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Subject: A family celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Day

WASHINGTON TWP, OH: The Centerville-Washington Park District, the Centerville Noon Optimist Club and the Washington-Centerville Public Library are cosponsoring a free festival September 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oak Grove Park, 1790 E. Social Row Rd. The festival, taking place on National Hunting and Fishing Day, is designed to introduce families to outdoor sports, while teaching the important role hunting and fishing play in Ohio's wildlife conservation programs. National Hunting and Fishing Day was established by Congress in 1971 to recognize hunters, anglers and recreational shooters for their contributions to conservation.

"Connecting people of all ages and abilities to the outdoors fits perfectly within the mission of the Centerville-Washington Park District. This is the first time we are having this event and it has already created new partnerships and opportunities that will allow us to expand programs of this kind in the future," said Ken Carter, Operations Manager at the Park District.

The festival will include fishing and archery instruction and challenges; food vendors; a kid zone with crafts, live animals and games; retrieving demonstrations; trapper and water safety education; raffle prizes and more! Buckeye DockDogs will have dog diving demonstrations at the Oak Grove Park pond at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. The Ohio School of Falconry will do falconry demonstrations at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Centerville-Washington Park District operates eight community parks, nine nature parks, and 33 neighborhood parks encompassing 1,000 acres in Centerville and Washington Township. For more information about the Centerville-Washington Park District, please call (937) 433-5155 or visit www.cwprd.org.