

Women in the Outdoors Report Leslie Smith NWTF PA Women in the Outdoor Coordinator October 2012

Two events that were held in August were successful, we managed to reach new ladies and a couple that showed an interest in pursuing hunting. The Whitehorse Mountain Chapter and the Wapiti Roost Chapter both held their WITO events in August. Thank you to both of these Chapters and their volunteer teams!

There were two events scheduled for September. The event scheduled at Scattergun Reserve, Northwest Thunderin Toms, was rescheduled for Spring time. The South East Silver Spurs held their annual WITO event with success. A brand new event that is on the schedule for November is the Pocono Mountain Chapter WITO event. That event will be held at the Pocono Pistol Range. An additional event that has been added to the schedule is the PA NWTF WITO event. That event is scheduled for the weekend of March $15 - 17^{th}$, 2013 at Camp Soles in Somerset County. The planning is well underway for this event. We have several recurring events on the schedule but the dates need to be confirmed.

I have attended the Lehigh Valley Extravaganza in Eastern Pennsylvania. This was a small expo, however we were able to obtain 3 additional members to the NWTF. This month, there is another Expo in Corry PA. I will be attending that event to promote the NWTF along with our Outreach Programs.

With the help of Scott Wojton, we were able to make contact with the East Stroudsburg University. We are sparking interest with the University to partner with the NWTF and the Outreach program. The University has expressed an interest in the program, not only WITO but Wheelin events as well.

With the year of 2012 winding down, I can say that The Women in the Outdoors Program and the Local Chapters held 14 events. There were originally 15 scheduled, however we ended up rescheduling the Northwest Thunderin Toms event to 2013. 2013 looks to be another growth year with the program.

Interest in growing the Women in the Outdoors program is gaining momentum. There are Local Chapters and members that are making more inquiries in this program. We will always strive 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.



Confirmed Dates

List of Events Scheduled

Pocono Mountain Chapter WITO

Event Date:

November 17, 2012

Location:

Pocono Pistol Range

Stroudsburg, PA

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Lakefront Gobblers WITO Event

Event Date:

February 2, 2013

Location:

Chapman State Park

Warren, PA

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Blue Mountain WITO

Event Date:

April 20, 2013

Location:

Cabelas

Hamburg, PA

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PA State Weekend WITO

Event Date: March 15 – 17, 2013

Location: Frank T. Soles YMCA Camp

Rockwood, PA

Contact: Katrina Skrapits

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Other events are scheduled, the dates need to be confirmed.