

The Clermont County River Valley Longbeards Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) needs your local support for their annual Wild turkey Super Fund membership Banquet and our educational outreach programs. Sponsors of these programs and events enable the NWTF to spend millions of dollars annually on projects that benefit the wild life locally, in Ohio and nationally. It supports scientific wildlife management on public, private, and corporate lands as well as wild turkey hunting as a traditional North American sport.

Wild turkey super fund money is spent on habitat and management projects that benefit wild turkeys as well as other wildlife. The money is also spent on projects that educate people about wildlife conservation, hunter safety and our hunting heritage. Projects generally fall into the following categories: conservation education of women and youth, purchase of management equipment, habitat enhancement, support of hunting heritage, hunter safety, land acquisition, wild turkey research, restoration, management and rewards programs.

The River Valley Longbeards chapter has contributed to all of the above mentioned categories within the state of Ohio. Some of the highlighted items which we are very proud of are also listed below.

- Donate building material to the Ohio Division of Wildlife to build a handicap accessible hunting blind, Donate seed to the for (6) wildlife food plots and created a 6 acre wetland habitat at the East Fork State Park public hunting area.
- Review and award (2) \$500 scholarships based on a written essay which is done on an annual basis.
- Donate seed to the Duke Energy for (6) wildlife habitat areas.
- We also contributed funds in the purchasing of 22,000 acres located in Jackson County which will be deemed public hunting and conservation of wildlife.

Below you will find a brief description of our outreach and educational programs that the River Valley Longbeards Sponsors every year in hope to generate new members and interest in the outdoors.



The Jakes Outreach program Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics and Sportsmanship. The Porter Wagoner JAKES Field Days are dedicated to providing interactive outdoor educational opportunities for youth 17 and under. Porter Wagoner JAKES Field Days are conducted by local NWTF chapters to teach hands-on learning activities throughout the nation. The spirit of conservation and the tradition of hunting have been passed from one generation to another for centuries. The NWTF JAKES program will help keep this legacy alive and well as we continue to educate our youth about conservation and the safety of hunting.



The Women's in the Outdoor outreach program is designed to allow women to learn new skills, meet people with similar interests and to kick back in the great outdoors in a controlled and comfortable setting. Today millions of women across the country are discovering that camping, hiking, fishing, hunting, shooting, canoeing, boating and bird watching are fun and relaxing. The number of women getting involved in these outdoor activities is growing each year. You are able to help women learn these skills at our upcoming Women's in the Outdoor event. Our state chapter is offering a one-day event that is low cost, fits into anyone's schedule and is hosted at some of the most beautiful outdoor education sites throughout the country.



Another Special outreach program that has our same dedication is the Wheelin Sportsman Event. This program has delivered and in some cases re-

introduced the beauty and excitement of the outdoors to thousands of disabled people through this program. This program is committed to providing the disabled with opportunities to get out and enjoy outdoor activities, such as hunting, fishing, bird watching and much more. The River Valley Longbeards sponsor a dove hunt every year which is dedicated to this program. We also participate and support other local chapter in their yearly deer & turkey hunts.



The River Valley Longbeards are very proud to be a part of the Turkey Hunters Care Program which has expanded every year. This program is designed to be able to help local food banks with the ability to supply turkeys to the less fortunate families during special times of the year such as Thanksgiving and Christmas. The River Valley Longbeards again increased their donation of frozen turkeys by nearly 40% and we were able to donate 172 turkeys this year.

This combination of sponsorships, donations and local chapter support make it possible for the NWTF to offer these outreach and educational programs at low cost to the participants. And with your generous contribution to the River Valley Longbeards you will allow that special someone to grow and achieve in the outdoors. Your donation to the NWTF is tax deductible due to our 501-C-3 non profit status. As an event sponsor you will receive well deserved recognition such as being mentioned in our publications.

In closing we would like to personally say Thank You for your support in making our chapter and outreach programs a success. If you should have any questions or need additional information on how you can help please don't hesitate to contact us.

## 2009 Accomplishments

Our group of volunteers has been quite busy in the past year. We have donated equipment & Trophies to the Clermont County 4-H Shooting Sports Club, hosted a Turkey Calling contest at the Cincinnati Sports and Boat Show to promote the sport of turkey hunting. Awarded (2) \$500 college scholarships to (2) high school seniors who met the NWTf qualifications. Participated in Operation Heartland habitat improvement project, Hosted our fourth annual JAKES (Juniors Acquiring Knowledge, Ethics, and Sportsmanship) field day, which introduced youth to outdoors activities. Hosted our sixth annual Woman in the Outdoors field day, allowing women an opportunity to learn new outdoor activities. Hosted our fifth annual Wheelin' Sportsmen benefit Ultimate Team Up Dove Hunt and assisted the Adams County chapter with their Wheelin' Sportsmen Ultimate Team Up Deer Hunt. River Valley Longbeards continued our support to the Ohio Division of Wildlife, teamed up with Duke Energy in a cooperative effort to provide Wildlife habitat areas through the NWTf Energy for Wildlife program, held our 13<sup>th</sup> annual most successful Hunting Heritage Banquet. Our group participated in Turkey Hunters Care program which provided the Clermont County YWCA Food Bank with 172 frozen turkeys for a traditional Thanksgiving meal to people less fortunate. We could not have done any of this without the help of local business and personal donations. If you would like to help or donate to the 2009 programs mentioned above then please contact us.

## 2010 Calendar of events

June 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 Women in the Outdoors

August 2010 Jakes

September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2010 Wheelin Banquet

September 4<sup>th</sup> 2010 Wheelin Dove Hunt

September 18<sup>th</sup> 2010 Hunting Heritage Banquet

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