



2025 December Duck Camp

CAMP HANDBOOK

Located at Grizzly Ranch
Suisun, California

Contacts: Jeff Smith – (530) 305-9234

TABLE OF CONTENTS

Camp Information	Page
CAMP OVERVIEW	3
ABOUT CWA	3
Waterfowl Resource Programs	3
Outdoor Heritage Programs	3
CAMP PROGRAM INFORMATION	4
Arrival and Departure.....	4
Friday, December 5th	4
Sunday, December 7th	4
Cancellation Policy.....	4
Correspondence	4
Food Regulations	4
Hospital	4
Medical – First Aid.....	5
Important Phone Numbers.....	5
What to bring.....	6
DIRECTIONS TO GRIZZLY RANCH	7
(next to Grizzly Island State Wildlife Area)	7
CWA CAMP COORDINATOR	8
A Message from Carson	8
REQUIRED FORMS FOR CAMP	9



CAMP OVERVIEW

California Waterfowl's Hunting Heritage Programs introduce people to the sport and traditions of waterfowling. All participants will learn from experts in the field with a safe, positive and supportive environment.

At camp, participants will learn skills areas: calling, decoy spreads, shooting, shot selection, distance judging, concealment, waterfowl id, game laws, ethics, wild game preparation, and hunting opportunities.

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.

CAMP PROGRAM INFORMATION

Arrival and Departure

Campers are to check-in at Grizzly Ranch on Friday, December 5th at 6:00 pm. Please do not arrive early and dinner will be provided.

Friday, December 5th

6:00 pm: Check-in, turn in paperwork, and store personal belongings.

Sunday, December 7th

1:00 PM: Farewell

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 \$50 processing fee per registrant. If we are unable to refill the spot, the entire camp fee is non-refundable.

Food Regulations

We provide ample, balanced meals, and numerous light snacks. Please do not bring any food or alcohol.

Hospital

The nearest hospital is Northbay Medical Center located on 1200 B Gale Wilson Boulevard, Fairfield, CA. Their phone number is (707)-429-3600.

Medical – First Aid

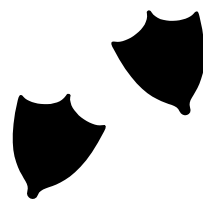
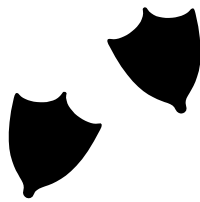
The Coordinator holds current First Aid and CPR cards.

Important Phone Numbers

California Waterfowl Association Office
(916) 648-1406

Carson Odegard – Hunt Program Coordinator
(916) 960-9848

Jeff Smith – Director of Hunting and Education
(530) 305-9234 or (530) 870-8058



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

Suggested list of clothing and items you may want to bring to camp, as well as items to leave at home.

<u>Clothing/Bedding</u>	<u>Toiletries</u>
1-2 Pair of Sturdy Pants	Toothbrush & Toothpaste
2 T-shirts	Bathing Necessities
1 Pair of Old Tennis Shoes	Towel
1 Pair of Hiking boots	Washcloth
2 Pairs of Socks	Soap
1 Long Sleeve Shirt	Deodorant
2 Pair of Underwear	Comb and/or Brush
Sleeping Bag & Pillow	Needed Medications
<u>Items You May Want To Bring</u>	<u>What To Leave At Home</u>
Chap Stick/Lip Protector	Candy & Food
Hat or Sun Visor	Any Flame Lighting Device
Mosquito Repellent	Fireworks
Sunglasses	Hand Held Games
Sun Screen	Radios, CD & Tape Players

SPECIAL NOTE:

The following hunting gear will be needed:

Valid 2025-2026 California Hunting License, CA duck stamp, Federal duck stamp, waders, jacket, gloves, shotgun, gun case, ear/eye protection and 2-4 boxes of non-toxic shotgun shells. If you need CWA to supply any equipment please notify Carson Odegard at (916) 960-9848, email codegard@calwaterfowl.org

DIRECTIONS TO GRIZZLY RANCH

4179 Van Sickle Road, Suisun City, CA 94585
(next to Grizzly Island State Wildlife Area)

- **Hwy 80 to Fairfield**
- Take **Hwy 12 East** toward Suisun City.
Note: When you get off Hwy 80 you will travel a short distance before going under a bridge. Hwy 12 is the first left after going under the bridge.
- After 3.6 miles, **Right onto Grizzly Island Rd**
- After 5.4 miles, stay **Right over Montezuma Slough Bridge**
- After 3.3 miles, **Right onto Van Sickle Road**,
Note: You should see "Welcome to Grizzly Island Wildlife Area", look for white fence. If you get to the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area you have gone too far.
- After 0.4 miles, **Right into Grizzly Ranch**
- After 0.7 miles, Arrive at Grizzly Island Ranch. **Check-in at CWA sign**



CWA Director of Hunting and Education

2025 Duck Camp is coordinated by Jeff Smith, California Waterfowl's Director of Hunting and Education. Since 2008, Smith has participated in a multitude of different programs within CWA. Involvement includes youth shoots, youth hunts, waterfowl hunter camps, outdoor adventures, hunting clinics, marsh madness, CSUC CWA chapter, wood duck box monitoring, mallard and pintail banding. Other qualifications: California State University Chico, Bachelor's of Science Degree in Recreation Administration, Option in Parks and Natural Resources Management, CA Hunter Education Instructor, NRA Range Safety Officer, NRA Shotgun Instructor, and USA Archery Instructor.

A Message from Jeff

I grew up hunting and fishing with my dad and brother in Fall River, Ca. This special small town is where my passion for the outdoors started as a young boy and has now grown into a lifestyle. My life's work is dedicated to bringing my appreciation of waterfowl and the outdoors to others. I would like to thank you for supporting California Waterfowl.

The goal of California Waterfowl's Hunting Heritage Program is to generate a lifelong passion for wildlife and the outdoors by hosting fun, exciting, hands-on outdoor recreation activities for conservationists, hunters, and shooters all ages and gender.

REQUIRED FORMS FOR CAMP

Please complete the following forms and bring them with you to Duck 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.

2. 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.

**Registration, Permissions and Release and Waiver
of Liability and Indemnity Agreements**

REGISTRATION – Please Print and Complete Each Item in Full:

Registrant's Name: _____

Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female

Age: _____

Birth Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Address (if different from Registrant's): _____

Telephone: Home: (____) ____ - ____ Mobile: (____) ____ - ____

Has Registrant previously attended a CWA function? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Event Location: _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

CWA Grizzly Ranch, LLC and CWA Denverton, LLC, doing business as California Waterfowl Association (collectively, "CWA"), owns approximately 1,744 acres of wetlands/uplands and facilities situated in the in the Suisun Marsh of Solano County.

1. The Undersigned is aware that the CWA's property, their roads, ditches, fields, buildings and equipment may contain hazards, some of which are obvious and some of which are not. There may exist on CWA's property concealed depressions, uneven terrain, cold water and other natural and man-made hazards both obvious and concealed, wild and domestic animals, and the activities of CWA and those of other users of CWA's property, that could result in harm to the Registrant, Registrant's dog and/or property. While on CWA's property, the Registrant may be outside in inclement weather that may impair the Registrant's vision and mobility and obscure hazards and make travel on the CWA's roads and property more dangerous.
2. Operating any equipment owned by CWA, whether a four-wheeler motorbike, a tractor, pickup, boat or other type of equipment, can be dangerous should the equipment suddenly stop, turn over or malfunction. Registrant shall not operate any such equipment unless qualified to perform such operations safely and shall decline to operate such equipment if not qualified.
3. The farming and normal management activities conducted on CWA's property involve large pieces of equipment moving at a relatively high rate of speed. Being around such equipment is inherently dangerous.
4. Registrant understands that firearms are present on the property. Registrant further understands that hunting and shooting involve firearms and are inherently dangerous to Registrant and others. Registrant understands that there might be other guests on the CWA's property using firearms.

PERMISSION AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

This RELEASE benefits CWA, lessees (including but not limited to California Retriever Training Association and the Once-A-Month-Club) and their respective partners, officers, directors, shareholders, members, agents, employees, beneficiaries, successors and assigns and any other individual associated with and of them (collectively, the "Released Parties").

The Registrant will be attending an outdoor recreation program that is set in a natural environment. Registrant will engage in a variety of indoor and outdoor hands-on activities as described in the event announcement. The Undersigned hereby requests that the Registrant be permitted to attend the outdoor recreation program. In consideration for the Registrant being permitted to attend the program and to engage in all the activities, the Undersigned, for him/herself, his/her personal representative, spouse, assigns, heirs, relatives, next of kin, and any parent or guardian (collectively, the "Releasing Parties"), acknowledges, agrees, and represents as follows:

1. The Registrant will be exposed to risks of injury, including death, presented by the environment in which the program is located and the activities in which he/she will participate. Participating in activities such as shooting/marksmanship, archery, boating, operating equipment, wading and/or hunting are inherently dangerous. Registrant voluntarily elects to assume all risks of participating in such activities, and Registrant assumes all liability to others. If the Registrant is a minor, the undersigned parent or legal guardian hereby expressly grants permission to Registrant to participate in this program.
2. The Undersigned has read the event announcement and is familiar with the activities that CWA offers to the Registrant. Although CWA does not expect any changes in the event schedule or activities, the Undersigned agrees that, due to unforeseen circumstances, including but not limited to inclement weather or the unavailability of CWA's property, changes may occur and CWA is not obligated to give the Undersigned prior notification of such changes.

Initial: _____ CWA Registration, Permissions and Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

Rev 10-8-2014

3. The Undersigned knowingly and voluntarily releases, discharges and agrees not to sue the Released Parties with respect to any claim which the Releasing Parties may now or hereafter have against the Released Parties, known or unknown, seen or unforeseen, directly or indirectly, for or on account of any losses, damages, personal injuries, death, pain and suffering, or property damage to the Registrant and/or the parent or chaperone of the Registrant, resulting from, or arising out of, the negligence of the Released Parties during, or in connection with the Registrant's program attendance and participation in the activities described in the CWA event announcement, and the rendering of emergency medical procedures or treatment or other emergency assistance, if any (a "Claim").

4. The Undersigned hereby agrees to INDEMNIFY, DEFEND, PROTECT, and HOLD HARMLESS the Released Parties from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage or cost the Released Parties may incur as a result of any such Claim.

5. The Undersigned expressly agrees that this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by California law and, if any portion of this Agreement is held invalid, it is further agreed that the remaining portions shall continue in full force and effect. By signing, the Undersigned acknowledges that he/she has carefully read, fully understands the contents of, and has voluntarily signed this Agreement and further agrees that no oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from this Agreement have been made.

6. The Undersigned represents and warrants to the Released Parties that the Undersigned has read and fully understands the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which states as follows:

"A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor."

The Undersigned hereby expressly waives and releases any right or benefit under Civil Code Section 1542.

PHOTO AND VIDEO PERMISSION

The Registrant and, if the Registrant is a minor, the parent/legal guardian of the Registrant (together, the "Undersigned") hereby give permission to CWA and its successors and assigns (collectively "Owner") and any manager appointed by Owner to manage the Owner's Property ("Manager") to photograph, film, or videotape the Registrant while engaged in any program activities and services.

1. The Undersigned understands and acknowledges that these photographs, films, videotapes and/or electronic reproductions (collectively, the "Images") may be used, revised, or reproduced for promotional, educational, and/or public information purposes, including, but not limited to CWA, Owner and/or Manager newsletters, web sites, and news media, and the Undersigned gives CWA, Owner and Manager permission to use these Images for the foregoing purposes. The Undersigned further gives permission to CWA, Owner and Manager to include the Registrant's name along with the Images.

2. The Undersigned unconditionally releases and discharges CWA, Owner, Manager and each of their respective officers, directors, managers, members, employees, volunteers, representatives, agents, partners, sponsors, parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors and assigns (collectively, the "Released Parties") from all claims, rights, and causes of action arising out of or in connection with the use or publication of the Images, including, without limitation, any and all claims for invasion of privacy and libel.

This Agreement is complete as set forth above. Any oral representations or modifications concerning this instrument not contained herein shall be of no force or effect unless contained in a subsequent written modification signed by the party to be charged.

Date: _____

Signature of Registrant (if Registrant is 18 years of age or older)

Date: _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian (required if Registrant is under 18 years old)

Date: _____

Signature of Chaperone (if different than Parent/Legal Guardian)

Initial: _____ CWA Registration, Permissions and Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement

CWA Weekend Waterfowl Camp

Code of Conduct

Camper's Name:

Camp Dates:

During my stay at the CWA Weekend Waterfowl Camp:

- ◆ I promise to conduct myself in a responsible manner, treating everyone with courtesy and respect.
- ◆ I will consider myself an invited guest of Mandeville Island and conduct myself in such a way that I may be welcome to return in the future.
- ◆ I will obey the rules of the camp and the direction and instructions of the camp staff, and I will insist that others with me do the same.
- ◆ I will not participate in any verbal or physical abuse toward any other camper or adult.
- ◆ I will treat all animals and property with respect.

I understand that if I violate any of the above I will be required to immediately call my parents to explain what happened and what I did wrong. This call will also inform my parents that the next violation will result in a call home to immediately come to pick me up and take me home.

Date: _____, 20____

Signature of Camper

Date: _____, 20____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian