



INFORMATION AND PAPERWORK FOR  
UPLAND BIRD HUNT  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

- ▶ Please sign and return the liability waiver by e-mail or mail to [CTO, 118 Main St. Suite 118, Homer, IL 61849](mailto:CTO, 118 Main St. Suite 118, Homer, IL 61849) or e-mail [dsmithhughes@teamcto.org](mailto:dsmithhughes@teamcto.org). Please return by Thursday, September 7<sup>TH</sup>, 2017. Keep the other pages for your reference. Also log in to [www.teamctoil.wildapricot.org](http://www.teamctoil.wildapricot.org) to make sure that medical information is up to date. Call D'Lige Smith-Hughes with questions at 217-255-0321.
- ▶ There's a lot of info in this packet. Please read all information and call/email if you have any questions.
- ▶ IF YOU NEED TO MAKE AIRPORT PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF ARRANGEMENTS, PLEASE CONTACT D'LIGE SMITH-HUGHES 217-255-0321 PRIOR TO PURCHASING PLANE TICKET.
- ▶ We look forward to seeing you soon!

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Dear Parent,

I want to share with you some information about what seems to be the norm each year for outings. During the outing, we will make sure the kids drink plenty of water and will offer well-balanced meals and healthy snacks throughout the weekend. We will also remind them to brush teeth and shower (though we don't enforce showers). On a side note, when packing clothes, please don't send clothes that you can't part with. We do some game processing and messy work, so their clothes might come home so dirty and smelly that you may want to throw them away. If you want to send care packages or cards, please leave them with the staff when you drop them off. Mailed packages in the past have shown up after the session ends.

**Electronic Policy:** We want kids and staff to "unplug" at camp. For those kids that do bring a cell phone, we will take their cell phones away when they check in to avoid them talking to friends, texting, and playing games. We will return those at the end of camp. Also, keep other electronics, like game systems, iPods, mp3 players, etc. at home. If there are any problems or your child needs to talk with you, you will get a call from the camp mom, counselors or Director. If you need to touch base with your son during the session, please call or text the number listed on the contact page. The schedule is always busy, so we may not return a call right away and ask for patience. Also we will be taking plenty of photos and videos, so a camera is not necessary. We will be posting photos to the CTO Illinois Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/CTOIllinois>), and to our SmugMug account (access through [teamcto.org](http://teamcto.org))

**Meals:** A typical meal schedule includes a protein packed breakfast. It is vital that they eat high protein foods to have the energy necessary to get everything done each day. We usually graze for lunch—leftovers, sandwiches or sausage wraps and fruit. We encourage them to eat lots of fruit. Please feel free send snacks, but try to stay away from too much sugar. We do offer snack foods they can prepare themselves (instant oatmeal, popcorn, PB&J, etc.) At dinner, there's always plenty of food with meals prepared by staff or local CTO parents. Spaghetti, pulled pork, BBQ, hamburgers, lasagna, Mexican casserole and whatever they harvest are staples of the dinner menu, along with vegetables and a dessert. We have lemonade, tea, water and ice always available. We also serve orange juice, milk, coffee and hot cocoa. You may send Gatorade with your child but do not send Energy drinks.

**Nurse:** Most of our nursing needs center on bites, stings and minor cuts and burns. All of our staff is certified in advanced CPR and First Aid. We are also within 30-45 minutes of an emergency medical facility, should a more serious need arise and one of our staff members will personally drive your son to the clinic or hospital if necessary. Please report any allergies to food, medicines or insect, etc. If he has an epi-pen or inhaler, we will keep it with us at all times. Any medications taken during camp will be logged in a spreadsheet incase of emergencies. You can update the medical information you provided at registration online at [www.teamctoil.wildapricot.org](http://www.teamctoil.wildapricot.org).

We look forward to a fun and impactful summer for these young men. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

In Him,

Eric 'Bear' St. Pierre  
Illinois State Director  
Cross Trail Outfitters  
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## Important information for CTO Outing

For all calls during your son's camp session or for directions, please call or text CTO staff:

D'Lige Smith-Hughes 217-255-0321

If your son needs to call you, we will make arrangements for him to contact you. We encourage all campers to call home after their animal is harvested, but there rarely is a need to do so otherwise. If we think calling home at other times is necessary or beneficial, we will either call you ourselves or ask him to call home. We appreciate your understanding in this area.

**DROP OFF TIME:** Plan to arrive at the outing as close to 4 pm as possible on Friday, **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please, make sure your Sportsman eats dinner before you come. For those sending kids from out of state, please contact Eric 'Bear' St. Pierre 217-480-2327 to make arrangements for travel to and from camp. (Camp location can be found on [www.teamctoil.wildapricot.org](http://www.teamctoil.wildapricot.org))

**PICK UP TIME:** Youth pick up will be on Sunday, **September 17<sup>th</sup>** around 12:00pm at the Outing Location. We ask that you make arrangements for a later pickup time.

**Payment and paperwork:**

The camp liability waiver needs to be signed and returned as soon as possible. Final payment for outing tuition is due the Monday before the outing, but can be dropped off at the time of the outing if arrangements have been made with D'Lige Smith-Hughes.

**Hunters Education Card**

Illinois requires for all Youth age 19 and up to have completed hunters' education. Anyone between 7 and 18 just needs to be accompanied by an adult, so the Hunters Education is not required for younger kids. However, Illinois does require that kids get a hunting license (see information below).

**Hunting/Fishing License**

All youth are required to have a hunting license for the 2017-18 year. If your son doesn't already have a license, you can purchase online through Illinois Department of Natural Resources (<https://www.il.wildlifelicense.com/license.php?action=custlkup>). This is the method preferred by CTO, when you get your license it will be in the form of a Adobe PDF document. You can save it to your computer and then email a copy to D'Lige. This way if it gets lost or destroyed he can just re-print the license.

You can also purchase at Hunter's Haven, Rural King, Wal-Mart, Gander Mountain, and other outdoor stores. You must provide your child's social security number when applying. Please remember to bring this on all outings/hunts.

## CTO OUTING PACKING LIST

Please label all your stuff! While we do our best to keep track of “lost and found,” your gear is your responsibility. We have loaner items available for virtually everything on this list. Please let us know in advance what you need. Try not to over pack because space for their gear is VERY LIMITED. If you aren’t sure if you should send it, please ask!

- Bible (modern translation)
- Footlocker to hold all your stuff (A large plastic bin works great too or a suitcase)
- Do not bring your cell phones. Reception at the farm is bad at best! We will provide a phone for kids to use if necessary.
- Clothes for duration of the outing (we can do laundry if necessary, but prefer not to)
  - Jeans & shorts
  - Shirts – long and short sleeved
  - Socks & underwear
  - Boots, tennis shoes, water shoes (for pond)
  - Swim suit and goggles or swim mask (when weather appropriate)
  - Camouflage for hunting
  - Weather Appropriate jackets and/or coveralls
  - Head lamp
- Laundry bag for dirty clothes that can hang from their bedpost.
- Sleeping bag and pillow (or twin size sheets)
- Bath/swim towel(s)
- Hat/cap
- Toiletries including personal soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrush, DEODORANT, etc.
- Insect repellent (35% DEET is recommended)
- All necessary medications in original containers, along with written instructions – Must be checked in with camp staff. We have basic medications: Ibuprofen, Tylenol, and Bendryl

### EQUIPMENT

- Rod and reel plus small tackle box with tackle for bass, catfish and bluegill (not required, we have PLENTY to loan)
- Flashlight w/ extra batteries
- Hunting knife (not required and must be checked in with the camp director)
- Folding camp chair (label the chair)

Note: You may bring your own hunting rifle, .22, shotgun, bow, binoculars, rangefinder, GPS, paintball equipment, or any other relevant equipment. All guns and bows will be checked in with camp director and kept under lock and key until used. Please have your gun sighted in and if it is not accurate at the range, we will not allow you to use it to harvest your animal. We also have CTO guns, fishing rods and all the other necessary equipment available for them to use.

DO NOT BRING: Cell phones, CD players, computers, Gameboys, boom boxes, iPods, MP3 players, etc. You can send other stuff. We provide plenty of food and snacks, sweet tea, lemonade and water. Kids may bring personal snacks and Gatorade, but prepare the kids to share with others. Please DO NOT SEND CANDY, ENERGY DRINKS or SODA.

Spending money: We do not anticipate leaving camp much, but it is recommended that they bring spending money just in case.

### CONTACT INFORMATION – PARENTS: KEEP THIS HANDY

For all calls during the outing or for directions, please call or text:

D’Lige Smith-Hughes 217-255-0321 (Cell reception at the farm is very limited. So texting works best and calls will be returned when cell service is available. Also leave a voice mail message because missed calls do not always show up when phones are out of cell range)

## CTO Liability Release

All shooting sports, outdoor activities, hunting and fishing-related to Cross Trail Outfitters of Illinois, Inc. are inherently dangerous as is life. *INJURIES CAN AND WILL HAPPEN*. Cross Trail Outfitters of Illinois, Inc., and further, any member or organizers, SHALL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ACCIDENTS CAUSING INJURY OR DEATH, BAD DIRECTIONS, OR DAMAGED PERSONAL EQUIPMENT that occur as a result of any activities both related to or non-related to CROSS TRAIL OUTFITTERS OF ILLINOIS, INC. regardless of fault. We do not claim to be experts; any advice given by another member should not be acted upon without first verifying its validity. If you join club events, you join at your own risk. Please note that the waiver must be signed before embarking on your CROSS TRAIL OUTFITTERS OF ILLINOIS, INC. event or outing dated: ***Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup>***.

1. The Undersigned, in consideration of being allowed to participate in any way at a CROSS TRAIL OUTFITTERS OF ILLINOIS, INC. event and (if appropriate) on the property of **John Wright, Greyfield Legacies 1673 Country Road 2500 E, St. Joseph, IL 61873** (to only be filled in if a landowner is involved) for myself, my executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors and assigns:
  - (A) Waive and release any and all claims that I may have against CROSS TRAIL OUTFITTERS OF ILLINOIS, INC. and **Greyfield Legacies**, their officers, directors, members, volunteer committee persons, employees, and agents, or any one or more of them or their executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, or assigns (the Releases), including any and all claims for damage caused by the negligence of any of them, arising out of my participation and their related activities, together with any costs, including attorneys' fees that may be incurred as a result of any such claim whether valid or not, and
  - (B) Indemnify and hold harmless the Releases and each of them against any such claim that I or my guests or any one or more of them or my or their executors, administrators, heirs, next of kin, successors, or assigns may have or assert and against any cost including attorneys' fees and respect thereto.
  - (C) Agree that prior to participating, I will inspect the facilities and equipment to be used, and if I believe anything unsafe, I will immediately advise the Cross Trail Outfitters Director or Outfitter.
  - (D) Acknowledge and fully understand that each participant will be engaging in activities that involve risk of serious injury, including permanent disability and death, and severe social and economic losses which might result not only from our own actions, inaction or negligence, but also the actions, inactions or negligence of others, the rules of play, or the condition of the premises or any equipment used. Further, that there may be other risks not known to me or not reasonably foreseeable at this time.
  - (E) Assume all the forgoing risks and accept personal responsibility for the damages following such injury, permanent disability or death.
  - (F) Release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue CROSS TRAIL OUTFITTERS OF ILLINOIS, INC., **Greyfield Legacies**, or any affiliated groups, their respective administrators, directors, agents, coaches, and other employees of the organization, other participants, sponsoring agencies, sponsors, volunteers, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and renters of premises used to conduct the event, all of which are hereinafter referred to as "releases," from any and all liability to each of the undersigned, his or her heirs and next of kin for any and all claims, demands, losses or damages on account of injury, including death or damage to property, caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in part by the negligence of the releases or otherwise.
  - (G) I understand and agree that this Release of Liability Agreement covers each and every activity and event in which I participate hereafter.
2. This waiver and release is formed under and is to be interpreted consistent with the laws of the State of Illinois.
3. I agree and understand that SAFETY is my sole responsibility and release all persons and entities from this responsibility.
4. I represent that my agreement to the provisions herein is wholly voluntary, and further understand that, prior to signing this agreement I have the right to consult legal counsel.

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED, SIGNED AND RETURNED TO CROSS TRAIL OUTFITTERS, PRIOR TO THE BEGINNING OF THE EVENT OR TRIP DESCRIBED, OR THE APPLICANT WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE.**

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT AN INDUCEMENT.

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Youth Participant Signature

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Date

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Parent or Guardian Signature

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Date

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Cross Trail Outfitter Signature

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