

# TWELFTH ANNUAL CLYDE HOWELL NRA YOUTH SHOOTING SPORTS CAMP

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The Eleventh Annual Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports Camp held June 5, 6 & 7, 2009 at the Howell Shooting Club had over 100 campers and more than 80 adult volunteers and youth volunteer interns. Campers chose between the shooting sports rotation and the advanced hunting skills program.

## MISSION STATEMENT

To provide a youth program promoting the shooting sports and various related activities with emphasis on safety, personal responsibility, exercising good judgment and marksmanship.

To foster an understanding of a citizen's right to keep and bear arms as guaranteed by the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

To foster an understanding of the conservation, propagation and restoration of all forms of wildlife and natural resources and to encourage youth to remain active in the various shooting sports and pursue additional training and experience upon completion of the Camp.

To foster and develop youth to be future shooting sports leaders and instructors.

## GOALS

The goal of the Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports Camp is to get youth involved in the shooting and hunting sports and to develop future leaders. Over the years the Camp has proven its ability to do both.

Some graduates have gone on to take NRA basic firearms classes, earn NRA firearm instructor rat-

ings, shoot competitively in such events as high power rifle and trap, become active hunters. return to teach at the Camp, join the military and go into law enforcement.

## CAMP INFORMATION

The Clyde Howell NRA Youth Shooting Sports Camp is offered annually on the weekend of first Sunday in June. It is sponsored by, and held at, the Howell Shooting Club in Yorkville, Illinois, an NRA Gold Medal Club. The 2010 Camp will have 100+ campers and a comprehensive staff of adult volunteers and youth interns.

Campers arrive Friday evening from 4:00—6:00 p.m., are divided into groups of ten by age and are assigned one adult chaperone per group. Campers stay in tents at the facility on both Friday and Saturday night. The chaperones stay with their

respective groups from the time the campers get up in the morning until they go to bed at night.

Saturday and Sunday are training days consisting of four, two-hour blocks of instruction per day. Campers are given their choice of one of two curricula: Shooting Sports or Advanced Hunting Skills.



Margaret attended camp for several years, became an NRA Apprentice Instructor, went on to be an Intern and now as a college student she volunteers as an adult NRA Instructor for the pistol discipline.

## SHOOTING SPORTS CURRICULUM

Eight groups of 10 campers rotate through two-hour training sessions. Subjects typically include .22 caliber pistol, .22 caliber rifle, 20-gauge shotgun, black powder shotgun and archery. In 2009, campers also received instruction in air rifle, wilderness survival skills and first aid.

Each shooting discipline is under the direct supervision of a principal instructor who runs the range and supervises instruction. The principal instructor for each of the non-shooting disciplines is uniquely qualified in their respective discipline. Instructors assume the student has no previous experience and will cover safety issues and fundamental marksmanship while emphasizing the use of reactive targets.



**For some the camp is a pivotal moment establishing a life-long recreational bond with family. It is a powerful, positive memory frozen in time.**

## ADVANCED HUNTING SKILLS CURRICULUM

The Advanced Hunting Skills Program picks up where the State of Illinois IDNR Hunter Education program ends. Unlike the predominantly classroom-based IDNR program, the twenty campers enrolled in this curriculum get practical, hands-on exercises and field observation. There are no prerequisites to enroll.

Instructional modules vary but typically include learning to sight-in a scoped rifle, shooting trap with a 20 gauge shotgun, firing a 20 gauge slug shotgun and shooting a high-powered scoped hunting handgun.

Common field exercises include multiple hunters walking a field, setting up a waterfowl blind, setting up and safely using tree stands, basic outdoor survival skills, GPS orienteering, and crossing a fence with a firearm.

Typically students have an opportunity to hunt behind a hunting dog, shoot a bird, clean and cook it.



**Advanced Hunting Skills campers learn shooting out of a blind is tougher than just shooting trap.**

## HUNTING ETHICS

*“A peculiar virtue in wildlife ethics is that the hunter ordinarily has no gallery to applaud or disapprove of his conduct. Whatever his acts, they are dictated by his own conscience, rather than a mob of onlookers. It is difficult to exaggerate the importance of this fact.”* Aldo Leopold, Founder - American game management

Advanced Hunting Skills instructors emphasize the ethics of hunting and use practical exercises to give campers the opportunity to make good judgments and reinforce appropriate behavior.

## CAMP STAFF & FACILITIES

Every June a tent city rises on the Howell Farm to accommodate as many as 200 adult volunteers, interns and youth campers. As is the case with all cities, it requires a lot of people to plan it and keep it running. In fact, the last morning of Camp marks the first planning session for the next year's Camp.

The Camp maintains a cook tent with a full time chef and staff who prepare six meals over the two and a half days. The menu varies from year to year but meals are always nutritious and bountiful. In past years, Saturday night dinners have been such delicacies as a barbecued whole hog and turkeys. There is also plenty of fresh fruit, juices, ice water and snacks.



**Cook tent personnel prepare nutritious meals and maintain a constant supply of juices and other appropriate beverages to keep campers and volunteers well fed and hydrated in even the hottest weather.**

The Assistant Director-Support and staff provide for every anticipated need including a full time maintenance crew with the skills to do anything from welding to carpentry. During the entire weekend, 24-hours a day, there is an on-site emergency medical team, nurse and security personnel. There is a formal emergency evacuation plan including busses on-site to evacuate everyone to a nearby underground shelter in case of severe weather or other natural disaster.

## CAMP LIFE

Campers have a very full schedule and are not allowed to bring cell phones (there is an on-site telephone), radios, CD or DVD players, or any other electronic toys. Camp programming provides constant supervised learning and recreational activities. In past years, students have enjoyed police and hunting dog demonstrations, cowboy action shooting demonstrations, revolutionary war re-enactors, chain saw art demonstrations, wildlife identification and



supervised games in the evening.

## HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY

Camp staff does everything possible to accommodate campers with special needs including dietary restrictions, hearing impairment and limited mobility. We have a nurse on duty who can assist with routine scheduled medication administration.

Please contact the Camp Director to discuss your requirements prior to registering your camper.



Jim Clingingsmith, 9-year camp veteran, makes shotgun one of the most popular events.

### CAMPER CRITERIA

The Camp is open to boys and girls ages 10 through 16 years. Campers must be capable of displaying a mature attitude, take direction and interact positively with other campers. All campers must arrive before 6:00 p.m. Friday evening and are required to camp on the premises the entire weekend.

### INTERN CRITERIA

It is a goal of the Camp Internship Program to serve as a bridge between camper and shooting sports leader. Philosophically we would like to see all Interns be NRA certified instructors by their 21st birth-

day so they may become instructors and leaders in the shooting sports. Interns should be between the ages of 17 and 20 and should have either attended a prior Camp or have experience in the shooting sports. Internships are unpaid. Prior campers younger than age 17 may apply for an internship position and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.



A student tries her hand at muzzle loading shotgun as instructors Tim O'Meara and Andy Derr coach. O'Meara and Derr have been active with the camp since its inception.

Interns participate in all facets of running the Camp. They may help out with registration, parking, food preparation, maintenance, facility upkeep and assisting on the various shooting ranges. They are also given an opportunity to do some supervised fun shooting during the Camp. Interns are required to stay on the premises during the entire Camp.

### DONATIONS

It costs significantly more than the \$125 registration fee to run the camp. The typical camp requires over 2000 paper targets, 8,800 pellets, 8,000 clay pigeons, 30,000 rounds of .22 ammunition, 3,800 20 gauge shells, 900 12 gauge shells, 60 rounds of 20 gauge slugs, 50 rounds of .44 magnum cartridges, 20 bottles of black powder, 13 bags of shot, 19 bags of wads and three boxes of primer caps. Food service expenses alone can top \$3000.

The low registration fee makes the Camp affordable for as many young people as possible and is the result of the generosity of many individuals and companies.

Howell Shooting Club is an IRS 501(C)(3) not-for-profit public educational organization and as such



Campers get plenty of practice on the .22 caliber rifle range

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**PHOTOS: David Lombardo**