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Dear :

Congratulations on being selected to attend the 2018 Wisconsin Waterfowl Association-GreenBay Chapter and WDNR's Learn to Hunt Waterfowl program on October 12th and 13th. We appreciate your interest in learning more about waterfowling in Wisconsin.

The program will start promptly at 5:00pm on Friday, October 12th at the Pittsfield Trap Club. The trap club is located at 3142 Brookside Dr. in the Town of Pittsfield, Brown County (a map is included).

The Friday session will include classroom training, hands on experience utilizing various blinds, calling techniques, safe firearm handling, laws and ethics. You will have the opportunity to practice the techniques you learn on the range at the Pittsfield Trap Club, including discharging your gun and shooting at clay targets in the similar hunting situation you will experience on Saturday. The Hunt will begin early on Saturday morning and will culminate near lunch time back at the Trap Club where we will have a picnic lunch, discuss/critique the morning hunt and you can observe and participate in cleaning your harvest, and proper cleaning of your gun.

You do not need to have a Hunter Safety certificate or a valid hunting license to participate. If you are 16 years or older you will need to purchase a Federal Waterfowl stamp (this cannot be waived). You can obtain this at your local post office or DNR Customer Service Center for a \$25 fee. We would also ask that you obtain a "Customer Id #" from the DNR before Friday October 12th if you do not already have one. There is no charge for this process. Please bring your customer ID # with you on Friday (or call me with it earlier when you confirm you are attending).

You can obtain your Id # by calling 1-888-936-7463 (7am-10 pm each day) or by visiting your local DNR Service Center. You will also need to be HIP (Hunter Inventory Program) certified. DNR can also help you with this as well (answering several questions if you use the call in method). To be eligible for this program you could not have hunted waterfowl previously (have NOT purchased a State or Federal duck stamp or license). Just a note, you will need to provide your social security number for these above items. If you already have a customer ID (previously purchased another game license) you will only need to add the HIP certification.

If you have a shotgun that you would like to use please bring it on Friday evening (12 or 20 gauge please). Please be sure your gun has a plug in the magazine. We will supply all of your ammunition for practice on Friday evening and your hunt on Saturday . If you do not have a shotgun, please advise me as well, so we will have one available for you to use.

You may be hunting from layout blinds, duck blinds or blind boats on Saturday. It will be important for you to dress for the weather so jackets, sweaters, boots, ect..should be worn. As Waterfowlers, we plan to hunt rain or shine. The same is true for Friday evening, please dress for the weather. It is not necessary for you to purchase camouflage hunting clothing. Please wear camo clothing if you have it available however. Many of you may want to have a parent or guardian accompany you on the Learn to hunt. We will do our best to accommodate those requests.

A trained mentor will be assigned to you at the meeting on Friday. I would advise parents to bring a camera to record your event.

Please contact me at **920-822-2495 (cell 660-2773)** if you have other logistical questions or if for some emergency reason you cannot attend the program. Please let me know right away, as there is a long waiting list of students on the participation list. You can also contact Chief Warden Ben Treml with the WDNR at 920-662-5125 if you have any problem getting your customer ID number or HIP certification.

We look forward to meeting you on Friday October 12th. You should know, your mentors are just as excited about this program as you are. See you in October!

Bruce Urben
President
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Green Bay Chapter