Dear Parent or Guardian:

Thank you for your interest in the 13th Annual Robert F. DeRoo Memorial Youth Hunts. This is a free event to celebrate conservation through hunting and space is limited so registration is required. Please fill out the attached forms and return them to me no later than September 25, 2020.

To reduce the spread of COVID-19, we will require all youth, mentors and staff to wear a mask and keep 6 feet apart while inside and outside the Montezuma Audubon Center. To help keep everyone safe, several hand hygiene stations have been installed inside the center and the building is sanitized throughout the day. Due to space limitations and COVID-19 regulations, only one mentor is allowed to attend the hunt with a youth hunter. Additionally, we cannot provide food so participants should bring their own food and beverages.

In order to participate in the hunt, the youth hunter must bring the following documents:
- a New York State issued Hunter Safety Certificate
- a current 2020-2021 Junior Hunting License
- a HIP number (for the waterfowl hunt only) which can be obtained at https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6405.html

The mentor must bring the following to hunt:
- a 2020-2021 New York State Hunting License
- a 2020-2021 Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp (Duck Stamp)
- a HIP number (for the waterfowl hunt only) which can be obtained at https://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/6405.html

We will offer a Waterfowl Identification Course for youth ages 12-15 at the Montezuma Audubon Center (2295 State Route 89, Savannah, NY 13146) on Saturday, September 26 from 2 PM – 6 PM. This course is required to hunt waterfowl at the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. Following the course, all youth waterfowl participants and their mentor are required to attend a safety meeting at the Montezuma Audubon Center at 6 PM.

The Waterfowl Hunt will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2020. The guide that is assigned to your child will coordinate a time and place to hunt.

The Pheasant Hunt will be held on Saturday, October 10, 2020. We’ll meet at the Montezuma Audubon Center at 7 AM to review the safety procedures with the youth hunters and their mentor before hunting.

Here is a list of items the youth will need to bring to the hunts:
- appropriate firearm for pheasant/waterfowl hunting
- ammunition
  - Pheasant Hunt: #4 or #6 shot in 12 gauge or 20 gauge
  - Waterfowl Hunt: steel waterfowl loads in #2 or #3 shot in 12 gauge or 20 gauge
- if waders are needed for the Waterfowl Hunt, please provide us with the youth’s shoe size by September 25, 2020. Please note, waders will be supplied for youth only. Mentors will need to provide their own waders.

Please direct any questions about the Pheasant Hunt to NYSDEC ECO Kevin Thomas at (315)359-1122 or Kevin.Thomas@dec.ny.gov. For questions regarding the Waterfowl Hunt, please contact NYSDEC ECO Tony Drahms at 315-209-9399 or Anthony.Drahms@dec.ny.gov.
We hope you are looking forward to this great opportunity to learn about and enjoy the great outdoors.

Sincerely,

Chris Lajewski
Center Director
(315) 365-3588

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Savannah, New York 13146
clajewski@audubon.org
To register your child for the 13th Annual Robert DeRoo Memorial Youth Hunt, please fill out the liability forms and return them to the Montezuma Audubon Center, P.O. Box 187, Savannah, NY 13146 before Friday, September 25, 2020 or email clajewski@audubon.org.

Parent/Guardian Names: 

Child's Name: 

Birthday: 

Address: 

City/Town: 

Zip: 

Home Phone #: 

Cell Phone #: 

E-mail: 

Mentor’s Name 

Which hunt will your child participate in? Waterfowl (NYSDEC), Waterfowl (Refuge), or Pheasant 

Will the youth hunter participate in the Waterfowl ID course on Sept. 26 from 2 PM – 6 PM? 

Does your child have any allergies/medical concerns that you are aware of? 

For waterfowl only, does your child need waders? If yes, please indicate the child’s shoe size. 

Would you like to camp at the Montezuma Audubon Center the night before the hunt? Please indicate if you will bring a tent or camper.
RELEASE OF LIABILITY & USE OF IMAGE BY PARENT/GUARDIAN OF CHILD PARTICIPANT

Child’s Name: ______________________________ Date of Birth: __________
Program: 13th Robert F. DeRoo Memorial Youth Hunts Site: Montezuma Audubon Center
Date of Participation: __________________________

As the parent and/or legal guardian of the child named above, I wish for my child to participate in National Audubon Society, Inc.’s (“Audubon”) program identified above (the “Program”), which may include in-the-classroom and outdoor field trip experiences. I understand that there are possible dangers associated with the Program, including but not limited to risks associated with hunting and shooting with firearms.

During the COVID-19 epidemic, Audubon’s primary concern is the health and safety of staff, volunteers, and visitors to our offices, centers and sanctuaries. To avoid exposure to the COVID-19 virus, the Centers for Disease, Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that you avoid close contact with people, except those who live with you; stay home if you are sick; wear cloth face coverings in public; wash your hands frequently; avoid touching your face; cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue that you can then immediately throw away; and clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

At our properties, Audubon is providing hand wash soap and hand sanitizer for your use, and has increased its cleaning of frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs and interactive exhibits. We ask anyone who is feeling unwell or who has had contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 to stay at home until the risk for infection has passed. However, no public activity can be 100 percent safe. By participating in the Program, you accept the risk that you may come into contact with pathogens, including the COVID-19 virus. Older adults and people of any age with severe underlying medical conditions may be at higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19. If you are in an elevated risk category, please consider volunteering at a later date when it is safer to do so.

I understand that my child’s participation in the Program may involve sustained physical activity. My child is in good health and I am aware of no physical problem or condition that will limit or interfere with my child’s ability to participate in the activity.

I agree that my child is participating in the activity at my own risk, and acknowledge that Audubon has made no warranty or representation, expressed or implied, regarding the safety of conducting this activity at this site.

I hereby grant permission to Audubon to reproduce my child’s appearance, name, likeness, voice and biographical information in connection with the Program in any and all manners, including promotional materials, and any and all media, including the Internet, throughout the world and in perpetuity.

I expressly release Audubon, its officers, directors, employees, agents licensees, successors and assigns from and for any and all claims, demands or causes of action which I have or may have for (i) libel, defamation, invasion of privacy or right of publicity arising from Audubon’s use of my child’s appearance, name, likeness, voice and biographical information, including but not limited to, the distribution, broadcast or exhibition thereof or (ii) on account of any loss, damage, or injury to person or property suffered or incurred by my child, except by Audubon’s negligence, in connection with any aspect of my child’s participation in the Program or in any Program-related activity, including any transportation arranged by, paid for or provided by Audubon.

This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators and assigns. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have thoroughly read and understand this form and that the statements I have made are all true.

Parent/Guardian Signature: __________________________________________
Print Name: ______________________________________________________
Address: _________________________________________________________
Date: _____________________________________________________________

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13th Annual Robert F. DeRoo Memorial Youth Hunts

Code of Conduct

The 13th Annual Robert F. DeRoo Memorial Youth Hunts are designed for youth hunters to learn safe hunting practices. The Montezuma Audubon Center (MAC) Staff, NYS Department of Environmental Conservation biologists and environmental conservation officers, US Fish and Wildlife Service biologists, and volunteers from numerous sportsman organizations have worked hard to give the youth hunters a safe environment to help increase their appreciation of sportsman activities. The MAC requires that all youth hunters and their parents and/or mentors treat everyone involved with the Robert F. DeRoo Memorial Youth Hunts with respect. When a hunter, parent, or mentor is being disrespectful or demonstrating a poor attitude toward other hunters or anyone involved in the hunts, it affects everyone. Therefore, the following actions, which are prohibited at all MAC activities, are also prohibited during the Robert F. DeRoo Memorial Youth Hunts:

- Deliberately taking any action that causes harm or has the potential to cause harm to another person;
- Name calling;
- Teasing/bullying;
- Profanity or use of derogatory terms;
- Pushing, shoving, or any unwanted touching;
- Talking back to or arguing with hunters, staff or volunteers.

Corrective Action:

If any of the actions listed above occur during the Robert F. DeRoo Memorial Youth Hunts, the youth hunter and mentor will be removed from the activity and prohibited from participating in the hunts.

By signing below, you confirm that you understand the Montezuma Audubon Center’s Code of Conduct and agree to the terms of the corrective action as stated above.

______________________________  ______________________________
Youth Hunter’s Name                  Youth Hunter’s Signature

______________________________  ______________________________
Parent’s Signature                  Mentor’s Signature

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Mentored Youth Hunter and Trapper Permission Form

Use this form to designate a licensed adult hunter or trapper to accompany young hunters or trappers.

I, ________________________________ am the parent or legal guardian (Print name of parent or legal guardian above.) (Circle one above.)

of ________________________________, and I hereby give permission for him or her (Print name of young hunter/trapper above.)

to be accompanied by ________________________________ whom I acknowledge meets (Print name of adult hunter/trapper above.)

the legal age, experience, and licensing requirements to function as a mentor during hunting and trapping seasons.

Signature: __________________________ Date ____________ Telephone Number __________________________ (Parent or legal guardian sign above.) (Print today's date above.) (Phone number above.)

Attention Young Hunter or Trapper. Carry this form with you while afield.