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Illinois Controlled Pheasant Hunting Reservation Information for the Pere Marquette State Park Youth Pheasant Hunt is Now Available Online

SPRINGFIELD, IL – Young hunters between the ages of 10-15 can apply now for the Pere Marquette Youth Pheasant Hunt scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2015.

The Pere Marquette Youth Pheasant Hunt has been a popular early spring addition to the Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt Program. Most youth pheasant hunting opportunities are offered at IDNR Controlled Pheasant Hunting Areas in the fall or early winter.

Modeled after the World Shooting and Recreational Complex Youth Pheasant Hunt, young hunters at Pere Marquette will participate in a wingshooting clinic during the morning. IDNR and National Sporting Clays Association Certified Wingshooting Instructors will teach the wingshooting clinic. Young hunters will advance their wingshooting skills while practicing safe shotgun handling and operation during the clinic. The pheasant hunt will take place during the afternoon.

More than a dozen co-sponsors are assisting the IDNR and Pere Marquette State Park with the wingshooting clinic and pheasant hunt. Co-sponsors provide funding for the clay targets, target and field shotshells and lunch for the young hunters. Through the assistance of some of their members, co-sponsors also provide bird dogs and bird dog handlers and hunting guides. The co-sponsors include Alwerdt's Pheasant Farm, Altamont, Illinois; Channel-Seedsmanship At Work; Friends of Pere Marquette State Park; Green Roof Kennels; the Illinois Federation of Outdoor Resources; the Illinois National Shoot-To-Retrieve Field Trial Association; Migratory Waterfowl; the National Wild Turkey Federation - Midwest Gobblers Chapter; Pfister Seed Company; Quail Forever – Illinois Pioneer Chapter; Todd Parish - Attorney At Law; Whitworth-Horn-Goetten Insurance Agency, and Winchester/Olin.

Permits for the Pere Marquette Youth Pheasant Hunt are available through the IDNR's Controlled Pheasant Hunting Internet Reservation System. Hunters need to review the "Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt Information" and the "Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunt Regulations" on the controlled pheasant hunting website prior to submitting an application. To navigate to the controlled pheasant hunting website once the IDNR website www.dnr.illinois.gov has been accessed, hunters should follow these directions:

Click on "Upland Game" from the drop-down menu under the "Hunting/Trapping" button on the Homepage toolbar

Then click on "Controlled Pheasant Areas" under the "Quick Links" heading

After clicking on the "Click Here For Applications" button on the Controlled Pheasant Hunting Welcome Page, young hunters should click on the button next to "Illinois Youth Pheasant Hunts" to access the appropriate on-line application form.

Hunters without computers are encouraged to gain access to the controlled pheasant hunting online reservation system by checking with family or friends with a computer or by using a computer at their local public library. Completing a permit reservation online takes less than five minutes.

For complete details, check the controlled pheasant hunting website at www.dnr.illinois.gov.
