



***Camp Sprig
June 21-23, 2024***

Handbook

Located at Grizzly Ranch
Suisun, California

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CAMP SPRIG OVERVIEW

California Waterfowl's Camp Sprig introduces 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. Campers will receive Hunter Education instruction and complete the test for earning their Hunter Education certificate.

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.

Pre-Camp Instructions

1 - This camp includes Hunter Education training. For us to issue Hunter Education certificates, you must register with California Department of Fish and Wildlife prior to the camp, by clicking [HERE](#).

2 - The hunter education material is available online and needs to be reviewed ahead of time.

Here are the instructions:

- The study guide can be found [HERE](#)
- **We would like for you to review Chapters 1, 2, 3 and 6 in the online study guide to prepare for the course**

Note: We will provide Hunter Education booklets when you arrive at camp. If you go ahead and finish all the course material, **DO NOT PAY** to complete the online course.

CAMP SPRIG PROGRAM INFORMATION

Arrival and Departure

Campers are to check in at Grizzly Ranch on Friday at 5:00 PM.
Please do not arrive early.

Friday, June 21st

5:00 PM: Turn in paperwork, check in and store all personal belongings.

5:10 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, June 23rd

3:00 PM: 'Graduation ceremony'

Parents should plan to attend a brief graduation ceremony on Sunday. Please arrive by 2:45 pm and relax while we celebrate your camper's experiences at camp. After the ceremony, the campers will be released to their parents or guardians and should plan to collect all their belongings.

Note: If the parent or guardian will not be picking up their camper, please inform the camp coordinator who they should be released to at the end of camp.

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.

Contact

Campers will be very active during their stay at camp, 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

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

Hunter Education

Hunter Education Instructors have the discretion of deciding whether a student is given the final examination after completing at least ten hours of instruction. Upon evaluation, if the student does not display the appropriate maturity level when handling firearms, the student will not be given the final examination. Students displaying inappropriate behavior will not be certified regardless of knowledge or skill level.

Medical – First Aid

The Coordinator holds current First Aid and CPR cards. See *Camper Health Record* 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.**

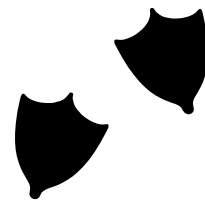
Telephone Regulations

We ask parents only to call the camp in an emergency situation. If your child is homesick or has an emergency, you will be notified immediately.

Important Phone Numbers

Jeff Smith – Hunting and Education Programs Supervisor
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Carson Odegard – Hunt Program Coordinator
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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.

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
2 Pair of Underwear
Sleeping Bag & Pillow

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 Phone
Any Flame Lighting Device
Firearms and/or Ammunition
Knives
Any Electronic Devices

DIRECTIONS TO GRIZZLY RANCH

(next to Grizzly Island Wildlife Area)

[4179 Van Sickle Road, Suisun City, Ca 94585](#)

- **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**



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 find the camp your camper will be attending, be sure 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.