



# Audubon

Montezuma  
Audubon Center

Thank you for your interest in the 16th Annual Robert F. DeRoo Memorial Youth Hunts. These are free events for youth ages 12-15 to celebrate conservation through hunting and space is limited so registration is required. Please fill out the attached forms and return them to Chris Lajewski [clajewski@audubon.org](mailto:clajewski@audubon.org) no later than September 22, 2023.

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 2023-2024 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 adult mentor must bring the following to the hunt:

- **a 2023-2024 New York State Hunting License**
- **a 2023-2024 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>**

All youth hunters and their adult mentor are required to attend a safety meeting and dinner at Montezuma Audubon Center on Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 5:00 PM.

We will offer a Waterfowl Education Course for youth ages 12-15 at the Montezuma Audubon Center (2295 State Route 89, Savannah, NY 13146) on Saturday, September 23 from 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM. This course is required to hunt waterfowl at the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge. Complete the form on page two and return it to Chris Lajewski [clajewski@audubon.org](mailto:clajewski@audubon.org) by September 22. Space is limited and registration in advance is required.

The Waterfowl Hunt will be held on Saturday, September 30, 2023. The guide that is assigned to your youth hunter will coordinate a time and place to hunt. NYSDEC and USFWS locations are available. The youth must successfully complete the Waterfowl Hunter Education Course to hunt waterfowl at the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge.

The Pheasant Hunt will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023. We'll meet at Montezuma Audubon Center (2295 State Route 89, Savannah, NY 13146) at 7 AM to review the safety procedures with the youth hunters and their mentor before shooting clays and hunting pheasants.

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**
- **waders; if waders are needed for the Waterfowl Hunt, please provide us with the youth's shoe size by September 22, 2023. Please note, waders will be supplied for youth only. Mentors will need to provide their own waders.**

Please direct any questions about the dinner and hunts to Chris Lajewski, 315.365.3588, [clajewski@audubon.org](mailto:clajewski@audubon.org).

Thank you!





# Audubon

Montezuma  
Audubon Center

**To register your child for the 16th Annual Robert F. DeRoo Memorial Youth Hunts, please fill out these forms and mail them to Montezuma Audubon Center, P.O. Box 187, Savannah, NY 13146 or email the forms to [clajewski@audubon.org](mailto:clajewski@audubon.org) before Saturday, September 23, 2023.**

Parent/Guardian Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mentor's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Which hunt will your child participate in? Waterfowl (NYSDEC), Waterfowl (USFWS), or Pheasant  
\_\_\_\_\_

Has the youth hunter completed the Waterfowl Hunter Education Course to hunt waterfowl at the Montezuma National Wildlife Refuge?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Will your youth attend the waterfowl hunter education course on Sept. 23?  
\_\_\_\_\_

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 Montezuma Audubon Center the night before the hunt?  
\_\_\_\_\_



Audubon

Montezuma Audubon Center

RELEASE OF LIABILITY & USE OF IMAGE BY PARENT/GUARDIAN OF CHILD PARTICIPANT

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_
Program: 16th 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; 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 participating 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: \_\_\_\_\_



# Audubon

Montezuma  
Audubon Center

## 16th Annual Robert F. DeRoo Memorial Youth Hunts

### Code of Conduct

The 16th Annual Robert F. DeRoo Memorial Youth Hunts are designed for youth hunters to learn safe hunting practices. 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



Audubon

Montezuma  
Audubon Center



New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

# 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.*