

Boone County Conservation District 2022-2023 Archery and Firearm Quick Update Guide

1. Important dates

- a. Archery qualifying will be held at the Kishwaukee Valley Conservation Area, 9416 US Highway 20, Garden Prairie, IL. Saturday, May 14th 8am-2pm, Tuesday, May 17th 8am-4:30pm and Thursday May 19th 12pm-7pm. (please note changes in qualifying and fees below)
- b. Archery lottery-Thursday, June 9th at 11:00 am.
- c. Firearm lottery deadline- Monday, July 25th at 3:00pm.
- d. Firearm lottery-Friday, July 29th at 11:00 am.
- e. Firearm qualifying- Saturday and Sunday, August 27th and 28th 8am-3pm, Wednesday, August 31st 3pm-7pm, Thursday, September 1st 3pm-7pm, Tuesday, September 6th 3pm-7pm. Inclement weather make-up day, Thursday, September 8th 3pm-7pm.
- f. Archery fees due-Thursday, September 1st by 4:30 pm.
- g. Archery stand placement (sticker day)- Saturday, September 10th.
- h. Firearm fees due-Friday, September 30th by 4:30 pm.

2. Rule changes/Updates

- a. Archery qualifying- Starting in 2022 each participant will pay a \$10 qualification fee as well as a \$55.00 non-refundable* deposit, which will be collected at the qualification site (\$25.00 deposit for youth). The \$10 fee helps defray the cost of having BCCD staff oversee the qualifications, and the \$55 deposit will be applied to the annual hunting fee (see fee schedule below). *If a participant fails to qualify a refund will be issued.
- b. Any hunter that fails to pay, in full, all hunt fees by September 1st 2022 will be assessed a \$15.00 late charge.
- c. Site classifications- Sites are grouped into 3 different classifications. Each class has a different number of available hunting days.
 - a. Class 1 site (20 hunting days) sites open to hunting on select Friday-Sunday weekends throughout the archery season. Lib C/A, Ipsen Rd. C/A, Newburg Village C/A, and Distillery Road C/A.
 - b. Class 2 site (53 hunting days) sites open to hunting on select Friday-Sunday weekends until November 15th. Site open to hunting November 15th – January 16th except for firearm seasons. Sewell C/A, Kinnikkinnick Creek C/A, Piscasaw Fen C/A, County Line East C/A, Silberhorn C/A, Savanna Oaks C/A, Kishwaukee Valley C/A, and Funderburg North- C/A (south of Woodstock Rd).
 - c. Class 3 site (86 hunting days) sites open to hunting from October 1st-January 16th except for firearm seasons. Ballard Farm C/A, Rainbow Gardens C/A, Beaver Bluffs C/A, Funderburg North C/A (North of Woodstock Rd), Funderburg South C/A, and Luckey Woods C/A.
- d. **Hunting Stands:**
 - a. All archery program participants are allowed to set-up one (1) hunting stand.
 - b. Procedures for moving a stand to another location:
 - i. Prior to physically moving the stand a hunter shall.
 1. Confirm the proposed stand location will not interfere with other hunter(s) by checking the current map of stand locations (stickers on aerial photo) with BCCD staff assistance.
 2. Once approved by BCCD staff, the hunting stand can be moved.

c. **Sharing Hunting Stands:** Members of a hunting group may permit other members of their hunting group to hunt from their individual hunting stand. Groups may select to do this by checking the box on their hunting qualification paperwork indicating “I allow members of this hunting group to hunt from my stand.” Doing this will acknowledge the permission with all members of the hunting

d. Fee Schedule: Beginning in 2022 there will be an increased fee for all adult hunters. ***All fees are due by September 1st, 2022.***

e. Class 1 site (21 hunting days)

i. Boone County Resident – adult	=	\$55
ii. Boone County Resident – youth	=	\$25
iii. Non-resident – adult	=	\$80
iv. Non-resident – youth	=	\$30
v. Program Participant Volunteers	=	Credited fee reduction

f. Class 2 site (54 hunting days)

i. Boone County Resident – adult	=	\$80
ii. Boone County Resident – youth	=	\$50
iii. Non-resident – adult	=	\$115
iv. Non-resident – youth	=	\$60
v. Program Participant Volunteers	=	Credited fee reduction

g. Class 3 site (87 hunting days)

i. Boone County Resident – adult	=	\$110
ii. Boone County Resident – youth	=	\$75
iii. Non-resident – adult	=	\$165
iv. Non-resident – youth	=	\$90
v. Program Participant Volunteers	=	Credited fee reduction

This document is only used to convey updated rules and information. All participants are required to read and understand all rules and regulations.