



DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

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Upland Game
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hunters must possess a valid 2011-2012 California hunting license and upland game bird stamp. Hunters possessing a junior hunting license do not need an upland game bird stamp and must be accompanied by a non-shooting adult 18 years of age or older. All shooters and non-shooters must wear shooting safety glasses, blaze orange, and initial and sign the enclosed waiver.

Please come prepared and wear appropriate gear for the hunt; we strongly recommend you bring water, a hat, sturdy shoes/boots, sweater/jacket, mosquito repellent and a cooler with ice for your birds. For safety, Apprentice hunters must have a properly fitted shotgun. Please note if you are not prepared for the hunt or your gear is deemed unsafe you may be asked to withdraw from the hunt.

The Game Bird Heritage Program is pleased to offer you this special hunt. Practice good sportsmanship, enjoy your hunt and most of all, be a safe hunter.

If you require any special accommodations, cannot attend this hunt, or have any questions please contact the Department of Fish and Game at 559-243-4005 ext. 133 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM.

Ben Lewis

Each participant must provide the following:

- An adult that is legally responsible for the participating Junior Hunter. If the parent or guardian cannot walk with the junior hunter and they have signed the waiver included with the permit, a volunteer will accompany the junior hunter.
- A valid hunting license (adults need an upland game bird stamp).
- **Junior hunters are required to wear shooting safety glasses with an ANSI rating of Z87.1 or above, and all adults are encouraged to wear shooting safety glasses. Glasses will be available for loan.**
- Appropriate hunting attire including thick jeans to ward off the vegetation. **A blaze orange hunting vest or similar safety apparel is required for all person's in the field.** If the hunter does not bring one, an orange vest will be provided. The hunt will be held rain or shine, so please be prepared.
- Bring low-base or high-base shot shells, size 6, or 7 ½ shot only. No magnum loads are allowed. Junior hunters may have **only one shot shell** in the magazine or chamber while hunting.
- Bring your own food and drinks, and water for your dog.
- A good attitude and willingness to participate and follow instructions.

You may bring your own hunting dog. You must obey hunter etiquette and maintain control of the dog. If your dog will not perform well around other dogs then it is best to leave the dog at home. Several volunteers with trained hunting dogs may be available to assist the hunting groups. Please leave your dog and your weapon in your vehicle until after the hunter orientation and assignment to the hunting field. If you have any questions or cannot attend at the scheduled time, please contact DFG Wildlife Biologist Ben Lewis at (559) 243-4005 ext. 133.

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MONITOR AND JUNIOR HUNTER SAFETY INFORMATION

The purpose of a junior hunt is to give young hunters the opportunity to hunt game in a more relaxed atmosphere and to provide them with a greater chance to bag game.

Of utmost importance is **SAFETY**. Safety is stressed at ALL times. Safety is more important than bagging game.

JUNIOR HUNTERS - Now is the time to show everything you have learned in your hunter education class!

SAFETY MONITOR - Please ask a few questions of the group:

- What do you mean by "zone of fire"?
 - The space or area into which a hunter may safely shoot.

- In what position should you keep the firearm safety while hunting?
 - In the "on" position until you have shouldered your gun and are pointing at your target. Never put your finger on the trigger until you are ready to shoot.
 - Remember, you are the best safety. Do not rely upon the gun's safety because it could fail to work. Always keep the firearm pointed in a safe direction.

- How do you know if the firearm is loaded or unloaded?
 - You must personally check it yourself. Never take any person's word for it - check it yourself.

- If you stumble or fall, when you get up what is the first thing you should do?
 - Check and make sure the gun is emptied and then check the barrel.

- When you do fall, what is the most important thing to do?
 - Hang on to your firearm to control the muzzle and make sure it is pointing in a safe direction.

The field you are going to hunt has been pre-planted with several pheasants. TAKE YOUR TIME. Pheasants love to hide. We want you to take at least an hour to make 2 passes through the field.

Be aware of where you are in relation to other in the group. STAY IN LINE!

If you, your dog, or accompanying adult get in front of the line and create a safety hazard, you will be asked to leave the field.

Your dog or dogs must be under control at all times. NO EXCEPTIONS! If your dog is not under control, the dog must be taken from the field by its handler.

REMEMBER, HAVE FUN, STAY IN LINE AND KEEP IT SAFE! GOOD LUCK!



TAFT SPORTSMEN'S CLUB JUNIOR PHEASANT HUNT

**** FROM BAKERSFIELD ****

1. From High 119 (Taft Highway) turn on to Old River Road and go south for 3.7 miles to the stop sign. Go straight on Old River Road for 5.5 miles until you reach Millux Road. Turn right and go 2.7 miles to Paloma Lease Road and turn left.
2. Go straight on partially paved road for approximately 1.6 miles. When approaching the houses, go to the left slightly and go past houses for another 2.4 miles to the junior pheasant hunt location.



The Ten Commandments of Firearms Safety:

1. Watch that muzzle! Keep it pointed in a safe direction at all times.
2. Treat every firearm with the respect due a loaded gun.
3. Be sure of your target and what is in front of it and beyond it.
4. Keep your finger outside the trigger guard until ready to shoot .
5. Check your barrel and ammunition.
6. Unload firearms when not in use.
7. Point your firearm only at something you intend to shoot.
8. Don't run, jump, or climb with a loaded firearm.
9. Store firearms and ammunition separately and safely.
10. Don't drink alcohol, use drugs or take medications that might impair your abilities and good judgment before or while handling firearms or archery equipment.





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Game Bird Heritage Special Hunts Program
2011-2012 Liability Waiver: Adult Participants



READ, INITIAL AND SIGN BEFORE HUNT DAY

Waiver of Potential Claims and Release of Liability

I, _____, as a condition of my being able to participate in hunting activities on State property acknowledge and represent to the State of California each of the following:

1. Hunting is an inherently dangerous activity that can result in serious injuries or death caused by myself or other people who are present, participating in or watching such activities._____
Initial

2. Hunting also includes an inherent risk of serious injury or death caused by conditions of the land, including both defects in or improvements thereto, or natural conditions including animals (whether those being hunted or not) on the property. The State has not made any representations that the conditions of the property are suitable for hunting or that the property is free from defects._____
Initial

3. I acknowledge that in allowing me to participate in hunting activities on State property, the State owes me no duty to supervise the activity or the persons participating in or watching the activity. I further acknowledge that by providing rules, signs, guides, chaperones or other volunteers to assist in hunting activities, neither the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers owe me any duty whatsoever to supervise or control the actions of myself or other persons participating in, watching the activity or on the property._____
Initial

4. Waiver And Release Of Claims: I hereby expressly waive any right that I might have to sue the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers for any physical or emotional injuries, illnesses, death or other damages that I might suffer as a result of participating in hunting activities on State property._____
Initial

5. Waiver And Release Of Claims Based On Negligence: In addition to the inherent dangers involved in hunting on State property described above, I further acknowledge that serious injuries or death may be caused by the negligent acts of State employees, its agents, volunteers or other persons which increase the risk of injury beyond those normally anticipated while hunting. I hereby expressly agree to assume the risk that I may be seriously injured or killed through the negligent acts of others. I agree to waive any right I may have to sue the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers for injuries or death that I may suffer arising out of participating in hunting or related activities including physical or emotional injuries, illnesses or death caused by the negligent acts of the State, its agents, employees, volunteers or other persons._____
Initial

Prior to executing this waiver and release of liability, I was given the opportunity to thoroughly read the entire document and to consult my own legal counsel regarding the potential effect of signing this agreement. I hereby consent to be bound by its terms and conditions.

PLEASE READ, SIGN AND BRING WAIVER TO CHECK IN ON THE DATE OF THE HUNT. YOU MUST SUBMIT A WAIVER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS UPLAND GAME BIRD HUNT

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____



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Game Bird Heritage Special Hunts Program

2011 Liability Waiver: Minor (under the age of 18) Participant



READ, INITIAL AND SIGN BEFORE HUNT DAY

Waiver of Minor’s Potential Claims and Release of Liability

I, _____, am the legal parent/guardian of _____, a minor under the age of 18 years (the "Child"), as a condition of the Child being able to participate in hunting activities on State property, I hereby acknowledge and represent to the State of California each of the following:

1. Hunting is an inherently dangerous activity that can result in serious injuries or death caused by myself, the Child or other people who are present, participating in or watching such activities. _____.

Initial

2. Hunting also includes an inherent risk of serious injury or death caused by conditions of the land, including both defects in or improvements thereto, or natural conditions including animals (whether those being hunted or not) on the property. The State has not made any representations that the conditions of the property are suitable for hunting or that the property is free from defects. _____.

Initial

3. I acknowledge that in allowing the Child to participate in hunting activities on State property, the State owes the Child no duty to supervise the activity or the persons participating in or watching the activity. I further acknowledge that by providing rules, signs, guides, chaperones or other volunteers to assist in hunting activities, neither the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers owe the Child any duty to supervise or control the actions of the Child or other persons participating in, watching the activity or on the property. _____.

Initial

4. Waiver And Release Of Claims: I hereby expressly waive any right that the Child might have to sue the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers for any physical or emotional injuries, illnesses, death or other damages that the Child might suffer as a result of participating in hunting activities on State property. _____.

Initial

5. Waiver And Release Of Claims Based On Negligence: In addition to the inherent dangers involved in hunting on State property described above, I further acknowledge that serious injuries or death may be caused by the negligent acts of State employees, its agents, volunteers or other persons which increase the risk of injury beyond those normally anticipated while hunting. I hereby expressly agree that the Child assumes the risk that the Child may be seriously injured or killed through the negligent acts of others. I agree to waive any right the Child may have to sue the State, its agents, employees and/or volunteers for injuries or death that the Child may suffer arising out of participating in hunting or related activities including physical or emotional injuries, illnesses or death caused by the negligent acts of the State, its agents, employees, volunteers or other persons. _____.

Initial

Prior to executing this waiver and release of liability, I was given the opportunity to thoroughly read the entire document and to consult my own legal counsel regarding the potential effect of signing this agreement. I hereby consent to be bound by its terms and conditions and consent to the Child being bound by its terms and conditions.

PLEASE READ, SIGN AND BRING WAIVER TO CHECK IN ON THE DATE OF THE HUNT. YOU MUST SUBMIT A WAIVER IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS UPLAND GAME BIRD HUNT

Signature _____ Date _____
(Parent/Guardian)

Printed Name _____
(Parent Guardian)

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