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For Immediate Release:

Free Outdoor Skills Education Courses

The Centerville-Washington Park District will sponsor the following free Outdoor Skills Courses during the month of September.

Tree Stand Safety

Hunting from a tree stand is effective and exciting. However, 1 out of 3 hunters will experience a fall from a tree stand during their hunting career. Learn how to safely access your tree, use a fall-restraint system, and use a haul-line to raise your unloaded weapon or archery equipment from the ground. Hunting enthusiast ages 12 years and older will meet at the Grant Park Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road in Washington Township on Thursday, September 16th from 6-9 p.m. Instruction will be provided by the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Registration is required. Call 1-800-WILDLIFE to register.

Hunter Education Course

This course will cover a range of topics from conservation, safety and ethics, to the proper handling of shotguns, handguns, bow hunting gear, and more. All necessary equipment will be provided. Certification will be given after successful completion of the course and a score of 80% or higher on a 100-question test. Hunting enthusiast ages 12 years and older will meet at the Grant Park Nature Nook, 6588 McEwen Road in Washington Township on Saturday, September 18th from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Instruction will be provided by the Ohio Division of Wildlife. Registration is required. Call 1-800-WILDLIFE to register.

Celebrate National Hunting and Fishing Day

Sporting enthusiasts of all ages can meet at Oak Grove Park, 1790 East Social Row Road in Washington Township from 9:00 am – 12:00 Noon on Saturday, September 25th. Enjoy a FREE day of outdoor sport with catch and release fishing at the Oak Grove Pond. Bring your own equipment or borrow from the Park District. Bait and tackle will be provided. Instructors will be on hand to answer questions and assist with knot tying, fish handling, and identification. You will also have a chance to try archery using Genesis Compound Bows, purchased through an Ohio Department of Wildlife competitive shooting sports grant. This is a day for all ages. Games will be provided for the young fisherperson and young hunter as well. Register via the Park District website, www.cwpd.org or phone (937) 433-5155 during regular business hours.

The Centerville-Washington Park District was established in 1959 and currently operates seven community parks, seven nature parks, and 34 neighborhood parks in Centerville and Washington Township. For more information on these, or other programs of the Centerville-Washington Park District, please call (937) 433-5155 or check our website at www.cwpd.org.