

HUNTING HERITAGE EVENT AWARDS

OVERVIEW

The national hunting heritage programs awards are designed to recognize chapters that actively implement Save the Habitat. Save the Hunt. and the mission of NWTF.

ELIGIBILITY

All active chapters that host a hunting heritage event held September 1 – August 31 are eligible for and encouraged to participate. Chapters are eligible for recognition in the program each year. Chapters who have won 5 national awards (within the same category) will be inducted into the NWTF Outreach Hall of Fame. These chapters will be recognized at the NWTF Convention and Sport Show and commemorated on the hall of fame plaque at the Wild Turkey Center.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for a national hunting heritage programs award submit a complete application along with a portfolio of pictures, media coverage and other pertinent information; one application per event.

Applications should be postmarked by November 1 and mailed to:

National Wild Turkey Federation
Hunting Heritage Awards Committee
c/o Hunting Heritage Programs
P.O. Box 530, 770 Augusta Road
Edgefield, SC 29824

E-mail: hunting.heritage@nwtf.net

RECOGNITION

Awards are given in the following categories:

BEST INAUGURAL EVENT

- Awarded to chapter(s) who have hosted an exceptional first time hunting heritage event (JAKES, Wheelin' Sportsmen or Women in the Outdoors).

SAVE THE HUNT STATE AWARDS

- Awarded to the state chapter with the highest cumulative number of recruited hunters registered and reported in MyNWTF.
- Awarded to the state chapter with the highest percentage growth of recruited hunters registered and reported in MyNWTF from the previous fiscal year.

R3 AWARD

- Awarded to chapter(s) whose hunting heritage events (JAKES, Wheelin' Sportsmen or Women in the Outdoors) focused on recruitment, retention or reactivation of hunters.

BEST PARTNERSHIP EVENT

- Awarded to chapter(s) who partnered with other entities (individuals, companies, agencies, NGOs, etc...) to host a hunting heritage event (JAKES, Wheelin' Sportsmen or Women in the Outdoors).

TOP CONTRIBUTING EVENT

- Recognizes chapter(s) with the highest percentage fundraising growth from previous fiscal year. w(Wheelin' Sportsmen or Women in the Outdoors only. Net dollars raised/includes membership).



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MEMBERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT

- Recognizes chapter(s) hosting Wheelin' Sportsmen or Women in the Outdoors events with the highest percentage membership growth from previous fiscal year.
- Recognizes the chapter event with the highest percentage JAKES membership growth from previous fiscal year.

SELECTION

When reviewing award applications the following criteria are considered:

ACTIVITIES /LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Proper safety equipment/procedures were followed.
- Event moves participants along the track of becoming a hunter.
- Event connects participants with a next step (another opportunity to learn or participate in hunting activities).

PARTNERSHIPS

- Chapter partnered with state/federal agencies, companies or other Non-Governmental Organization.

CORPORATE/COMMUNITY SPONSORS

- Offset event expenses through sponsorships

NEWSPAPER/RADIO/ TV COVERAGE

- Chapter used publicity to increase community awareness and attendance.

PARTICIPATION/MEMBERSHIP

- Post event participation was reported through MyNWTF or proper fundraising paperwork was submitted through regional staff.
- Event participants became members of NWTF.

FUNDRAISING

- Where appropriate chapter utilized fundraising to continue NWTF mission.

REGISTER/REPORTING

- Chapter properly registered event through MyNWTF or through NWTF field staff.
- Chapter reported post event data through MyNWTF or submitted required financial paperwork.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Chapter supplied portfolio of pictures, media coverage and other pertinent information to support application.



NWTF Hunting Heritage Event Award Application

To be eligible chapters must follow the guidelines below and submit all materials (postmarked) by November 1:

- Events held September 1 – August 31
- Complete application
- Pictures/media coverage
- Support documentation may be attached

NOMINATOR:

NWTF staff NWTF volunteer

Chapter affiliation _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

E-mail _____ Cell _____

PLEASE CHECK THE CATEGORY THAT APPLIES:

- Women in the Outdoors
- JAKES
- Wheelin' Sportsmen
- Hunt
- Other

Event name _____ State _____

Event date _____

Event registered? Yes No Event completed? Yes No

Is this a first time event? Yes No

Total participants _____ Total volunteers _____ Total mentors _____ Women in the Outdoors _____

JAKES _____

Wheelin' Sportsmen _____

Total memberships _____



Event description: (limit 150 words)

List partners including state/federal agency cooperators and provide detail regarding their role

List learning stations (if applicable). How did your event recruit, retain or reactivate hunters?

In what ways did you recruit participants? List any specific groups you partnered with in order to get the word out

Were next step or continuation activities/events presented to these participants? How does your event move participants along the track of becoming a hunter?

Please list any media coverage from the event (TV, radio, newspaper, etc.)

If this is an inaugural event, what led your chapter to host this hunting heritage event? Will you host the event again? What did you learn?

Awards will be presented in the following categories. Your submission may be eligible for more than one category.
BEST INAUGURAL EVENT | SAVE THE HUNT STATE AWARD | R3 AWARD | BEST PARTNERSHIP EVENT
TOP CONTRIBUTING EVENT | MEMBERSHIP ACHIEVEMENT



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