

CENLA National Hunting and Fishing Day 2015

Saturday, September 26th 2015
7:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Woodworth Outdoor Education Center
661 Robinson Bridge Rd.
Woodworth, LA 71485



Dear Central Louisiana National Hunting and Fishing Day Exhibitor/Volunteer Worker,

Thank you for sharing your Louisiana Hunting/Fishing/Shooting interest with participants at our annual Central Louisiana National Hunting and Fishing Day event. This day is an opportunity for those of us who love these types of sports to share our outdoor interests and knowledge with the public with the goal of introducing them to a lifelong pastime and/or appreciation of some of what Louisiana's natural resources offer. The purpose of this letter is to assist you with planning and logistics of exhibiting/working at the event. This year's event is on September 26th (Fishing from 7 a.m. until 9 a.m., Opening Ceremonies 9 a.m., Door Prize Drawings at 11, 12, and 1, Exhibits/Demonstrations/Activities 9:15 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

SET UP: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Friday, September 25th or 6 a.m. to 7 a.m. Saturday, September 26th – We encourage you to set up your exhibit/activity on Friday but understand if you must do it Saturday morning. If you have a preferred location, set up where you usually set up; if not, the space is first come, first served, unless marked as reserved. Please bring everything you need (canopies, tables, chairs, supplies, extension cords) for your exhibit/activity.

EXHIBITOR/VOLUNTEER ENTRANCE: Please use the Forestry Road entrance only on Saturday – we want to keep our young participants safe by eliminating vehicle traffic through the Robinson Bridge Rd. entrance!!! This is very important.

EXHIBITOR/VOLUNTEER T-SHIRTS and REGISTRATION: Exhibitor and volunteer t-shirts will be handed out in the Education Center. Please go by there on Friday or Saturday morning when you arrive to get your t-shirt if you would like on. Also, it is important that we have good contact information for each of you. When you pick up your t-shirts, please fill out the Exhibitor/Volunteer Registration Sheet. We need to be able to communicate with you via email or phone.

OPENING CEREMONIES: In an effort to have more participation at the opening ceremonies at 9 a.m.(stage), we will not open the activities/exhibits until 9:15. Please encourage anyone around your exhibit to gather around the stage for a few minutes to enjoy the Pledge of Allegiance, the singing of the National Anthem, opening prayer, and any special announcements.

BBQ COOKOFF: Woodmen Life will again be sponsoring the 3rd annual BBQ cookoff at Cenla NHFD. Cooking teams will set up along the front fence. Their areas will be sectioned off and marked ahead of time. Samples will be available throughout the day so we will have this treat along with hamburgers from Burger King.

Other Notes:

We know how difficult it is to run an exhibit or activity all day in the heat without a break. We will have a volunteer break room inside the back of the main facility with refreshments and access to restrooms and A/C. Please remember to **take care of yourselves**, even if you have to secure your equipment/supplies and shut down your booth or activity to do so. Please do ask any LDWF employee or event organizer for help if you need a short break.

Please remember that **participants do not have to be present** to win door prizes. They simply must legibly register by filling out their door prize ticket and dropping it in and leave us a good phone number. We do not want participants to stop their activities or lose their place in line to come and listen for door prizes. Our goal is to expose them to the activities and equipment as much as possible on this one day. If their name is drawn, they will be called and notified. They can pick it up at the stage or at Sayes Office Supply the following week.

If you are volunteering to work for the day but don't have a specific job assignment, please contact our volunteer coordinator, Alayna McGarry (amcgarry@wlf.la.gov). She will tell you where help is needed.

We appreciate all of the help we get for National Hunting and Fishing Day and thank you for past, present, and future contributions to this event. As the amount of time kids spend outside continues to decrease, this event is more important than ever.

With Sincere Thanks and Appreciation,

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