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Iowa State Parks partnering with Farrell's for defensive technique training

WAUKEE -- About 70 Iowa Department of Natural Resources State Parks staff will take part in a hands-on tactical training hosted by Farrell's Extreme Bodyshaping in Waukee, on March 28. The event is part of an overall training curriculum to help park staff hone safety, fitness and verbal compliance techniques.

While state park staff trains annually through a variety of law enforcement organizations, this is the first time they are partnering with the private fitness center, which is donating both the staff and facility time.

According to Iowa DNR Park Ranger Rod Nelson, who helped coordinate the training, Farrell's offers unique equipment and fitness strategies that will help staff become better prepared to minimize dangerous situations for both officers and the public.

"Our staff is well trained in several areas that improve safety and work toward peaceful resolutions while people are recreating in our parks," said Nelson. "This is one more example of how we can partner with organizations like Farrell's to help us serve the public."

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Family trout fishing event Saturday at Ottumwa Park Pond

OTTUMWA – A family trout fishing event will be held at Ottumwa Park Pond on March 31 from 8 a.m. to noon.

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will stock 2,000 rainbow trout in the pond at noon on Friday, which was previously scheduled for March 24, but was postponed due to inclement weather.

Anglers must have a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout. The daily limit is five trout per licensed angler with a possession limit of 10. Children age 15 or younger can fish for trout with a properly licensed adult, but they must limit their catch to one daily limit. The child can buy a trout fee which will allow them to catch their own limit of five trout.

The free event is sponsored by the Ottumwa Parks and Recreation and the Iowa DNR.

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2018 DNR sale set for April 14

DES MOINES – The Iowa Department of Natural Resources will hold the 2018 spring auction on April 14, at Pioneer Livestock Pavilion on the Iowa State Fairgrounds, in Des Moines. Doors will open at 7 a.m., and the auction will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The public may view the items for sale and pre-register for the auction from 4 to 6 p.m., on April 13.

There will not be any buyer's premium fee added to the sale.

Items up for auction include more than 500 firearms, bows, gun barrels, scopes, tree stands and other assorted equipment. The items are sold "as is" with no guarantee or warranty.

Any person interested in purchasing a firearm at the auction must have either a valid Iowa permit to acquire pistols or revolvers, a federal firearms license, or a professional or non-professional permit to carry concealed weapons. The Iowa permit to acquire can be obtained from a sheriff's office. Allow two to three weeks to receive the permit.

Payment must be made on auction day. All sales are final. All items must be removed from the site within one half hour after the sale completion.

The Iowa DNR reserves the right to reject any bids and withdraw any item from the sale at any time.

A sale bill is available online at <http://www.iowadnr.gov/Hunting> and will be updated if inventory is added. The DNR will not be mailing any sale bills.

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