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TO: Hunters Wingshooting Clinic Registrant
SUBJECT: Decatur Gun Club – Hunters Wingshooting Clinic
Saturday, August 23rd and Sunday, August 24th, 2025

Decatur Gun Club is hosting a Hunters level Wingshooting Clinic on **Saturday, August 23, 2025, or Sunday, August 24, 2025**. Registration is done through the "Click here to register!" link on the IDNR [Wingshooting Calendar Page](#). The Decatur Gun Club fee for participation is \$45 for adults (18 and over) and \$30 for youth (17 and under), and the fee is non-refundable. ***If you have not already registered online***, please do so before completing and returning your form(s) at the following link... <https://givebutter.com/8Q1ovJ>.

Please complete a Skill Level Assessment and permission form (if applicable) for each participant. The permission form must be signed by a parent or guardian and submitted for any participant under 18 years of age. There will be a Saturday AM and PM session, and a Sunday AM session. There is no Sunday PM session.

A fact sheet with information that you will need to review is also attached below. The completed form(s) should be sent as early as possible but must be received no later than Thursday, August 21st. Your registration is not confirmed until you've purchased your ticket(s) online and have submitted your forms. Forms can be emailed to racegun.40@gmail.com or mailed to:

Ed Anderson
626 North Washington
Mt Pulaski, IL 62548

Please be on time for your session. The AM sessions start promptly at 8am, and the PM session starts promptly at 1:00PM. You will need to be there to check-in at 7:30am for the morning session and 12:30pm for the afternoon session.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact me by phone at 217/494-7804.

Sincerely,

Ed Anderson

Ed Anderson
IDNR Wingshooting Instructor
Decatur Gun Club

Decatur Gun Club

Hunters Wingshooting Clinic

I am the parent/guardian of: _____, and I give permission for my shooting student to participate in the wingshooting clinic at the Decatur Gun Club on:

(Circle One) ☐ Saturday, August 23, 2025

☐ Sunday, August 24, 2025

I understand part of the clinic will include shooting shotguns at clay targets, and I hereby specifically give permission for my shooting student to participate in this activity.

Safety is very important to all of us. In the space provided below on this Parental Permission Form, please list (print) any chronic medical conditions your son or daughter currently has including allergies, behavioral disorders, attention deficit/hyperactivity disorders, seizure disorders, diabetes, or others. If your son or daughter has no chronic medical conditions, please list N/A. This information will be kept confidential by the instructor staff.

Having a medical condition, such as those listed above, does not necessarily disqualify an individual from participating provided that the medical condition is well controlled.

Medical Conditions:

Note: The Department of Natural Resources, the Safety Education Instructor, or the Wingshooting Instructor will remove any participant from the Wingshooting Clinic for disruptive or unsafe behavior.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (Please Print): _____

Date: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone Number(s) (Include Area Code):

Residence: _____

Cell: _____

E-mail Address: _____

DECATUR GUN CLUB
HUNTERS WINGSHOOTING CLINIC
INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

DATES AND TIMES: Saturday, August 23rd, and Sunday, August 24th (NO PM Session)

Morning Sessions: Check-in time 7:30am – 8:00am Instruction & Shooting 8am – 12pm/noon

Afternoon Sessions: Check-in time 12:30pm – 1:00pm Instruction & Shooting 1pm – 5pm

LOCATION: Decatur Gun Club, 61 Faries Park, Decatur, IL 62526

DIRECTIONS: From I-72 take Exit 144. Turn southwest onto IL Route 48 towards Decatur. Next, turn left onto Brush College Road. Proceed 1¾ miles to the intersection of Brush College Rd. and Reas Bridge Road, then turn left onto Reas Bridge Rd. Proceed 1 mile, then turn right onto Christmas Tree Lane. Next, turn left at the Decatur Gun Club entrance sign.

COST: The fee for each session is \$45 per adult (18 and over) and \$30 per youth (17 and under). **The fee is not refundable.** To secure your reservation, register online and send your completed forms to the address provided below, or email to racegun.40@gmail.com. **The last day reservations will be accepted for the regular Hunters Clinic sessions is Thursday, August 21, 2025.**

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APPAREL: Wear upper garments that do not restrict either side-to-side shoulder movement or up and down arm movement. Upper garments should not have snaps, buckles, buttons, or strap adjustments on the front side of the shooting shoulder. Bring a shooting or hunting vest or a shotshell pouch if one is available.

FOOTWEAR: Wingshooting instruction and shotgun shooting are field activities. Wear comfortable but sturdy shoes or boots. No open toed shoes or sandals.

EYE & EAR PROTECTION: Eye and ear protection are mandatory. Participants are expected to provide their own shooting glasses and ear plugs or earmuffs. Participants who wear prescription glasses or contact lenses should wear them. Impact resistant safety glasses are required to be worn over prescription glasses if the prescription glasses are not impact resistant. Safety glasses must be worn in addition to contact lenses.

SHOTGUNS & SHOTSHELLS: Bring a field, sporting clays, or skeet shotgun that you're comfortable shooting -any reasonable gauge (410 and 10 gauges are not reasonable). Open chokes are preferable - skeet, improved cylinder, or light modified are sufficient. Bring 6-8 boxes or 150-200 target shotshells. Target loads in 12 gauge have a 2¾ or 3-dram powder equivalency. Higher powder dram equivalencies will adversely impact your shoulder. Shot sizes of 7 ½, 8, or 9 only please.

INSTRUCTORS: Wingshooting instruction will be given by National Sporting Clays Association/IDNR Certified Wingshooting Instructors.

SPONSORS: Decatur Gun Club, Decatur Sportsman Association, the Illinois Conservation Foundation, and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. The IDNR has been involved in training sportsmen and women through its Safety Education Section, by sponsoring wingshooting clinics, through youth hunting programs, and through hunter skills programs for many years. The Decatur Gun Club supports young shooters through its sponsorship of a Scholastic Clay Target Program Shooting Team and co-sponsors the Decatur Gun Club Introductory Wingshooting Clinic in September each year.

SPECIAL NOTES: The Department of Natural Resources or the Wingshooting Instructor will remove any participant from the Wingshooting Clinic for disruptive or unsafe behavior. Wingshooting Clinics do not satisfy the Illinois Hunter Education Requirement.

Decatur Gun Club
HUNTERS WINGSHOOTING CLINIC

Participant Skill Level Assessment
One Form Per Session, One Form Per Person

Saturday, August 23rd

Sunday, August 24th

☐

AM

☐

PM

☐

AM (No PM)

Please print the following information legibly.

Name: _____

Age group:

☐

18-30

☐

31-50

☐

51-70

☐

Over 71

Age if under 18: _____

(Parent or Guardian must accompany.)

Street
Address _____

City _____

State & Zip _____

Phone #: (_____) _____

E-mail: _____

① Do you hunt with a shotgun?

☐

Yes

☐

No

② Do you participate in any of the following clay target sports? Check all that apply.

☐

Trap

☐

5-Stand

☐

Skeet

☐

Sporting Clays

☐

Informal Hand Trap Clays

☐

Other _____

④ How often do you practice shooting clay targets? Check only one box.

☐

One to Three Times a Month

☐

A Few Times a Year

☐

Only Just Before Hunting Season

☐

Do Not Practice

⑤ Rate your approximate success rate hitting a moving object with a shotgun (wingshooting).

☐

Hit 25% or less.

☐

Hit 25-50%

☐

Hit 50-75%.

☐

Hit 75% or more.

⑥ Have you worked with a shotgun instructor before?

☐

Yes

☐

No

How did you find out about this clinic?

☐

IDNR Web Site

☐

Social Media

☐

I Attended Before

☐

Friend Told Me

Other _____

Other participants you would like in your group if possible. (We try to limit groups to four. We may split groups at check-in.)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

We cannot guarantee which instructor you will have but you may request a specific one here:
