

2009 Pequest Annual Open House Schedule of Events

The following activities are scheduled to take place in front of the Natural Resource Education Center, at the Observation Platform and in the Building:

- ♦ **Fish Feeding Demonstrations** at 11:00 and 2:00 at the Observation Platform. Watch as our hatchery workers drive around the raceways feeding our hungry trout!
- ♦ **Wildlife Artists and Conservation Groups** from 10:00 – 4:00 in the Building. Browse the artists wares and learn how conservation groups are helping the environment.
- ♦ **Fishermen's Flea Market** from 10:00 – 4:00. Browse through our many vendors and find everything you need to get started in fishing.

The following activities are scheduled to take place near the hunting ranges:

- ♦ **Hunter Education Field Session** at 11:30. Take a field walk with the Fish and Wildlife Hunter Education Department and you will cut almost an hour off your class time when you go for your test!
- ♦ **Introduction to Archery** from 10:00 – 3:30. Try shooting our targets with one of our bows. Instructors will help you learn and improve your archery skills.
- ♦ **Introduction to Shotgun** from 10:00 – 3:30. For ages 10 years and up. Try your hand at shooting at knock down turkey and woodchuck targets or test your skill at an aerial shot.
- ♦ **Free 3-D Archery Range** from 10:00 – 4:00. Bring your own bows and shoot our free 3-D archery course. The course wanders through woods and fields and presents the targets in realistic hunting situations.

The following activities are scheduled to take place in the Pond Area:

- ♦ **Kids Fishing** at the pond from 10:30 – 3:30. Kids 8-16 will get a chance to fish in the Pequest Education Pond and try to catch one of our lunker trout! We supply all the equipment and kids must register at the pond on the day of the event.
- ♦ **Kiddie Trout Tank** at the pond from 10:30 – 3:30. For those kids under 8, they can try their hand at catching one of our trout in the "Kiddie Trout Tank". All equipment is provided at the tank.
- ♦ **Casting Clinic** at the pond from 10:00 – 4:00. All the equipment is supplied for anyone who wants to learn how to cast.
- ♦ **Historical Encampment** at the pond from 10:00 – 4:00. Step back in time as you watch our reenactors living in a time gone-by. Watch as they make clothing, cook or set up a military camp.
- ♦ **Lecture Tent Schedule** at the pond

11:30 – 11:45: "The Right Presentation" by Calvin Huntzinger, Muskies, Inc

The seminar will be of value to the beginner and the experienced musky "hunter" covering equipment, tactics and the value of good stewardship of our fishery.

1:30 – 1:45: "Know the Bear Facts" by Michelle Ruggiero, NJ DEP

The seminar will cover the natural history and biology of the Garden State's largest land mammal, as well as black bear research. Since black bears are found statewide, the program also provides practical information about coexisting with bears and tips on how to react if a black bear is encountered.

2:00 – 2:30: "Spring Turkey Hunting" by Jim Salt, NJ NWTF

The seminar by the NJ Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation will cover turkey hunting and calling techniques.

All Lectures and Events are Subject to Change