 **Attn:** All Volunteers, Hunt Leaders, Hunters, Landowners and NWTF Redding Chapter Members

 **Subject:** 2025 NWTF Karen Stout Youth Turkey Hunt

**Instructions:** Please complete and turn in this form, bring to the orientation meeting on 2/25/25

Welcome to the National Wild Turkey Federation’s (NWTF) 2025 Karen Stout Youth Spring Turkey Hunt! As some of you know this program was awarded the National 2015 Hunting Heritage Award by the NWTF on 2/12/16, in Nashville TN. Our volunteers are proud to represent hunters and conservationists everywhere as we introduce families to our favorite OBSESSION!

One of the things that we are most proud of is the fact that we use nearly every dime we raise to buy firearms and other sporting goods for our hunters, volunteers, and Hunt Leaders. This year we have firearms donated already and are looking for more donors all the time. Because our committee members put so much time and effort into the actual “hunting” part of this program, we rely on parents and friends to help us put together the events associated with the program. As a parent of a youth hunter, we ask that you please help us put on these events!

This event spans several dates and times. These dates and times are important to the safety and success of the program and are therefore mandatory. If a hunter has been selected and cannot make a date or time associated with the program, they may be replaced with an alternate hunter. PLEASE ENSURE YOU ARE COMMMITED TO THIS PROGRAM BEFORE YOU REPLY TO THIS LETTER! We realize our youth today have many activities to attend!

NOTE: THIS PROGRAM IS FOR NEW HUNTERS THAT HAVE NEVER HARVESTED A WILD TURKEY. Please validate below that you have never harvested a wild turkey. (please check below)

NOTE: We make a commitment to our landowners that our hunters will not return to their property without an NWTF volunteer. This includes with supposed permission from the landowner or with another person who has permission to hunt on the property.

NOTE: OBTAINING A CALIFORNIA HUNTING LICENSE AND NWTF JAKES MEMBERSHIP IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HUNTER AND MUST BE COMPLETED BY THE FIRST DAY OF HUNTING: 3/22/25. Seek out a hunter’s education program (online or in-person), once you print out your certificate proving you have completed the course, then just go buy your hunting license! ~

* The Junior Hunter who will participate in the NWTF 2024 Karen Stout Spring Turkey Hunt has never harvested a wild turkey.

Initials\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* I understand I will not return to the property that is hunted under any circumstance without an NWTF Volunteer

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* The Junior Hunter is size \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Y) (M) (W) Please Specify Youth, Men’s or Women’s Size)
* The Junior Hunter will be accompanied by (name)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Cell Phone Number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Junior Hunter Full Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Parent Guardian Full Name\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* The Hunter is an NWTF Member for 2024. Member #\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Receipt of membership is fine)
* The Hunter has a Ca Hunter’s License for the 2024 hunt-year. License Number. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* I am available to attend all events listed below:
1. Meet and Greet with Hunt Leaders 2/25/25 Initials\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. Shotgun Safety Clinic 3/2/25 Initials\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Redding Gun Club)
3. Hunting Dates 3/22 and 3/23 2025. Initials\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. ACTIVITIES and DATES:
5. 1/20/25. Hunter roster is validated. Contact information will be shared with the individual hunters and hunt leaders and plans should be talked about -- scouting and hunting should be planned through the upcoming months. Scouting is authorized with landowner approval until opening day.
6. 3/2/25. Turkey hunter skills clinic at the Redding Gun Club. 9:00-1:00 PM. Hunters will need a shotgun and 50 target shotgun shells (7.5-9 shot) for this event. These shells must be lead only. Join us as we set up a skills clinic to prepare our Hunters for the opening day of spring turkey season! Hunters will need eye and ear protection and dress for shooting sports. No sandals or flip flops please. Guides and Hunters will attend this event together.
7. 3-22/23-25 OPENING DAY! Hunters/Parents will meet with their Hunt Leader to spend two days in the field hunting. On opening day at 5:00 PM, we will have a simple dinner/picnic at the cottonwood community park on Gas Point Rd, next to the Little League Field. We will also award a hunt-team who harvests a turkey on opening day a custom set of matching firearms. This award is by random draw. The drawing will include all teams who harvest on opening day. There will also be raffles and food, and a group picture which will be presented to our generous landowners at the Youth Banquet.
8. Please wear your camouflage and bring your bird to this event for the photo. In prior years we brought harvested turkeys to this event, but it has been difficult to keep them “presentable” all day long. If you do not have the ability to keep your turkey un-spoiled, we will just take a nice photo with the Hunters and Hunt Leaders to present to our Landowners and other sponsors. But if at all possible, BRING YOUR TROPHY FOR THE PICTURE!

***Our events are staffed and run by our parent volunteers. Listed below are some of the opportunities for our parents to get involved. Just check the block (ONE PER EVENT) next to the opportunity and an NWTF volunteer will contact you with activity details!***

* TURKEY HUNTING SKLILLS CLINIC VOLUNTEER: 3/3/24, 9AM-1PM. Help us teach our new generation of hunters! We will teach the do’s and don’ts of outdoor activities, turkey hunting skills and shotgun safety! Set up at 8:00. (Please check one)
* Range Safety (an adult who can help a hunter shoot safely)
* Food Donation:
* BBQ Chef (you know!)
* Bring Drinks (you don’t have to bring them all—how about 12?)
* BBQ Set up (plates, condiments, chips, etc.)
* Instructor (turkey calling)
* Instructor (gun safety)
* Instructor (camouflage)
* Instructor (turkey biology)
* Clinic guide (moving groups from one class to the next)
* Raffle Volunteer
* BANQUET/PICNIC VOLUNTEER Help us celebrate and highlight the efforts of our hunters and volunteers. Activities include a turkey calling contest, gun raffles, hunter awards, silent auction and land-owner recognition. (Please check one) Set up time: See below.
* Bring Drinks for attendees (bring something to drink, how about 12?)
* Photographer (help set up a photo location and take pictures of hunters)
* Photo Distribution (manage photos from hunter to land-owner)
* Administration (check in, raffle ticket distribution, etc. Set up time 5:00 PM
* Banquet Set-up
* Banquet Breakdown
* Turkey Calling Judge
* Silent Auction Volunteer

We are using our Facebook page to keep everybody up to date: Redding NWTF Turkey Talk so please like us to stay up to date!

Ted Lidie 530-776-4855, --Text or Call

Kevin Tedder-530-227-7060 Text or Call

LAST THING: Each Hunt Leader must have the tools to measure their hunter's bird before they clean it in the field. You must send a picture of measurements from the field. Please provide: (1) weight, (exact with pounds and ounces), use a fish scale. Length of spurs (\*use a measuring tape, not a carpenter's tape, ---but a seamstress tape) and length of beard. This is a team responsibility! I’m sorry but I can’t accept any estimated weights or measurements. I need a picture of each-measurement, for the record. If you have ANY questions about this, then contact Ted Lidie. Hunters have been excluded in the past from awards etc. because of non-qualifying measurements and we do not want this to happen in 2025! Also a picture sent to Ted Lidie of the hunter in the field with the turkey will make a nice slide show picture during the banquet.

Thanks and see you in the field!--Ted