



The Quiver

Michigan United Conservation Clubs Region 7 Monthly Newsletter

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Michigan Out-of-Doors Youth Camp



The Michigan Out-of-Doors Youth Camp has been running out of the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center in Chelsea, MI since 2003. Our camp is run by Michigan United Conservation Clubs, which is the largest statewide non-profit conservation organization.

Since 1946, our camp program has been at multiple locations around the state and had over 59,000 campers. We offer residential and day camp programs, with each week focusing on a different conservation-based theme. With a variety of themes and weeks to choose from, no doubt your camper will find a week that best suits their interest and we know they will have a great time! With 250-acres of property and lake front access, there is no shortage of exploration to be done here at the Michigan Out-of-Doors Youth Camp.



This year, the Michigan Out-of-Doors Youth Camp will run seven weeks of camp. Five of them will be residential programs and two of them will be day camp programs. Each week focuses on a different conservation based theme allowing campers to sign up for a program that will best suit their interests. No matter what week your camper chooses, they will get to participate in our daily activities such as archery, kayaking, fishing hiking and so much more.

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Camp Weeks

Conservation Connection

June 17-21 \$325 Day Camp Ages 6-12

Favorable Fishing

June 23-28 \$750– Residential Ages 9-11

Stewards in Training

July 7-12 \$750 Residential- Ages 12-14

Westland Wonders

July 14-19 \$750 Residential Ages 9-11

Hunting Heritage & Counselor in Training

July 21-26 \$750 Residential Ages 9-11

Survival Skills

July 28-Aug 2 \$750 Residential Ages 9-11

Conservation Connection

Aug. 5-9 \$325 Day Camp– Ages 6-12

Contact: Shannon Stover: Camp Director

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The Michigan Out-of-Doors Youth Camp needs YOUR help.

We reached our funding goal for a new archery range at camp and are ready to break ground. We need the right team to do it!

This unique opportunity would allow contractors to support a non-profit organization and receive a life-time plaque to sponsor this project. If you or someone you know would be interested in this, please get in touch with the camp director at [sstover@mucc.org](mailto:ssstover@mucc.org) or 517-346-6462.

Our camp is operated out of the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center located in Chelsea, Michigan. Completed in 1940 the Cedar Lake Outdoor Center is rich in Michigan history. It was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps and has been maintained by the DNR and MUCC in the years since. The rolling landscape, white pine forest and lakefront all provided an abundance of wildlife and beauty for the campers to explore. Camp address is: 2500 Pierce Rd. Chelsea, Mi. 48118



What's Cooking



Hawaiian Grilled Squirrel

Ingredients:

- 2-3 young squirrels quartered
- 1/2 cup Brown Sugar
- 1/2 Cup pineapple juice
- 1/2 cup soy sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 7 oz of coconut milk
- Half bunch of green onion, chopped (save some for garnish)
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 teaspoon sesame oil

Marinate

Marinate squirrel 1/4's over night

Grill at fairly low temperature, around 275 degrees, for 10 to 15 minutes per side or until the squirrel is just cooked through. With about 10 minutes of grill time remaining, add the pineapple slices to the grill. Grill the slices for 5 minutes per side. Serve the squirrel over rice and surround with grilled pineapple. Top with a with additional soy or teriyak8 sauce for drizzling, to taste.

Non-Native VS, Invasive

- Non-Native species are those that do not occur naturally in an area
- Invasive species are non-native And pose harm to the environment economy, or human health
- For a species to be invasive, it must do harm
- If a species is simply non-native and not invasive, there is no cause for concern

Tracks Facts

The Groundhog



- ◆ Groundhogs are also known as woodchucks or whistle pigs.
- ◆ Between 5 and 12 lbs. and are about 18 inches long.
- ◆ Related to the Squirrels
- ◆ Groundhog teeth grow about a sixteenth of an inch each week
- ◆ During hibernation groundhogs heart beat slow down from 100 beats per minute to 15 beats per minute

The next NRC meeting is Thursday, February 8th 2024, at Lansing Community College West Campus. Rm. M119-121 Watch committee, as a whole live on MUCC'S Facebook page.

Timber in Michigan

The forest products industry provides 96,000 jobs and contributes \$22 billion to Michigan's economy.

Approximately 20% of the raw material used by Michigan's forest products industry comes from sustainably-managed state forest lands.

Michigan's nearly 4 million acres of state forest lands provide our state with clean air and water, materials for a strong forest products industry, and places to hunt, fish, hike, ride ORVs and camp.

We take forest management seriously. That means maintaining our sustainability certifications and carefully planning out how we care for state forests. These management strategies include science-based methods such as planting and harvesting trees, improving wildlife habitat, reducing wildfire risk with careful prescribed burning and controlling invasive pests so we'll have forests now and for future generations.

This information can be found on the DNR website [Here](#)

Snapshot of State Parks history in Michigan

The first State Park in Michigan was Interlocken State Park. It was acquired in 1917 and became the first state park in 1919 when the Michigan legislature established the Michigan State Parks Commission.

P.J. Hoffmaster was named the first superintendent of the state parks in 1922

Michigan Concealed Pistol Class at

Sportsman's Warehouse

5215 Century Ave. Kalamazoo Mi.

9AM to 6PM Saturday February 10th

<http://legalheat.com/class-dates/class-date-304901>

January 2024 NRC Recap

By Justin Tomei

January 11, 2024

The Natural Resources Commission's first meeting of 2024 wrapped up just before lunch today, with no commissioner items for information or action.

This was the first commission meeting for new commissioner Robin Michigiizhigookwe Clark, who was appointed hours after the December NRC meeting concluded. More on her appointment can be found in MUCC's December NRC recap [HERE](#)

Department of Natural Resources Director Scott Bowen had two items up for information and action.

Up for director action was [Fisheries Order 243.24](#), which amends state-licensed commercial fishing reporting to comply with the Great Lakes Consent Decree, and the second was [Land Use Order of the Director #1 of 2024](#), which prohibits recreational shooting at the Port Huron State Game Area. This closure is due to mass noncompliance with posted rules, and persisting safety concerns.

[Land Use Order #2 of 2024](#) was up for information this month. The order is part of the Forest Road Inventory Update. The order will be up for action at the February meeting.

Fisheries Order 255.24 was also up for information. This rule changes the reporting requirements for state-licensed commercial anglers and charter captains to comply with the Great Lakes Consent Decree and Public Act 239 of 2023. Dr. Seth Herbst of the DNR Fisheries Division presented the order during the director's report.

Three land transactions are on the agenda; MUCC reviews all land transactions exceeding 80 acres. [Land Transaction Case #20230222](#) was a reacquisition of 96.87 acres of land that was transferred to the Department of Corrections in the 1960s. The order is a formality for the DNR to regain management.

Michigan DNR Deer and Elk Specialist Chad Stewart presented the results of the 2023 elk hunt to commissioners.

The February 8, 2024 meeting will be held at the Lansing Community College West Campus.

To ensure our natural resources remain protected and managed thoughtfully and our outdoor heritage defended, join Michigan United Conservation Clubs today: <http://bit.ly/JoinMUCC>.

Signs of CWD in Deer

Loss of body condition or emaciation (thin or weak) / Change in behavior such as loss of fear of humans/ Loss of bodily control or movements / Excessive drooling and salivating.



2024 Convention
 Where: Sault Ste. Marie
 When: March 8th—10th



It's
 U.P.
 Time

Next Region 7 Meetings

February 4th 2024 at Jackson County Outdoor Club
last Region 7 Meeting before convention and 1st Region
meeting in 2024

Then on

May 5th Region 7 Meeting at Dowagiac Conservation Club

Then on

July 20-21 Sporting Clay Region 7 MUCC Fundraiser at
Grand Valley Cap & Ballers (our 4th year)

OTG



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Great Day at Fort Custer State Recreation Area, near Battle Creek, with the OTG crew.
It was chilly but that didn't dampen the sprits of the grounds crew restoring a Prairie Ecosys-
tem (56 acers) by removing woody vegetation in preparation for a burn off later on this
year. Thanks to the DNR and our own Saraha Scheitz and our AmeriCorps member Katelyn
Helsel for a safe, satisfying and heart pumping day. The Pizza really hit the spot. Thanks
Gang. If one of the OTG projects get close to your area make the time to volunteer on the
project. It's a great cause.

Happenings Around the Region In February 2024 open to the public

Grand Valley Cap & Ballers : Sporting Clays (modern shotguns) April 20, May 18, June 15, July 20,21 MUCC & 21 both days fundraiser. Sept.21, Oct. 12.. Sept. Spring shoots start May 3rd, 4th and 5th. See website for details. Frontier Shoot Aug. 1,2,3,4th. (this is a big deal) Ladies only weekend Aug. 24th, 25th See Website for much more.

Fennville Rod and Gun Club: Trap and Skeet shooting Feb. 3rd 10th, 20th, 17th, 24th 12PM-5PM \$5 per round. Feb. 11th 80 Bird Shuffle. 10AM to 3PM. Feb. 25th Basic CPL 8-5PM to register contact Skip Coryell 269-838-5586

Grass Lake Sportsman Club: go to Facebook and website for updates. Pistol Soot 10am-1pm \$5

Hillsdale County Conservation Club: Every Thursday Consecutive Thursdays January 5th-March 16th 30 3-D target shoots. Warm-up @ 6PM Starts at 7PM All Open to Public \$5 per person. 10am-1pm Public. Youth Archery Consecutive Mondays Feb. 7th thru. March 28th.

New Buffalo Rod and Gun Club: Feb. Wensdays Trap Practice 6PM Trap Games shoot 6:30 pm and Sunday Trap practice 10am to 1pm. NON-MEMBERS are welcome to attend all upcoming events!

Dowagiac Conservation Club: Hunters Rendezvous February 10th 2024 Don't Miss this one. It's a big deal ! CPL Feb. 17th 8am-5pm call Ron at 269-224-1032 for more info. Or email build@hembock.com. Meet Shoot Feb. 18th 9am-2pm

Bend of the River Conservation Club: Every Wed. in Feb. 12PM-4PM Basic Pistol Training \$5. Contact Sunne Beaty 312-618-3588. Jr. Rifle. February 25 2pm-4pm ages 8-18 free open to the public. Firearm , eye protection, ammo, ear protection included

Paw Paw Conservation Club Trap Shooting every Monday year round 4:30– 10:00pm \$4 for 25 birds. Free round for anyone who shoots a perfect round (25) For info call (269) 657-8949 after 4:30 on Monday's Phone # 269-657-8949

Edwardsburg Conservation Club : Year round Trap shooting event Games on Saturdays 10-1PM. Jan. Line dancing classes Feb. 4, 8,15,22,19 6:30-8 PM Help us raise \$ for our Scholarship Fund while learning how to line dance. \$300/session

Hamilton Rod and Gun Calcutta second Friday Jan. 12th Protection at 5:30 Shoot at 7PM Food available Jan. 20th Wild Game dinner just bring a game dish or desert. Doors open at 5:30 (this is a big deal) Open to the Public. Gun raffles and much more.

Jackson County Outdoor Club: Trap Shooting Starts again 1st Wed. 2024. FYI Jackson County Conservation District Annual spring tree sale fundraiser will be April 12-13 at Keely Park. This is a pre-order event For more information go to <http://www.jacksoncd.org> / Sunday Youth Archery Jan 7th thru March 20th. / Wed. Spot League Jan 15-March 13. Call Max 386-547-3369 or Tammy at 517-945-4815 / Thru. Animal league Jan 11– March 14th. February 4th 2024 Region 7 meeting.

Bellevue Conservation Club: Open Trap, Skeet and 5-Stand shooting every Sunday 2-6pm and Wednesday 6-10pm. We have 3 Trap/Skeet combo fields with lights. Indoor Archery League will start in January 8th 8484 Greenfield Highway, Bellevue, Michigan 49021.

St. Jo Conservation Club. CPL Class Sat. Feb. 10 th. 9AM–6PM. Winter Trap & Skeet League starts Jan. 7th– March 10th . Open Trap/Skeet will start Jan. 7th Concurrently with the league.

All Species Conservation Club Feb 13th regular meeting guest speaker Jay Wesley , DNR Lake Mich. Basin coordinator fisheries division 6:30 sure to be very informative. Travelers Pub Portage Mi. ;

if would like me to show up at one of your membership meeting to give you an update of what's happening in MUCC's world, email me or call rhbhunt3@gmail.com or call 269-209-1770

Did you know?

Find your local elected officials at both the state and the federal level.

<https://p2a.co/nBnrYd0>

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Upcoming OTG Projects

Saturday, February 3, 2024 - Edge-feathering and Brush Pile Building at Bellevue Conservation Club, Eaton County -

Saturday, February 17, 2024 - Wood Duck Nest Box Maintenance and Installation at Maple River State Game Area, Gratiot County -

Friday, February 23, 2024 - Brush Pile Building in Gap Openings at Port Huron State Game Area, St. Clair County -

Call for help to register. MUCC office 517-371-1041 or
sscheitz@mucc.org 517-346-6456

See You at the Convention

Laughing Tracks

What Do you call a motorcycle with no tires? A groundhog.

What's a groundhog's favorite drink?Hole Milk



Conservationist Pledge: I give my Pledge as an American to save and faithfully defend from waste the natural resources of my country, it's Air, soil and minerals, it's forests water and wildlife

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