

# COURSES

## SHOOTING SPORTS & RELATED

**Archery:** Join Brian Collins and Ken Weisbarth in this class suitable for all levels. Beginners will learn how to shoot a compound bow and hit 3-D targets. And have fun in the process! Advanced shooters can refine their skills by improving form and technique.

**Handgun Basics:** This class will teach you to shoot a variety of handguns safely. Keith and Susan Vicars will provide a broad spectrum of information about the safety, operation, and fundamentals of shooting handguns. *Practice target shooting with supplied handguns (.22 revolvers and semi-automatics) and ammo or bring your own.*

**Holster Draw:** When handling your firearm, do you know what the most dangerous times are? Drawing from your holster and re-holstering. But it is a skill you can learn. Bob Herp and Gina Spaller, NRA Certified Instructors and Range Safety Officers, will teach you the techniques you need. *Bring any caliber pistol with at least 2 magazines and 100 rounds of ammo, plus a stiff belt and an Outside the Waistband holster to fit your gun.*

**Intro to Steel Challenge:** Gina Spaller and Bob Herp, NRA Certified Instructors and Range Safety Officers, will get you started on this fun and growing pistol sport. You will learn basic range commands, rules, equipment, gun handling and safety, and then head to the range to practice. *Gun must be in a range bag or case. Bring a .22 caliber pistol with at least two magazines and 100 rounds of ammo. (Loaner gun available upon request.)*

**Small-Bore Rifle:** Gabe Illes will teach you the basics of shooting safety. You will have the opportunity to shoot a variety of .22 rifles, including bolt-action, lever-action, and semi-automatic, with both open and telescopic sights. *Rifles and ammunition will be supplied.*

**Intro to Shotgun/Trap:** Terry Reckart will introduce you to the basics of shooting a shotgun, including learning the types and gauges, ammo, chokes and loads used, parts of a shotgun, safe handling, and safety equipment. Then practice shooting clay targets. *Shotgun and ammo will be provided (20 gauge) or bring your own.*

**Shotgun/Skeet:** This fun and challenging sport is popular throughout the world. Terry Reckart will teach you about equipment selection, including guns, clothing, and ammo. Learn to break birds at different and challenging stations. *Bring your own shotgun and ammo or use ours.*

## OUTDOOR FUN

**Axe Throwing:** Ever wanted to try this? Now is your chance!! Brian Franck will teach this intro class. Basic instruction and practice, practice, practice!! You will learn throwing styles and how to adjust distance for optimum performance. Class will end with a competition.

**Bee Keeping:** John and Candice Ransom of Urbandale Apiary believe happy bees make the best honey. Learn how to get started in beekeeping and what products you can get from your hives. It is a popular and growing hobby.

**Fire Starting Fun:** Practice your fire-starting skills or learn new ones. Phil Varketta will lead this hands-on class covering Steel Match, Flint & Steel, Bow & Drill, and Fire Lens. *Kneeling on the ground is required for part of this course.*

**Fly Fishing:** Matthew Siegel will teach participants the basics of fly fishing and will assist with casting techniques. *Equipment and flies will be supplied, or you can bring your own. Participants must bring and wear eyeglasses.*

**Intro to Map & Compass:** Join Phil Varketta in some challenging games to hone your navigation skills. Navigate an orienteering course throughout the camp. Learn tricks to stay found and much more. *Part of this course requires walking.*

**Kayaking:** Enjoy a session of basic kayaking on the water with Maggie Brown, ODNR Division of Parks and Watercraft. Learn the basics of kayaking safety and paddle strokes. *All equipment will be provided.*

*The class will go in the rain so long as there is no lightning or thunder. Please dress for the weather and bring a change of clothes and shoes in case you get wet.*

**Personal Safety Awareness:** Sheila Hullihen, black belt with Madison Combined Martial Arts, will lead this class on situational awareness, staying safe, and defending yourself should the need arise. All women should have these basic skills in self-protection and safety!

**Self-Defense:** Sensei Jayne Butram of Okinawan Karate Center will lead this hands-on class on smart personal protection. Learn about layers of protection, staying safe at home, work, and out with your kids, how to respond to a home invasion, active shooter situation, and more. *Wear comfortable clothes that allow you to move.*

## CRAFTS, COOKING, AND MORE FUN STUFF

**Acrylic Paint Pouring:** Donna Hutmacher is back and with a totally new class. Learn to do a puddle pour (Dutch Pour) onto a canvas board. You will take home a beautiful piece of art that you created. If time, you will have the opportunity to do additional pours onto parchment paper. ***There is a \$10 additional materials fee for this class; please include with your payment.***

**Canvas Painting:** Become an artist when you join Lynnmarie Landwei-Phillips and turn a blank 16" x 20" canvas into a work of art. You will venture on a guided step-by-step journey to create a personal masterpiece in a relaxed, stress-free environment. ***There is a \$10 additional materials fee for this class; please include with your payment.***

**Dog Tug Toy:** Marti Thomas will teach you to make a fleece tug toy. All materials and instructions will be provided, and you will leave with a completed tug toy (or two, time permitting) so you can play with your furry friend that night! ***There is a \$10 additional materials fee for this class; please include with your payment.***

**Mead Making:** Mead is an alcoholic beverage created by fermenting honey with water or sometimes with various fruits, grains, or hops. John Ransom of Urbandale Apiary will demonstrate and teach you the process for making mead.

**Old-Fashioned Taffy Pulling:** Help Laura Fry of Heritage Homestead Classes make a batch of old-fashioned taffy. You'll mix, cook, and then stretch candy to the perfect consistency, then cut and wrap it. Take recipes and lots of candy home to share. ***There is a \$10 additional materials fee for this class; please include with your payment.***

**Pie Making:** Learn the secrets to a fool-proof flaky crust and juicy apple pie filling from Laura Fry of Heritage Homestead Classes. Everyone will make their own pie to take home. ***There is a \$10 additional materials fee for this class; please include with your payment.***

**Soap Making:** Learn how to make soap from scratch. Laura Fry of Heritage Homestead Classes will lead you through making a cold process batch of lye soap and a lip balm. Learn about additives, oils, and how to make your own lye and render your own tallow. You will take home two bars of soap. ***There is a \$10 additional materials fee for this class; please include with your payment.***

**Course Offerings: IMPORTANT! Please rank 1-8 in order of preference, with 1 being your first choice.**

<input type="checkbox"/> Archery	<input type="checkbox"/> Axe Throwing	<input type="checkbox"/> Acrylic Paint Pouring*
<input type="checkbox"/> Handgun Basics	<input type="checkbox"/> Bee Keeping	<input type="checkbox"/> Canvas Painting*
<input type="checkbox"/> Holster Draw	<input type="checkbox"/> Fire-Starting Fun	<input type="checkbox"/> Dog Tug Toy*
<input type="checkbox"/> Steel Challenge	<input type="checkbox"/> Fly Fishing	<input type="checkbox"/> Mead Making
<input type="checkbox"/> Small-Bore Rifle	<input type="checkbox"/> Map & Compass	<input type="checkbox"/> Taffy Pulling*
<input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun: Trap	<input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking	<input type="checkbox"/> Pie Making*
<input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun: Skeet	<input type="checkbox"/> Personal Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Soap Making*
	<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Defense	

**\*Materials Fee required (see course descriptions for amount)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ New Member or WITO # \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal

**Participants 14-17 years of age must have a parent or guardian sign and attend all classes with them.**

**\_\_\_\_ I cannot attend but would like to renew my Women in the Outdoors membership for \$35. Payment is enclosed.**

**Registration** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
If applicable, Mother \_\_\_\_ or daughter 14-17 yrs \_\_\_\_ or 18+ yrs \_\_\_\_

**Material Fee(s) for top 4 choices only** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**T-Shirts:** Qty \_\_\_\_\_ at \$20 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Indicate style/size: Ladies V \_\_\_\_ Standard \_\_\_\_  
Heart wording: Meribeth memorial \_\_\_\_ WITO \_\_\_\_

**General Raffle:** Qty \_\_\_\_ 1/\$10 or 3/\$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Gun Raffle:** Qty \_\_\_\_ 1/\$10 or 3/\$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_ PayPal email \_\_\_\_\_  
For credit card payment, check PayPal box for invoice.

**Deadline for pre-ordering the event t-shirt is Sept 7, 2021.  
Regular registration deadline is Sept 17, 2021.**

**Make checks payable to "NWTF" and mail/email this completed form with payment to:**

**Leesa Lafferre-Thomas | 10101 Madison Rd | Montville OH 44064  
440.313.2470 | GrandRiverWITO@gmail.com**

### YOUR PAID REGISTRATION INCLUDES

- Choice of 4 Women in the Outdoors courses (unless you sign up for a double-session class)
- Use of all equipment, program material, instruction
- One-year subscription to the NWTF Turkey Country magazine
- Light breakfast, lunch, beverages

### NEW THIS YEAR! FREE "ADVENTURE" PORTRAITS

Professional photographer Craig Fritz is offering free portraits for the first 15 ladies who sign up on the day of the event. Pose with your gun, bow, fishing rod, etc. See Facebook post or contact us for additional information.

### REGISTRATION FEE

Registration fee is \$65/individual or \$120/mother-daughter package (must be at least 14 years old; indicate date range for daughter). If mother-daughter, please include two registration forms but payment should be listed on only one of the forms. No refunds for any reason after Sept 10, 2021.

### PAYPAL OPTION

PayPal is fast & easy! Check the box on the registration form, then mail or email the form. When we receive your registration form, we'll send you an invoice. You may then pay using your credit card or checking account. Payment will be due upon receipt of invoice, which will include a small fee to cover what PayPal charges us.

### AUCTIONS & RAFFLES

There will be continuous silent auctions and raffles throughout the day. Payment can be made with cash, check or credit cards. Pre-order your raffle tickets!

**General Raffle:** 1 sheet with bonus ticket for \$10 or 3 sheets for \$20.

**Gun Raffle:** 1 ticket for \$10 or 3 tickets for \$20. Winner need not be present for Kimber Micro 9 gun raffle.



*Actual gun may vary slightly from photo.*



Dedicated to providing interactive educational outdoor opportunities for women ages 14 and older. Local chapters and organizations throughout the nation conduct outdoor learning events, featuring hands-on activities.

The National Wild Turkey Federation's goal is to teach the importance of responsible wildlife management, to increase participation in outdoor-related opportunities and to preserve the hunting tradition.

### DIRECTIONS

**From the North:** From I-90 exit 218 near Geneva, travel south on OH-534 for 9.8 miles. **From the South:** From US-6 at Hartsgrove, travel north on OH-534 for 1.8 miles.

Lodging and campsite list available upon request or visit the "Files" section of our Facebook page to download the documents.

### WITO GRAND RIVER CHAPTER T-SHIRTS

Pre-order your turquoise t-shirt with neon pink graphics to memorialize your experience with WITO. Specify quantity, size, and style (V-neck or standard neck) on the registration form. Very few extras will be available on the day of the event, so guarantee yours by ordering now. Cost is \$20 each. Shirts are 50-50 poly/cotton blend. Sizing chart available upon request.



Heart design will be on front; specify choice of memorial wording or "WITO" in heart. (Memorial wording: "In memory of Meribeth Sironen, Oct 12, 2020")

*Color and design may vary slightly from photo.*

### JOIN OUR AWARD-WINNING TEAM

- 2012 & 2015 State of Ohio Best Overall Event
- 2016 State of Ohio Royal Slam Award
- 2016 State of Ohio Top WITO Membership Award
- 2018 State of Ohio Best Overall Single-Day Event
- 2012-2019 Golden Hen Award

### IN LOVING TRIBUTE

Meribeth Sironen was a dedicated, long-time supporter of the Women In The Outdoors program. She was an avid outdoorswoman and, with her husband Matt, raised her family to love the outdoors as well. For many years, she filled an integral role on our committee and involved her entire family in the fun. We are dedicating this year's event to her and have included a small memorial to her on our shirts. We will miss her beyond measure! Godspeed, Meribeth!



# NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION GRAND RIVER CHAPTER



Saturday  
September 25, 2021

7:45 am – 5:30 pm

Crooked Creek Conservation Club  
4323 SR 534 • Hartsgrove, OH 44085



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