

Lieutenant Governor *Invitational Heritage Hunt*

Hunting heritage is dear to us all. We grew up hunting and the experience shaped who we have become and what we care about. Participating in nature and the cycle of life provides a clarity that may not be found elsewhere. But what we hold so dear may be becoming a romantic memory for the old and a waning pursuit for the young. There is a very real danger that hunting as we know it could disappear.

Concerned conservationists realize that action must be taken now to save our hunting heritage. For example, as a part of this recognition, the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission developed a plan for Recruitment, Development and Retention (RDR Plan) for hunters and anglers. The RDR Plan articulates and prioritizes twelve strategies for reinvigorating Nebraska's hunters and anglers. The first of these—Establishment of Hunting and Fishing Camps—includes the approach of working with communities to conduct outdoor family events that combines local enthusiasm for the outdoors with a readily available support system. The Commission and Pheasants Forever teamed up to create an Outdoor Family Event Trailer, a unique system for facilitating just such family events. The trailer is stocked with all the outdoor equipment and instructions needed to conduct an event with a host of outdoor activities for all ages.



As a supporter of hunting heritage and youth involvement, Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy and Hunt Nebraska inc. are inviting a few friends to help raise money for the cause. Funds from the first annual hunt will be used to help purchase two additional Outdoor Family Event Trailers complete with supplies. In the future, funds may be used to address additional high priority hunter retention strategies such as subsidizing youth to attend hunting and fishing camps at different venues across the state.



Please join us for this inaugural hunt on March 19th and 20th, 2010. Teams will consist of 5 members and will cost \$2,500 per team. Please contact Nate Swanson @ 308-962-8469 to reserve a spot for your team.

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Schedule for the 19th and 20th of March

Friday March 19th

Location: Izaak Walton League South of Arapahoe

2:00pm to 6:00pm: Heritage Hunt Team members will be invited to shoot trap at the Izaak Walton League. Members will be charged \$10.00 for 50 rocks. Team members will need to bring ammunition or they can purchase it for \$7.00 a box at the shoot.

4:00pm to 7:00pm: Community Event Trailer Display

Activities: Local families will be invited to learn more about the PF trailers and participate in outdoor activities provided by Nebraska Game and Parks and Pheasants Forever. A free will donation meal will be provided at the event.

Location: Hunt Nebraska Lodge, Arapahoe, NE

2:00pm to 7:00pm: 5 Teams arrive and settle in at Hunt Nebraska. Team members will be signed in and registered and invited out to see the Community Event Trailer Display.

7:00pm: Team members will be served a meal at Hunt Nebraska Lodge.

8:15pm: Texas Hold'em Tournament will begin. Prizes will be given to the Top 3 places.

Saturday March 20th

7:00am: Breakfast served at Hunt Nebraska

8:30am: Teams head for the field

12:00pm: Teams arrive back to lodge for lunch

2:00pm: Teams head back to the field

5:00pm: Teams return to lodge with birds

5:30 to 7:00pm: Free will donation bar and food offered to the teams

7:00pm: Dinner will be served for Teams and Guides.

8:00pm: Awards will be presented

Sunday March 21st

7:00am: Breakfast will be available for hunters before they depart for home.

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