

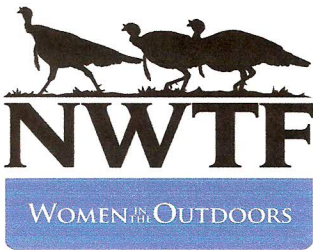
Women in the Outdoors Report
Leslie Smith NWTF PA Women in the Outdoor Coordinator
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My name is Leslie Smith and I am excited to represent the NWTF, the Pennsylvania Game Commission and all of you as the PA Women in the Outdoors Coordinator. The Women in the Outdoors Program is dedicated to providing interactive educational outdoor opportunities for women, the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of the hunting tradition.

I have an excitement for this program and am dedicated to see it succeed. I have been involved with the NWTF and the Women in the Outdoors since 2006. I attended my first event that summer. I had no idea what a positive effect it would have on me. The following year I introduced my niece to the Women in the Outdoors. She now hunts and fishes and attends the events with me every year. To see the effect of introducing a young woman to the outdoors is very rewarding. After being able to introduce one individual to the Women in the Outdoors, I became a volunteer on the committee of the NWTF Jerry Zimmerman Memorial and the Walking Purchase Chapter's Women in the Outdoors Event so that I can help introduce others the same way.

Women are Pennsylvania's fastest growing group of hunters and with the beneficial partnership between the Pennsylvania Game Commission and the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) we will help provide more outdoor opportunities to women in this state. The goal for the Women in the Outdoors in 2012 is to reach 1000 women. We currently have 13 events scheduled and would like to see that grow to 25 for this year. There are a variety of different types of events we can have from a Turkey 101 event, where as we can simulate a turkey hunt for the ladies, to a class selection event. I am looking into a Pheasant Hunt for ladies and an indoor shooting event. This year on February 18, 2012 we are holding our first Winter WITO event. This event is offering women the opportunity to get outdoors during the winter and experience ice fishing, snow shoeing, cross country skiing and other winter activities.

It is time to make a difference and take the next step, become Women in the Outdoors volunteer. If you know of a women who wants to get involved and would like to organize or help organize an event, let me know. The support of all the chapters will be needed; no events can take place without a sponsoring chapter. We need to get the word out. The more women we can reach the stronger the NWTF becomes and the more we can continue to support the conservation of our wild turkey and other wildlife. If you or anyone you know would like to be part of the Women in the Outdoors, please contact me at 484-634-0069 or lsmith@nwtf.net.



List of Events Scheduled

Lakefront Gobblers Chapman Winter WITO

Event Date: February 18, 2012
Location: Chapman State Park
Warren, PA
Contact: Kristen Giger
Phone: 814-450-1614
Email: kgiger@nwtf.net

Blue Mountain WITO

Event Date: Mar 10, 2012
Location: Cabela's
Hamburg, PA
Contact: Leslie Smith
Phone: 484-634-0069
Email: lsmith@nwtf.net

Allegheny Valley, WITO

Event Date: Jun 2, 2012
Location: Bull Creek Rod & Gun Club
Tarertum, PA
Contact: Lori Lojak
Phone: 724-224-4182
Email: myethan97@comcast.net

Kinzua Allegheny Longbeards,PA WITO

Event Date: Jun 2, 2012
Location: Chapman State Park
Clarendon, PA
Contact: Jessica Arnold
Phone: 814-436-1048
Email: duckdog@skywayusa.net

JZ Memorial/Walking Purchase, PA WITO

Event Date: Jun 9, 2012
Location: Ontelaunee Rod & Gun Club
New Tripoli, PA
Contact: Donna Balgosky
Phone: 610-767-6932
Email: dobalgos@ptd.net

White Deer Jakes/Col-Mont Gobblers/Sun Area WITO

Event Date: Jun 9, 2012
Location: Montour Preserve/North Montour Sportsman
Danville, PA
Contact: Melissa L. Letterman
Phone: 570-568-0839
Email: sletterman@dejazzd.com

Bald Eagle WITO

Event Date: Jul 13, 2012 thru Jul 15, 2012
Location: Western Clinton Sportsmen's
Club
North Bend, PA
Contact: Sheri Baity
Phone: 570-549-8124
Email: sheribaity@yahoo.com

Muncy Creek, PA WITO

Event Date: Aug 4, 2012
Location: North Mountain Sportsman Club
Muncy, PA
Contact: Clare McWilliams
Phone: 570-323-7947
Email: hurwitzbatteriesqcm@verizon.net

Whitehorse Moutain WITO

Event Date: Aug 4, 2012
Location: Meyersdale Rod & Gun Club
Meyersdale, PA
Contact: Tammy Wisseman
Phone: 814-662-4321
Email: mrstamwiz@hotmail.com

Wapiti Roost WITO

Event Date: Aug 11, 2012
Location: St Marys
St Marys, PA
Contact: Melissa Gabler
Phone: 814-834-6294
Email: jmg418@hotmail.com

Southeast Silver Spurs WITO

Event Date: Sep 8, 2012
Location: Camp Hart
Green Lane, PA
Contact: Kathy Michener
Phone: 215-249-9367
Email: jamkat1105@comcast.net

Pending Events

Nittany Valley Longbeards

Event Date: March 31, 2012 (Pending)
Location: Pending
State College, PA
Contact: Lindsay Breakey

Southern End Stutters

Event Date: Pending
Location: Pending
Contact: Bobbi Jo Martin

2012 PA Women in the Outdoors Events Schedule

	DATE	EVENT NAME	EVENT LOCATION	EVENT CITY	EVENT COORDINATOR	ATTENDEES
1	9/10/2011	Southeast Silver Spurs WITO	Camp Hart BSA	Greene Lane	Kathy Michener	66
2	2/18/2012	Lakefront Gobblers	Chapman State Park	Warren	Kristen Giger	
3	3/10/2012	Blue Mountain WITO	Cabela's	Hamburg	Harold Luther	
4	3/31/2012?	Nittany Valley Longbeards	TBD	State College	Lindsay Breakey	
5	6/2/2012	Allegheny Valley WITO	Bull Creek Rod & Gun Club	Tarentum	Lori Lojak	
6	6/2/2011	Kinzua Allegheny Longbeards WITO	Chapman Dam State Park	Clarendon	Jessica Arnold	
7	6/9/2012	JZ Memorial/Walking Purchase WITO	Ontelaunee Rod & Gun Club	New Tripoli	Donna Boglasky	
8	6/9/2012	White Deer Jakes/Sun Area/Col-Mont	Montour Preserve/North Montour Sports	Danville	Melissa Letterman	
9	7/13/2012	Bald Eagle WITO	Western Clinton Sportsmen's Club	North Bend	Sheri Baity	
10	8/4/2012	Muncy Creek WITO	North Mountain Sportsman Club	Muncy	Clare McWilliams	
11	8/4/2012	White Horse Mountain WITO	Meyersdale Rod & Gun Club	Meyersdale	Tammy Wisseman	
12	?	Southern End Strutters WITO	Southern Lancaster Co. Farmers & Sports.	New Providence	Bobbi Jo Martin	
13	8/11/2012	Wapiti Roost WITO	St. Marys Sportsmen's Club	St Marys	Melissa Gabler	
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