

Hello District #1 members,

Gun Raffle: For those of you that did not make the spring meeting the gun raffle was a great success. Next year's Raffle will be at Sparrow Pond again but will have to be one-week later. It will be the 2nd Sat. In April which is the 13th. As always we will ask for members to volunteer to be on the Raffle committee at the Fall trappers meeting.

Youth Field Days: Crawford County July 15th and Forest County July 29th. If you are able to help at one of the youth field days contact your county leader. You can help in any county regardless of what county you live in.

District Trapper School: Trapping school to be held at Conneaut Lake Sportsman's Club on August 19th, Jim Murphy is heading up the school. We need instructors and helpers. Please contact Jim at 814-382-2561 or e-mail at trapperjim16316@hotmail.com if you would like to help, or if you would like to register. This is open to all ages and pre-registering is required.

Summer Picnic/District One Trappers Summer Meeting August 5: This will be held at The Harmony Township Community Center, 95 Center Circle St. West Hickory, PA 16370. This is a great location! It is an air-conditioned building with a nice Kids playground next door. It is less than ¼ mile from the West Hickory boat launch on the Allegheny River. Our event will start at noon So if you choose to make a day out of it there are plenty of Hiking trails in the area. A canoe or kayak trip from West Hickory to Tionesta takes about 2-3 hours; it is about a 7-mile float. If you want to tent camp there are plenty of free places on the Allegheny National Forest within a few miles drive.

Canoe rental, Allegheny wilderness outfitters, East Hickory, PA 814 755 3231 (They support our Gun Raffle) they rent or would transport your personal canoe or kayak, call ahead for reservations. I have 2 canoes and 4 Kayaks that I would be happy to let someone use for the day you would have to arrange your own hauling. To use one of my canoes for the day call Andrew Hyde 814-573-9024 The 1st to ask gets the use of them.

Events of the Day:

Starting at noon with trapping Demos:

Don Powell Mink Trapping Demo:

Don is a well known mink trapper who has made DVDs and written books on mink trapping. Don has done a tremendous amount of work studying mink and their habits. He is the founder of MinkTrapping.com

John Pingley: Coyote trapping

John is from West Virginia he has over 40 years' experience trapping coyotes He trapped for the USDA as a government Trapper for 10 years. Trapping coyotes for livestock protection in many states east and west. John now has a Trapping lure business he will have lures for sale at the meeting.

We are planning on two more Demos to be announced. I am working on lining up a couple more well known trappers.

The District Meeting will start at 2:30. We plan on eating around 4:30 or 5:00 for the meal. The district will cook pork butts on the smoker for pulled pork and will supply buns and condiments, corn on the cob beverages and paper plates and plastic ware.

Please feel free to bring a dish to share. We will have plenty of ice and coolers so if you come early for demos and have a cold dish, we can keep it cool until dinner. If you plan on attending, send me an email at trapperhyde64@gmail.com or call 814-573-9024. It is not required that you let me know, it'll just give me an idea on how much pork to cook. This is a District meeting where you don't have to be a member to come and enjoy the day. Bring a nonmember along if you like, we want to build our membership.

Fall District Meeting; Held at Endeavor Community center 17425 route 666 Endeavor, PA 16322 in conjunction with Forest County trappers' day.

At the fall meeting we will have Demos. We have Mike and Linda White from Little Valley, NY. Both well know trappers and the owners of Sawmill Creek baits and lures. Other demos to be announced. There will be Trap supply dealers so you can pick up your supplies for the year. This will support the dealers that support us and save you shipping cost at the same time. Tailgaters are welcome to set up at no charge. Food will be free and potluck, bring something if you like. The day starts at 9:00 am with coffee & donuts. Followed by demos. Food will be available by mid-morning. At 12:30 we will have a Strategic planning meeting followed by the business meeting.

The strategic planning will help us decide as a district what our goals are, and how we should spend the money we raise. We have a good size bank account it is important to have a plan. It would be great to have a good number of the members participate in this please come your input is needed. You will help decide where we go in the future.

Hope to see you all at the upcoming meeting.



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