

Boone County Conservation District 2023-2024 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 13th 8am-2pm, Tuesday, May 16th 8am-4:30pm and Thursday May 18th 12pm-7pm. (please note changes in qualifying and fees below)
- b. Archery lottery-Thursday, June 8th at 11:00 am.
- c. Firearm lottery deadline- Monday, July 24th at 3:00pm.
- d. Firearm lottery-Friday, July 28th at 11:00 am.
- e. Firearm qualifying- Saturday and Sunday, August 26th and 27th 8am-3pm, Wednesday, August 30th 3pm-7pm, Thursday, August 31st 3pm-7pm, Tuesday, September 5th 3pm-7pm. Inclement weather make-up day, Thursday, September 7th 3pm-7pm.
- f. Archery fees due-Friday, September 1st by 4:30 pm.
- g. Archery stand placement (sticker day)- Saturday, September 9th.
- h. Firearm fees due-Friday, September 30th by 4:30 pm.
- i. Any hunter that fails to pay, in full, all hunt fees by the due will be assessed a \$15.00 late charge.

2. Fees and site classifications for Archery

- a. Archery qualifying- 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. Site classifications: Sites are grouped into 3 different classifications. Each class has a different number of available hunting days. *Note: C.A. = Conservation Area.*
 - a. Class 1 site (18 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 (54 hunting days) sites open to hunting on select Friday-Sunday weekends until November 15th. Site open to hunting November 15th – January 14th except for firearm seasons. Sewell C.A., Kinnikinnick 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), Funderburg South C.A.
 - c. Class 3 site (85 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. (Area North of Woodstock Road only!), and Luckey Woods C.A.

Fee Schedule: ***All fees are due by September 1st, 2023. Fees paid after September 1st will incur a \$15 late charge. If fees are not paid in full by October 6th, 2023, hunting rights will be considered forfeited.***

- a. Class 1 site (18 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
- b. 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
- c. Class 3 site (85 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.