

11th Annual Fall Outdoor Youth Event Planned:

Area youth are invited to attend a FREE shotgun, air rifle, and archery shooting and safety clinic on Saturday, October 11 at Council Grove Lake. Sponsored by the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks, & Tourism (KDWPT), the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE), the Munkers Creek Limbhangers Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF), the Flint Hills Chapter of the Quail and Upland Wildlife Federation (QUWF), the Chisholm Trail Chapter of Safari Club International (SCI), and Morris County Hunter Education instructors, this special event will provide participants with an opportunity to enhance firearm and archery shooting and safety skills. Controlled live fire instruction will teach safe, responsible, and fun shooting techniques!



Archery & shotgun stations at annual outdoor youth event.

Participants will be provided safety and shooting instruction by certified firearm and archery skills instructors. All gear and supplies, including shotguns, air rifles, shells, bows, arrows, targets, and eye and ear protection will be provided by KDWPT's "Pass It On", Hunter Education, and Archery in the Schools Programs and NWTF's JAKES Program. Participants need only a desire to learn some valuable techniques and have fun! Teaching methods almost guarantee that students will be breaking shotgun targets by the end of the session. Door prizes will be awarded including a youth model .243 bolt action rifle with scope donated by SCI!

Anyone, age 11 through 16 may participate. Participants are required to pre-register for the event. Students are not required to have completed a hunter education course, but prior completion is preferred. The event will begin at 12:00 p.m. at the COE managed area between Marina Cove and Neosho Park, approximately 0.25 miles west of the COE office at the west end of the dam. Check-in and a free lunch provided by QUWF, will be between 12:00 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. Instruction will then begin at 12:30 p.m. and will end at approximately 4:00 p.m.



Air rifle station at annual outdoor youth event.

The event is part of KDWPT's "Pass It On" Program. This program is designed to increase the percentage of Kansans who hunt. Those interested are reminded to pre-register before October 3. Persons interested in registering or learning more about this special event can contact: Brent Konen, Council Grove Wildlife Area Manager, #620/767-5900.