



Saginaw Valley Chapter Youth Shoot

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Saginaw Gun Club

9540 Gratiot Road

Saginaw, Thomas Township

RGS Junior Membership Is Required
And Can Be Purchased At The Event for \$10.00!!
Open To High School Age and Younger
(Must Be Accompanied By Parent or Guardian)

FEES

All shotgun shells and range fees are paid for by Saginaw Valley RGS Chapter. Each participant will shoot up to 2 rounds of skeet. Additionally each participant receives a free one year junior membership to the Saginaw Gun Club compliments of the Saginaw Gun Club.

WHAT TO BRING

Eye and ear protection. Your own shotgun if you have one. Guns of various gauges and sizes will be available for use for those that do not have their own shotgun.

What You Will Learn

Proper gun handling and safety. Good shotgun shooting fundamentals from national class skeet shooters from the Saginaw Gun Club.

LUNCH

Hot Dogs, Chips And Soft Drinks Will Be Provided After The Shoot!

TO REGISTER

Please contact Harry Danz By May 3, 2009
989.754.1034

Ruffed Grouse Society 2008 Michigan Projects

Hiawatha National Forest Grouse Habitat Improvements, Chippewa and Mackinac Counties, Michigan

An additional \$5,000 was provided for the ongoing Cost Share Partnership Program between the US Forest Service and the Ruffed Grouse Society. Funds contributed are being matched by the Forest Service, therefore doubling on the ground management activities. Funds in 2008 would continue the development of the Little Bear Ruffed Grouse and Woodcock Management Area on the St. Ignace Ranger District and begin habitat improvements on the Birch Farm Management Area near Rapid River.

LeGrande Management Area Project, Cheboygan County, Michigan

The project area is managed by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and is located approximately six miles north of Afton, Michigan. Funds would be used to support ongoing ruffed grouse habitat work being conducted on the Pigeon River Wildlife Area. Work for 2008 includes the rehabilitation of approximately 12 acres of wildlife openings.

Michigan Private Landowner Education

RGS funds in 2008 were used to support an early successional forest educational workshop at the 2nd annual Michigan Ornithological Conference to increase the awareness of this important habitat component to local and migratory songbirds. Funds were also used to support two regional workshops for Michigan Ruffed Grouse Society Chapter representatives. Funds would be used for logistical support for these events.

Michigan Technological University Research Project

RGS provided \$6,000 for a two year research project entitled; "*Optimizing Both Habitat Quality for Conservation-Concern Bird Species and Tree Productivity in Aspen Forests in the Great Lakes Region*". With future prospects of using forest resources for cellulosic ethanol production, additional pressure most likely will fall on this regionally declining forest resource. This research is timely and will evaluate potential tradeoffs between biomass production and wildlife habitat management objectives in aspen stands and develop recommendations for managing aspen forests to meet quality-oriented standards.

Huron/Manistee National Forest Non-Commercial Aspen Regeneration, Cadillac Ranger District, Lake and Wexford Counties, Michigan

This project is a continuation of work that was initiated in 2007. Funds are being used to regenerate non-commercial aspen habitat on sites inaccessible for commercial harvests. This important habitat management activity would not occur without outside funding support. The cost to conduct the work is estimated to be \$300/acre.