



Camp Sprig
November 17-19, 2023
Handbook

Located at Bird Haven Ranch
Butte City, California

Contact:

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CAMP SPRIG OVERVIEW

California Waterfowl's camps introduce participants to waterfowl hunting and other types of outdoor activities. Campers learn from experts in a safe, positive and supportive environment.

At Camp Sprig, participants will learn about or hone their skills with shotguns, waterfowl identification, gear, decoys and lots more.

ABOUT CWA

California Waterfowl (CWA) is a **501c3** non-profit organization whose mission is to grow California's waterfowl populations, wetlands and hunter-conservationist communities. Our vision is a California with thriving waterfowl populations, vibrant wetland ecosystems and respected hunting communities.

Important Information

1. *Due to the hunting aspect on Sunday the camp includes Hunter Education training, not Hunter Education Certification. **Campers need to obtain a Hunter Education Certificate prior to attending.*** To complete the online hunter education course, please go to <https://www.hunter-ed.com/california/>. The cost for the course is \$24.95. Successful prospective hunters who complete and pass the online course will be able to immediately print a paper Hunter Education Completion Certificate, which will qualify them to purchase a hunting license. Their CDFW online license profile will automatically be updated with their Hunter Education Certification within two days.
2. **Every camper will need to bring completed waivers to the first day of camp.** Click [here](#) to complete waivers. Please bring completed waivers to event.
3. **The designated parent/guardian will need to bring hunt gear for your camper on Sunday.** The following hunting gear will be needed for the hunt: (Valid 23/2 Youth Hunting License, Waders, Jacket, Gloves, Shotgun (20 gauge only-No 12 gauge permitted on property), and Shells. Please do not bring this hunting gear until Sunday morning when you return for the hunt. *Parent will also need a jacket and waders. If you need CWA to supply any of this equipment for you please notify Jeff Smith at (530) 305-9234 PRIOR TO November 10, 2023.

CAMP SPRIG PROGRAM INFORMATION

Arrival and Departure

Campers are to check in at Bird Haven Ranch on Friday at 6:00 PM. Please do not arrive early.

Campers will be served dinner Friday evening after the overview.

Friday, November 17th

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

6:30 PM: Parents and campers will be given an overview of the camp. After the overview, campers will begin hunter safety instruction and parents are free to leave.

Sunday, November 19th

5:00 AM: Parents **need** to return to Bird Haven ranch by one hour before start of hunt.

10:00 AM Hunt will end. Pictures will be taken and lunch will be served immediately following the hunt. After lunch, the campers will be released to their parents or guardians and should plan to collect all of their belongings.

Volunteer guides/mentors will assist each hunting group.

Cancellation Policy

Circumstances arise that may result in you having to cancel your camper's registration. If we are able to refill the spot, your camp fee is refundable minus a \$20 processing fee. If we are unable to refill the spot, the entire camp fee is non-refundable. Camper retains membership benefit in the event of cancellation.

Contact

Campers will be very active during their stay at Camp Sprig and we don't anticipate them needing to contact anyone. They will be having a great time at camp learning and discovering new things. See emergency contact numbers if you must contact your child during camp.

Food Regulations

Please do not supply your child with food, chewing gum, candy, etc. during their stay at camp. We provide ample, balanced meals, and numerous light snacks. The food can attract ants and mice to the campsite and may also cause hard feelings among the other campers. All food brought by the campers will be confiscated by the camp staff. Please let us know if your camper has a food allergy or restricted diet.

Hospital

Chico Community Hospital is located at 560 Cohasset Road, Chico, CA approximately 15 miles away. Their phone number is (530) 894-8987.

Medical – First Aid

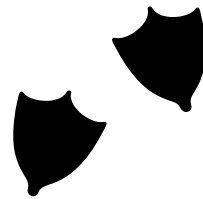
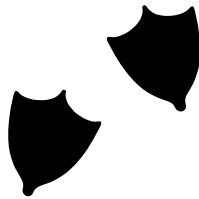
The Coordinator holds current First Aid and CPR cards. See *Camper Health Record in waivers* for additional information in case of emergency.

Medications

All medications must have the child's name, medication name and strength, dosage and the prescribing doctor's name and phone number on each bottle. Also send written administering directions from the doctor. Please place medications and instructions in a zip lock bag with the child's name printed in bold letters on the outside. **Give bag and instructions to the camp coordinator for administration.**

Important Contacts

Jeff Smith – Hunting and Education Programs Supervisor
jsmith@calwaterfowl.org
(530) 305-9234



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP

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

Friday please bring your completed [paperwork](#).

Sunday parents please bring Valid 23/24 Youth Hunting License, Waders, Jacket, Gloves, 20 Gauge Shotgun and Shells for your camper as well as a jacket and waders for yourself.

Clothing/Bedding

1-2 Pair of Sturdy Pants
1-2 Pair of Short Pants
2 T-shirts
1 Pair of Old Tennis Shoes
1 Pair of Hiking boots
2 Pairs of Socks
1 Long Sleeve Shirt
1 Rain Jacket
2 Pair of Underwear
Sleeping Bag & Pillow
Sleeping Pad or Air Mattress

Toiletries

Toothbrush & Toothpaste
Bathing Necessities
1 Old Towel
Washcloth
Soap
Deodorant
Comb and/or Brush
Needed Medications

Items You May Want To Bring

Chap Stick/Lip Protector
Hat or Sun Visor
Mosquito Repellent
Sunglasses
Sun Screen

What To Leave At Home

Candy & Food
Cell Phones
Any Flame Lighting Device
Knives
Any Electronic Devices

DIRECTIONS TO Bird Haven Ranch

**9263 COUNTY ROAD 67
BUTTE CITY, CA 95920**

From Sacramento

- **On Highway 99 at the north end of Gridley the 4 lanes will narrow to two.**
- **Go 3.0 miles to the first signal.**
- **Turn left to Biggs on B Street.**
- **Go 1.3 miles through the town of Biggs. There are 3 stop signs.**
- **After crossing the railroad tracks take the first right onto 8th Street.**
- **8th Street will take a sharp left in ½ mile and 8th Street becomes Afton Road.**
- **Go 9.4 miles. There will be a left then right curve just before the bridge over Butte Creek.**
- **After crossing the bridge continue approx 1.5 miles to Bird Haven ranch. You will see a large sign on your right.**

From Redding

- **Go South on I-5 to highway 162 in Willows.**
- **Take 162 east and follow for approx 20 miles.**
- **Turn right on Road Z.**
- **Follow Z for approximately 3 miles to the stop sign.**
- **Turn left onto Road 67**
- **Follow the road for approx .5 miles to Bird Haven Ranch.**
- **You will see a large sign for Bird Haven Ranch on your left.**

Coordinators

Camp Sprig is coordinated by Jeff Smith, California Waterfowl's Hunting and Educations Supervisor. 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.

Carson Odegard is California Waterfowl's Hunt Program Coordinator. He has been working for CWA for over five years and has participated in numerous facets of California Waterfowl. Carson is in charge of CWA's Hunt Program and strives to bring new and innovative ideas to CWA. Involvement includes youth shoots, youth hunts, waterfowl hunter camps, veteran fishing trips, veteran shoots, hunter education instruction, wetlands work, CSUC CWA chapter. Other qualifications: California State University Chico, Bachelor's of Science Degree in Biology, Pathway in Ecological, Environmental, and Organismal Biology, CA Hunter Education Instructor, CPR certified.

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

Enclosed with this handbook are the various forms which need to be completed in full. Please complete these forms and bring them with you to the camp. [Click here](#) to complete all pages in the 'Camp Forms' packet. Forms included are:

1. REGISTRATION, PERMISSIONS AND RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENTS

Please complete all necessary information on both sides.

2. CAMPER HEALTH RECORD

This form must be completed on both sides. The camp staff will review this form and notify your child's counselor of any recommendations or restrictions.

3. 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.

