



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.

2017 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

APRIL 1: TURKEY CALLING & HUNTING SEMINAR - Three hour program that 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.' Course will be held at the Ghent Rod & Gun Club, Co Rte 9 (Ghent-Mellenville Road), Ghent NY 12075; 11am-3pm. Lunch included.

APRIL 8: 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. Dress appropriately to be outside on firing ranges. Lunch is included. Course will be held at Canaan Conservation Club, 779 Frisbee St, Canaan NY 12060; 9am-5pm.

APRIL 15: YOUTH TURKEY HUNT SAFETY TALK - Youth Turkey Hunt Safety Talk will be held at the Craryville Rod & Gun Club, 1641 Co Rte 11 Craryville NY 12521 . 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 - 1:00pm and will include lunch. **This is mandatory for all youth going hunting on April 22 & 23.**

April 22 & 23: 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 15 is mandatory.**

MAY 13: 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 Ghent Rod & Gun Club, County Route 9 (Ghent-Mellenville Road), Ghent NY 12075; 11am-3pm. Lunch included. *Limited to 10 youth.*

MAY 20: CONSERVATION DAY - This course will give students a better understanding about how the local ecology works and how it impacts our society. Concepts of conservation, preservation, carrying capacity of land and succession will be discussed as well as what is necessary to sustain the wilderness for future generations. Activities include: stream sampling, amphibian identification, small mammal surveying and plant identification. Will be held at Mud Creek Environmental Learning Center, 1024 Route 66, Ghent NY 12075; 8:30 am – 4:00 pm. Bring lunch, drinks and snacks. Hiking shoes and outdoor attire needed.

JUNE 3: MUZZLELOADER / CROSSBOW COURSE - Muzzleloading Basics: Types and Calibers, Propellants and Projectiles, Ignition Systems, Accessories, Safety, Loading, Shooting and Cleaning. Crossbow: training arrow selection used, travel distance. they are a short range tool, unlocking, maintenance, cocking and leveling. Course will be held at the Kinderhook Sportsman's Club, 176 Fowler Lake Road, Ghent NY 12075; 9am-3pm. Lunch included.

JULY 8: BOWHUNTER SAFETY COURSE - completion of this course will qualify participants to apply for bow hunting licenses in NYS. Course will be held at the Tri Village Rod & Gun Club, 77 Rod & Gun Road, Valatie NY 12184; 9am-5pm. Lunch is included.

JULY 11 & 13: 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 18, 20 & 22: SMALLBORE RIFLE - Attendees must attend all three days of this course to qualify for NRA awards. 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

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 26, 27 & 29: SHOTGUN MARKSMANSHIP - Attendees must attend all three days of this course to qualify for NRA awards. 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.

JULY 30: 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! *Limit 12 youth.*

AUGUST 12: BENCHREST 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 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.*

AUGUST 20: SPORTING CLAYS - Pre-requisite for this course is attendance at 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 3:00 pm, lunch included.

AUGUST 26: TRAPPER TRAINING COURSE - Completion of this course will qualify participants to apply for trapping licenses in NYS. Participants will learn skills, regulations and trapping's role in scientific wildlife management. Course will be held at the Ghent Rod & Gun Club, County Route 9 (Ghent-Mellenville Road), Ghent NY 12075. Course time is 8am-4pm, lunch is included.

SEPTEMBER 16: YOUTH PHEASANT HUNT - Pre-requisite for this course is attendance at Shotgun Marksmanship Course. All safety equipment, firearms and ammunition will be provided. This course will be held at two locations this year: Stuyvesant Outdoor Adventures, 203 Hollow Road, Stuyvesant NY 12173 (*limited to five youth*) and the Austerlitz Club, 634 Dugway Road, Chatham NY 12037 (*limited to eight youth*). Both hunts will begin at 8:00 am. Youth should dress appropriately for weather out in the field. Blaze orange shirts and hats will be required.

SEPTEMBER 23: ORIENTEERING / SURVIVAL COURSE - NYS Forest Ranger Chris DiCintio will teach youth navigational skills using a map and compass to navigate from point to point in diverse and unfamiliar terrain at the Beebe Hill State forest in Austerlitz. Participants should dress appropriately for the weather - hats, bug spray, sturdy hiking shoes, etc. Course time is 9am-4pm. Youth should bring their own lunch and drinks. Use County Route 5 entrance to the park - directions will be provided.

SEPTEMBER 30: 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 9:00 am - 1:00pm and will include lunch. **This is mandatory for all youth going hunting on October 8 & 9.** Blaze orange shirts and hats will be required. *Limit is 8 youth.*

OCTOBER 8 & 9: 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 30 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.

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Calling Seminar	<input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun Marksmanship	Return Registration Form to:
<input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Safety Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Canoe Trip (limit 12)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Turkey Hunt Safety Talk	<input type="checkbox"/> Benchrest Shooting (limit 8)	CCSF Youth Program
<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Turkey Hunt	<input type="checkbox"/> Sporting Clays	c/o Kathy Burke
<input type="checkbox"/> Fly Tying & Fishing (limit 10)	<input type="checkbox"/> Trapper Training Course	2767 State Route 9H #30
<input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Pheasant Hunt (limited)	Kinderhook, NY 12106
<input type="checkbox"/> Muzzleloader / Crossbow	<input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering/Survival Course	Questions?
<input type="checkbox"/> Bow Hunter Safety Course	<input type="checkbox"/> Deer Hunt Safety Talk	Call: 929-2709
<input type="checkbox"/> Archery / 3D Archery	<input type="checkbox"/> Youth Deer Hunt (limit 8)	E-mail: ccsfyouth@yahoo.com
<input type="checkbox"/> Smallbore Rifle		

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

Course confirmations will be e-mailed or mailed.