



News & Views

**West Chester Fish
Game & Wildlife
Association**

June 2019

Annual Stream Improvement Raffle Now On Sale! Members' Night on the Pond Thursday, June 20th at 7 PM The Pavilion at Paradise Farm Camp Downingtown, PA

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| 1. Redington Fly Rod and Reel Outfit | 11. Stainless Steel Moen Kitchen Faucet |
| 2. Bass Spinning Rod and Reel | 12. 100 Hand Tied Flies by Jim Clark |
| 3. Six Tray Dehydrator | 13. 2020 Fly Fishing School by TU |
| 4. Night at the Warner Hotel for Two-West
Chester, PA | 14. Estate Planning for Two: Includes Will,
DPOA & Living Will - Miller Law |
| 5. Basket of Cheer | 15. Case of Wine |
| 6. Fishing Trip for Two | 16. Pheasant Hunt for Two |
| 7. Membership - West Chester Trap Club | 17. Cash \$200 |
| 8. Membership -West Chester Fish, Game &
Wildlife | 18. Cash \$300 |
| 9. Pheasant Hunt for Two-Chester County | 19. Cash \$100 |
| 10. 10' Kayak | Misc. Restaurant Gift Certificates |

Thank you to all the fine businesses that donated goods and services to our raffle.

150 tickets will be sold for \$30 per ticket to support the West Chester Fish, Game & Wildlife Association's Stream Improvement projects on West Valley Creek.

Buy your tickets now by sending a check to:

WCFGWA, PO Box 511, West Chester, PA 19381-0511

Questions? Email: gpoolecpa@aol.com



Don't Forget to Pay Your Dues!

Membership dues are now due! Your dues are very important. The money you give supports our efforts as a Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission Cooperative Nursery to feed and raise the trout we release into West Valley Creek. Dues also support our educational activities and popular Kids Trout Rodeos. Please send your dues and donations to:

West Chester Fish, Game & Wildlife Association
P.O. Box 511
West Chester, PA 19381-0511

Events Calendar

June 15, 2019

Art Colley Bass Rodeo
Paradise Farm Pond

June 15, 2019

Opening Day of Bass Season

June 17, 2017

Hunting License Sales

June 20, 2019

Member's Night on the Pond
Paradise Farm Camp

July 4, 2019

Fish for Free Day

July 20, 2019

Hunter Safety Class

September 14, 2019

Stream Improvement Work
Day



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WCFG&WA Officers**2019–2020****President**—Gary Dunn**Vice President**—Fletcher Swanson**Secretary**—Inger & Dave Goodroad**Treasurer**—George Poole**Exec. Committee 2019 - 20**

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Exec. Committee 2018-19

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Helpful Contacts**PA Game Commission**

Hunting License Division: 717-787-2084

SE Region Office: 610-926-3136, 610-926-3137

Report a Violation: Operation Game Thief: 1-888-PGC-8001

PA Fish & Boat Commission

Pollution Incident 1-855-FISH-KIL (1-855-347-4545)

Licensing – 877- 707-4085

Boat Registration/Titling – 866-262-8734, (866-BoatReg)

SE Region Office: 717- 626-0228

**Turn In A
Poacher Or
Litterer**

**Call W.C.O.
Bob Bonney**

610-637-6398

Chester County Conservation Camp

July 7th to July 13th, 2019

The Chester County Conservation Camp is a one week, overnight adventure camp for boys and girls 11 to 14 held at Paradise Farm Camps, East Bradford Township, Chester County, PA.

If you like to have fun in the outdoors and enjoy learning about the environment through hands on experiences, then the Chester County Conservation Camp is for you! Spend a week in the outdoors with campers your own age hunting frogs, catching fish, paddling a canoe, enjoying campfires and doing many other fun activities.

For more information and to register, visit www.chescocamp.org or contact:

Margaret VanGilder, Director

Email: conservationcamp@gmail.com

Phone: (610) 873-0830



FISH-FOR-FREE DAY

Thursday, July 4, 2019

Fish-for-Free Days allow anyone (resident or non-resident) to legally fish on Pennsylvania waterways on the designated days with NO FISHING LICENSE REQUIRED (Trout/Salmon and Lake Erie permits are also NOT required). *All other fishing regulations still apply.*

Fish-for-Free Days are great ways for families to “catch” the fun of fishing!

For more information and places to fish, go to www.fishandboat.com/Fish/FishingRegulations/Pages/FishForFreeDay.

Courtesy PA Fish and Boat Commission

Knowledgeable Boaters Are Safer Boaters!

Boating courses are fun for the entire family and are offered at many locations throughout the state and in your own home. People who successfully complete a Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission approved boating course are issued a Boating Safety Education Certificate good for a lifetime.

The PA Fish & Boat Commission's PA Basic Boating Course was developed to supply boaters with practical information so they can make better informed decisions on the water. Instructors provide students with information to help them reduce the risk of injury and conflict on the water.

Boating Safety Education Certificates are required:

- To operate a personal watercraft
- For persons born on or after January 1, 1982, to operate boats powered by motors greater than 25 horsepower.

Any operator that is required to have a Boating Safety Education Certificate must carry the certificate with them while operating a boat.

Approved permanent Boating Safety Education Certificates for Pennsylvania residents must be issued by the PA Fish & Boat Commission. Out of state boaters must have a certificate issued for a course approved by the National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA).

This course was designed for Pennsylvania's recreational power boaters. However, it can be presented to any group interested in boating or boating safety.

More information on Boating Education Courses can be found at <http://www.fishandboat.com/Boat>

Information provided by the PA Fish and Boat Commission



UN-POWERED BOAT PERMITS

Unpowered boats used at Commission lakes or access areas, PA state parks or PA state forests must be:

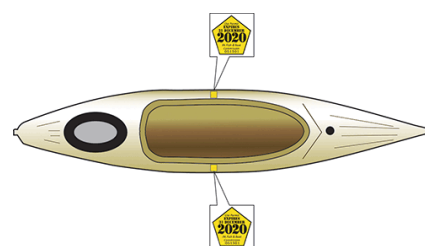
- properly registered, or
- display an official and valid Commission use permit, or display an official and valid watercraft launch or mooring permit issued by DCNR. Permits are available:

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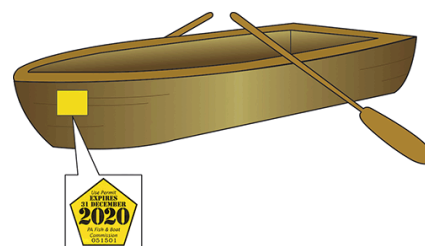
- online at The Outdoor Shop
- from Commission region offices
- from authorized issuing agents
- from many state park offices (Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources)

Additional information can be found at www.fishandboat.com/Boat/

[RegisterTitle/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.fishandboat.com/Boat/RegisterTitle/Pages/default.aspx)

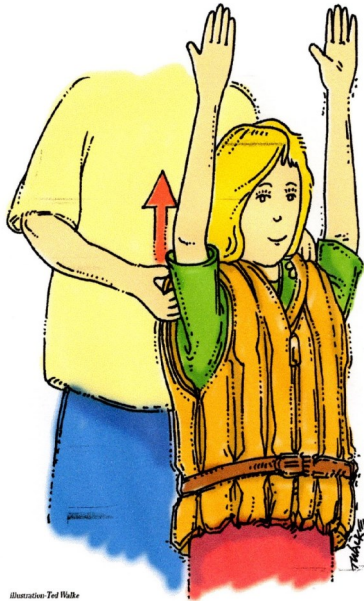


Placement of Use Permits



Life Jackets and the “Touchdown” Test

Boating is a lot of fun. Being a safe boater lets you have more fun. The most important thing you can do is always wear your life jacket. If you fall out or the boat turns over, a life jacket is designed to keep you afloat.



A life jacket is also called a personal flotation device or PFD. Life jackets come in a variety of colors and styles. Newer designs are comfortable to wear. Buy one that you will want to wear, and that is suited for your activities. Make sure your PFD is the right size. Your PFD should fit snugly so it won't come off in the water. It has probably been a few months since you last wore your life jacket. Be sure to test the jacket's fit before boating season begins. The best way to test the size is by doing the “touchdown” test.

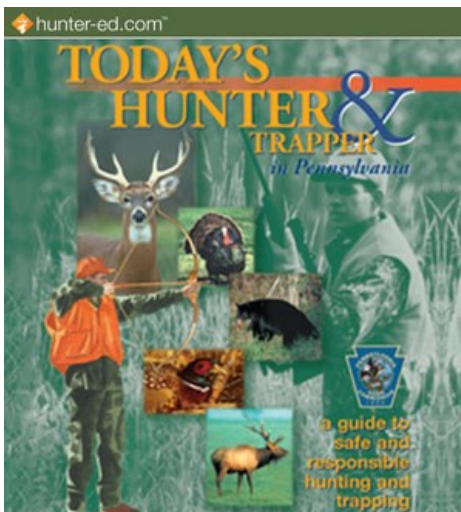
Here's how to do it:

1. Put on your life jacket
2. Raise your arms over your head as if you were signaling a touchdown
3. Have someone lift your life jacket straight up by the shoulders
4. The jacket should stay in place

If the zipper touches your nose or the life jacket almost comes off, the jacket is too loose.

More information can be found at <https://www.fishandboat.com/Boat/BoatingRegulations/Pages/PersonalFlotationDevicesPFD.aspx>

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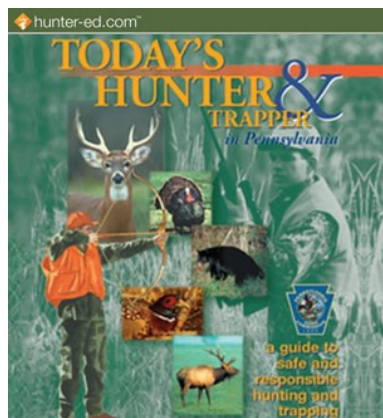


Hunting License Sales Begin June 17, 2019

Sales for 2019-20 hunting and trapping licenses and permits will begin at midnight, Monday, June 17, 2019. License buyers will receive a complementary Digest. DMAP permit and elk license applications also become available at that time.

Additional information may be found at www.pgc.pa.gov/Pages/AlertDetails.aspx.

Information courtesy of the Pennsylvania Game Commission.



Hunter Safety Class

July 20, 2019

8:00 am - 4:30 pm

East Bradford Township Building

West Chester, PA

A Hunter Trapper Education course will be held July 20, 2019 at the East Bradford Township Building in West Chester, PA.

What does the course include?

- Responsible hunting behavior
- Basic firearm knowledge and safe handling
- Basic shooting and safe hunting skills
- Expanding your hunting opportunities
- Basic and advanced hunting techniques
- Trapping and fur taking basics
- Wildlife conservation and management
- Outdoor safety and survival

This is a one day training class. In order to prepare for your class, you must read Chapters 1, 4, 5 and 9 of *Today's Hunter & Trapper in PA*. These four chapters are part of the Hunter-Trapper Education course, but will not be covered at your class. It will be your responsibility to study this material before you attend a class.

The online version of the manual can be accessed at www.hunter-ed.com/pennsylvania/handbook. Hard copies of the manual are available at Gordon's Sports Supply, 129 Pottstown Pike, Uwchland, PA 19480 or at The Downingtown Bicycle Shop, 833 W Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown, Pa 19335.

All first-time hunters and trappers, regardless of age, must successfully complete Hunter-Trapper Education training before they can buy a Pennsylvania hunting or trapping license. A training certificate, which is recognized throughout North America, is awarded when you pass a test at the end of the course.

You must be at least 11 years old to enroll in a class. Parents are encouraged to attend with their children. The program is designed to produce safe, responsible, knowledgeable and involved participants.

The East Bradford Township Building is located at 666 Copeland School Road, West Chester, PA 19380.

For more information and to register for the class, go to the PA Game Commission website at www.pgc.state.pa.us.



Nursery Report - *Mike Colley*

This year we stocked 2,185 trout consisting of Rainbows, Brook, Brown and Golden trout. The last of the fish were stocked on May 18th. Through the fall, winter and early spring, the trout were fed a total of 1,100 pounds of food, which cost \$615.00. The new batch of fingerlings arrive in October 2019.

Thank you to our dedicated feeding and stocking volunteers! Without you, all of this would not happen.



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Sincerely,
Steve & Dawn Wiley
610-436-8800



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West Chester Fish, Game & Wildlife Association

Membership Application

Date: _____

Full Name (Please Print Clearly) _____

☐ New ☐ Renewal

Address: _____

☐ Regular \$25.00

City, State, Zip: _____

☐ Family \$30.00

Telephone No.: _____

☐ Junior \$10.00

E-Mail Address: _____

☐ Life \$250.00

☐ Donation \$ _____

Make your check payable to:
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West Chester, PA 19381-0511
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Upcoming Events

Executive Committee

Meets the second Monday of each month at the East Bradford Township Building.

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