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Learn to Hunt program opens registration for wild turkey workshop

DES MOINES - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering a program to teach skills needed to hunt, field dress and cook wild turkey to adults who have little to no wild turkey hunting experience.

The two part workshop, scheduled March 15 and 22, will feature knowledge and skills building sessions with instructors that will provide hands-on learning that will teach the basics.

“For those interested in the challenge of wild turkey hunting as a means of sourcing their own protein, this program provides the opportunity to learn the skills and knowledge it takes to do it all yourself,” said Jamie Cook, Hunter Education coordinator with the Iowa DNR.

Participants will learn basic strategies for hunting wild turkey such as proper equipment, where to hunt, safe shooting practices, and how to field dress, butcher and cook them. The courses are designed for participants 16 years of age and older.

The two-part course runs from 6 to 9 p.m. on March 15 and 22, at the Olofson Shooting Range, near Polk City. The cost is \$35. Space is limited so register early.

For more information and to begin the registration process, go to <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=dep4qyuab&oeidk=a07ej22wwda651f6e0f>

The program is provided through a partnership with the Iowa DNR and the National Wild Turkey Federation. It is part of a national effort to recruit, retain and reactivate hunters due to the overall decline in hunting and outdoor recreation.

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Saylorville Lake to host bald eagle watch Feb. 27

JOHNSTON – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Rock Island District, in cooperation with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Dallas County Conservation Board and the Des Moines Audubon Society, is hosting a free bald eagle watch Feb. 27, from noon to 4 p.m., at the Cottonwood and Bob Shetler Recreation Areas, at Saylorville Lake.

Outdoor viewing stations will be available at Shelter #4 in Cottonwood and near the picnic area in Bob Shetler. Naturalists will be on hand at each location to answer questions and assist visitors with using spotting scopes and binoculars to view eagles. Availability of equipment will be limited so attendees are encouraged to bring their own if they can.

For more information, contact the Saylorville Lake Project Office at 515-276-4656.