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### **Game Commission to Host National Hunting and Fishing Day Event at Middle Creek**

The Pennsylvania Game Commission is hosting a National Hunting and Fishing Day Celebration at the agency's Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area Visitor's Center to help promote the Commonwealth's rich natural resource heritage. The celebratory event will take place on Sunday, September 25th, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m., rain or shine.

In 1972, Congress unanimously passed legislation authorizing National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHFD), a day to heighten awareness of sportsmen's role in the wildlife conservation effort. Today, NHFD Events not only educate the public about the role of sportsmen and women in conservation, but also enable people unfamiliar with outdoor pursuits to experience hunting, fishing, and shooting sports in a safe, controlled environment. The Southeast Region is excited to team up with local sportsmen's clubs and conservation groups to host a celebration of National Hunting and Fishing Day at the Middle Creek.

"Promoting and supporting Pennsylvania's hunting and trapping heritage is a fundamental goal of the Game Commission and is vital to our agency's mission. Hunters, trappers, and anglers are essential to wildlife agencies nationwide. Without them, the responsible management of wildlife would be virtually impossible." said Middle Creek Visitors Center Manager, Lauren Ferreri.

The event will offer attendees the opportunity to hone their outdoor skills and learn new ones. Participants can learn from various exhibitors and hands-on activities. Instructional demonstrations will be offered on waterfowl calling, fly-tying, wildlife capture techniques, muzzleloader building, processing of deer for transport from the field, falconry, and a variety of hunting dog demonstrations. There will also be simulated and live fire and archery shooting stations and a catch and release, "learn to fish" station for youth courtesy of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission and Habitat Hayrides offered by habitat staff from the Pennsylvania Game Commission.

Game Commission staff will be available to answer questions about wildlife management strategies and habitat management practices. Game Commission staff will also be presenting on elk darting and tracking techniques, turkey rocket netting, and the usage of the public mapping center. The new Conservation Heritage Museum is finally open after two years of construction as well! There will be numerous conservation organizations attending, such as Delta Waterfowl, Ducks Unlimited, Ruffed Grouse Society, Pheasants Forever, Pennsylvania Trappers Association, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources and Back Country Hunters and Anglers, as well as several local sportsmen's clubs. Lastly, Red Creek Wildlife Center will be conducting educational presentations and the Lancaster County Bird Club will be conducting bird identification walks throughout the day.

Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area is located two miles south of Kleinfeltersville, near the Lancaster and Lebanon County lines. **For GPS navigation, the street address for the Middle Creek Visitors Center is: [100 Museum Road, Stevens PA 17578](#).** For more information contact Middle Creek Wildlife Management Area at 717-733-1512.