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SUMMER YOUTH CAMP SCHOLARSHIPS

It was approved at the May Board meeting to help fund camping fees for up to six campers to attend a one week camp experience at the Van Buren Youth Camp this summer. Parents will be responsible to pay the \$125.00 deposit and the ECC will pick up the remaining \$125.00. Van Buren Youth Camp is located in Bloomingdale, Michigan on 90 acres of woodland bordering Great Bear Lake in Van Buren County about half way between Kalamazoo and South Haven.

Early Youth Camp for children ages 8-11 includes programs in swimming, canoeing, archery, riflery,

drama, folk dancing, sports, team building, nature and arts & crafts. Camp Dates are June 22-28, July 20-26 .

Middle Youth , ages 12-14 offers the same programs as early youth, with more focus on developing leadership skills. Camp Dates are July 13-19 and July 27

to August 2.

If you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew or just know a young person who would enjoy the opportunity to attend a one week camp this summer please contact Brenda Mortimer 269-663-7595 for more information. This is a great way for children to gain some knowledge and enjoy outdoor activities and develop and hone their skills. Attendance is limited so if you are interested please call ASAP. We will consider helping with the expenses of more than 6 campers if there is enough interest



Campers enjoy time around the campfire at VBYC

COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE MAY 31ST

Reservations are still being taken for the Community Garage / Craft Sale to be held at the ECC on May 31, 2008, 8 am-5 pm. Reservations are being taken for outside or pavilion spaces for \$10-\$15 per space. Tables are \$5 extra

upon availability. Please call Debbie Reese to reserve your space (269) 683-1405. Do some Spring cleaning & make a few bucks for yourself as well as for your club. The club will raise funds by renting spaces & tables

and by having a BAKE SALE along with food and refreshments available throughout the day. Your Baked Goods are needed. Don't want to Sell? Then come and Shop, Browse, and Visit your neighbors! See you there!



CONSERVATION PLEDGE

I GIVE MY PLEDGE
AS AN AMERICAN
TO SAVE AND
FAITHFULLY DEFEND FROM
WASTE
THE NATURAL RESOURCES
OF MY COUNTRY
ITS AIR, SOIL AND
MINERALS,
ITS FORESTS, WATERS,
AND WILDLIFE.

THE SECOND AMENDMENT

"A WELL REGULATED
MILITIA
BEING NECESSARY
TO THE
SECURITY OF A FREE STATE,
THE RIGHT OF THE PEOPLE
TO KEEP
AND BEAR ARMS,
SHALL NOT BE INFRINGED."

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Bench Rest Shoot Schedule

Bench Rest shoots are now in process and take place on the first Saturday of the month now through October. Sign up starts at 8:30 am and there is a \$10.00 fee per shooter per match. The first match is for Rimfire firearms and is followed by a match for Centerfire firearms. Additional shooters are ALWAYS WELCOME! Come join the fun and support your club. Questions? Call Paul (574) 277-2470

3D Archery Shoot Schedule

Second Saturday of the month
 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 Last shoot goes out at 2 pm
Unlimited Shooting \$5.00
May 10 July 12
June 14 Aug. 9 Sept. 13
TROPHY SHOOT SEPT. 20th
*Wooded walk-through range
 with two elevated stands*
 Call Bob Clark for more info or
 to volunteer to help (574) 596-7256

Muzzleloading Shoot Schedule

Muzzleloading Shoots are the 4th Sunday of the month beginning at 10 a.m. and ending at 4 p.m. These are aggregate shoots for rifle, shotgun and pistol. Prizes Awarded.
 May 25 June 22
 July 27 Aug 24
 Sept 28 Oct 25 & 26
 Nov 23 Dec 21 (3rd Sun)
 Questions?
 Call Dick Chubb (269) 695-3336

HUNTER SAFETY CLASSES

Hunter Safety Classes will be offered during the months of July, August & September. Pre-registration is required & a fee of \$10.00 will cover materials, ammo and lunch for both days.

IF you or someone you know is interested in becoming an instructor, helping during the shooting portion or archery portion of any of the classes, or helping with lunch call Jereme (269) 506-9879.

Registration: July 6, noon-2 pm
 Class: July 19 & 20, 8 am-4pm both days



Registration: August 3, noon-2 pm
 Class: August 23 & 24, 8 am-4 pm

Registration: August 31, noon-2 pm
 Class: September 13 & 14, 8 am-2 pm

ANNUAL MUCC CONVENTION

The following is an excerpt from the Annual MUCC Convention booklet:
 "Our goal is to engage our members in a proactive, progressive effort to enhance MUCC's reputation and its role in promoting the ONE VOICE movement for conservation in Michigan. We are committed to encouraging all conservationists to become active participants in advocacy for natural resource protection, and you, as a leader of MUCC are a linchpin in that effort.
 Since 1937, Michigan United Conservation Clubs has been in the forefront of a

united effort to conserve our natural resources and educate Michigan's citizens. Now, as we look forward to the future, we must rededicate ourselves to ensuring that each of our members reviews their role.
Conventions like this provide all members of the MUCC family with an opportunity to debate, exchange ideas and socialize. More importantly, it brings together the leaders of conservation in our state and provides a forum for new ideas, opportunities to exchange potential solutions to problems and MUCC's

famous "can do" attitude."
 Convention Announcement June 21-22, 2008 at Quality Inns & Suites in Sault Ste Marie, MI
 Convention agendas and resolutions have been mailed to club Presidents and reps. We will be able to discuss resolutions at the May & June club mtgs. prior to convention so that club delegates elected to represent our club at our May meeting know how club members feel on the various issues.



MUCC Convention (cont)

Listed below are a few resolution titles to be discussed at this year's Annual Convention.

- Wolf Program Funding
- Baiting Resolution
- Crossbow as an Option During Archery Deer Season
- Ice Fishing
- ORV Helmet Use
- To Prevent the Establishment of Feral Swine in Michigan
- Youth Hunting
- Long Term Funding For Michigan DNR
- Proposed Access to Federal Forest Lands
- Senior Crossbow Hunting During Archery Deer Season Within the State of Michigan

All resolutions may be viewed on line at www.mucc.org.

ANNUAL CORN ROAST

We are a little behind in our planning for the August 9, 2008 Corn & Sausage Roast. This can be a very good source of funding for youth activities, and range and building improvements with a little help from everyone.

Frank Kujawa is the chair of this year's Corn Roast and is looking for as many members as possible to help with all of the various chores. These include, but are not limited to, working the grills & the corn steamer, clean up, ADVERTISING, planning and helping with games/events for children of all ages (including adults), shopping, set up, clean up, bartending, parking cars, clean up, working on raffle

committee, set up, being available when deliveries to the club are made, ADVERTISING, set up & clean up. Musical entertainment is planned for the afternoon and evening.

Any ideas & ALL offers of help will be appreciated. There is basically something for everyone here. These types of fundraisers are the main source of funding for your club. Let's make this a good event! Spread the word-Invite your family & friends!!!



NEW GATE COMBO & WEBSITE PASSWORD INFO

If you are a Life Member or renewed your dues for 2008 you are receiving this newsletter. Past members who did NOT renew by the end of the two month grace period have been deleted from the club roster and will be required to go through the New Member Orientation Process if they decide to re-up at a later date. They are NOT receiving the NEW GATE COMBINATION which will change effective 6/1/08. The new combo is 2-5-2-0 and is being given to MEMBERS ONLY.

Another member benefit that we are ready to implement is the members only section of the club website. Go to:

www.edwardsburgconservationclub.org At the bottom left is a sign-on area. Your user name is your first initial and last name GWashington

Your password is the same as your user name followed by your membership number: GWashington1234

Your membership number can be found on the address label of your Michigan Out Of Doors (MOOD) magazine. It is the 4 to 6 digit number above your name and to the far

left of the label.

1234 5/31/2008
George Washington
PO Box 987
Our Town, MI 55555

Once you have signed in you can go to the Membership page and enter your address, phone # change your e-mail, etc. (Some of you have your actual e-mail address entered and some do not. I would like you to try to change it.)

The real benefit of the sign in is that you can then go to a page and read the newsletter and we are working on a few other things, as well, such as meeting minutes, special announcements, etc. This part of the site will be available ONLY to members with passwords.

Please use the club e-mail to communicate success or failure w/the system. IF YOU WISH TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE PRINTED MAILING LIST & haven't notified Brenda please call 663-7595 and leave your name & request for a printed newsletter. THANKS!

Jimmy Buffet
Dance Party
Date 6/14/08
Time: 8p.m.- ?
 PUBLIC WELCOME
No Cover Charge Music
Cash Bar Food Fun

Youth and Education
Fund Fundraiser
 Call Sherrie Weller with questions or to volunteer to help.
 (269) 445-2297

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POINT OF INFORMATION AND AN INVITATION TO ALL:

The Edwardsburg Conservation Club is allowing the local "Janet's Jubilee" fundraising committee to use the clubhouse and grounds for a fundraiser for hometown friend, Janet Kujawa on Saturday July 12, 2008 4 pm - 1:00 am. For 30 years Janet was employed by Creation Windows in Elkhart which was sold to another company in October 2007. She lost her job and her insurance coverage at that time. She then suffered a mild heart attack in April 2008 and a severe case of pneumonia. She is in need of additional medical tests & doctor visits. All proceeds from Janet's Jubilee will go to the Janet Kujawa Medical Fund. Tickets will be available for \$10.00 each and include, food, an auction and live music by Snapper Band.

The committee is accepting monetary donations and items for the auction. Tickets will be available at various local clubs & businesses. Contact Debi Bailey 269-445-8913 or mike McKinley 269-445-2044.

**SHOOTING RANGES WILL BE CLOSED
DURING THIS EVENT.**

Thanks for your patience & support.

REMINDERS

Membership Meeting

3rd Tuesday 7:30 p. m.
Carry-in Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Board Meetings

1st Tuesday 7:30 p.m.

New Member Orientation

3rd Tuesday 6:00 p.m.

**CLUBHOUSE OPEN EVERY SUNDAY AFTER-
NOON & TUESDAY EVENING.**

Trap Shooting: Sundays noon-?

Youth under 18 shoot free noon-1 p.m.

Muzzle Loading Shoots 2008: 4th Sunday
of the month except March (5th Sun) &
December (3rd Sun).

Bench Rest Shoots

First Saturday of the month 8:30 am
signup

3D Archery Shoots 2nd Saturday of the
month 9 am- 3 pm