hunters. Course will be held at the Austerlitz Club, 634 Dugway Road, Chatham NY 12037. 8:00 am. Youth should dress appropriately for weather out in the field. **Parents MUST stay on site.** Time is 7am - 11 am.

**SEPTEMBER 29: YOUTH DEER HUNT SAFETY TALK** - Youth Deer Hunt Safety Talk will be held at the Canaan Rifle Club, 162 Old Hudson Turnpike, Canaan NY 12029. Youth and parent/guardian should plan to attend this talk. Please bring any hunting equipment you have, including firearms and ammunition (anything you don't have will be provided). Dress appropriately to be outside on the firing range. Time is 10:00 am - 12:00pm. **This is mandatory for all youth going hunting on October 6-8.** Blaze orange shirts and hats will be required. *Limit is 8 youth.*

**OCTOBER 6, 7 & 8: YOUTH DEER HUNT** - Led by Environmental Conservation Officers, Sheriff's Deputies and experienced hunters, youth and their mentors will go on a deer hunt at various spots throughout the County. Ages 14-15 only. Big game hunting license required. Blaze orange shirts and hats will be required. **Safety talk being held on September 29 is mandatory.** *Limit is 8 youth.*

*Must register at least 7 days in advance! First come, first served.*

*Waiting lists will be established. Course dates, times and locations are subject to change.*

*Detach here*

*Register for FREE courses you will take (please check all that apply):*

<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Safety Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun Marksmanship	Return Registration Form to:
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Safety/Calling Seminar	<input type="checkbox"/> Trap Shooting League	CCSF Youth Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Turkey Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/> Kayak Trip on Lake Taghkanic	c/o Kathy Burke
<input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying & Fishing (limit 10)	<input type="checkbox"/> Do you know how to swim? YES or NO	PO Box 206
<input type="checkbox"/> Muzzleloader / Crossbow	<input type="checkbox"/> Sporting Clays & 5 Stand	Chatham, NY 12037
<input type="checkbox"/> Bench Rest Shooting (limit 8)	<input type="checkbox"/> Bow Hunter Safety Course	Questions?
<input type="checkbox"/> Archery / 3D Archery	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Pheasant Hunt (limited)	Call: 929-2709
<input type="checkbox"/> Smallbore Rifle	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Deer Hunt Safety Talk	E-mail: ccsfyouth@yahoo.com
<input type="checkbox"/> Canoe Trip (limit 12)	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Deer Hunt (limit 8)	

**T-Shirt Size: S M L XL XXL (adult sizes)**

*Course confirmations will be e-mailed or mailed.*