

Subject: Immediate Need for Volunteers at Bob Oke Game Farm

This opportunity is being sent out to all Region 6 Hunter Education Instructors. The Bob Oke Game Farm staff is in need of people to help repair winter damage and get the farm back into spring production for this upcoming season. This work will enable the successful production of pheasants for the WDFW Pheasant Release Program which involves both Western and Eastern Washington. Other than uneven ground (Pasture) this is a low impact project. Please review the information below and e-mail Chris White with any questions. Be sure to read the "IMPORTANT INFORMATION" section closely.

There is a work Party scheduled, for Saturday May 7, however the need is great enough that you can schedule with Chris White anytime.

The snowstorms over the winter and last week were very hard on Bob Oke Game Farm's pheasant pen nets. The wet heavy snow accumulated on the net, stretching it to the ground. Once on the ground, the rodents chewed holes in the net causing significant damage. Crews and volunteers are needed to stitch up the holes before the pens are occupied in July.

People willing to come will want to bring raingear, boots, and gloves. We will supply all the needed tools and materials.

There is a staff "lunch" room with a refrigerator and microwave. We are close to town and near several sit down/fast food restaurants if you want to go out for lunch.

There is a lot to do and staff appreciates all the help they can get so we will be accepting people on both weekends and during the week. This project can be done both individually and with large groups. Please feel free to e-mail or call me if you plan on helping. There is one work party scheduled for Saturday, May 7th, and possibly others in the future. There is much work to be done so volunteers are welcome at any time before that date and until the work is done.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

You may have been hearing about High Path Avian Influenza in the news lately. We take biosecurity very seriously on the farm and ask that you follow a few simple rules to

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1. Make sure your vehicle has not been on any other poultry facility or encountered domestic or wild waterfowl within the last 72 hours.
2. Come with clean clothes and boots that have had at least 72 hours away from any back yard flocks, waterfowl, or any farm application.
3. Follow all signage and use foot baths.
4. Park in the designated visitor parking.
5. Stay out of all back yard flock flocks with any clothes or boots used at this facility for at least 72 hours.

We are still committed to limiting exposure and minimize risk related to COVID 19, so please use the information below to advise how we protect ourselves from COVID. Most importantly if you are sick or have been exposed to someone who is sick, please do not come.

Staff- you are all familiar with COVID and safety protocols so follow agency policy.

Volunteers- There are a few COVID related requirements.

1. You will need to complete a self-screen attestation every day that you will be volunteering prior to arriving at the facility.
 - a. Attestation Form
 - b. Supervisor on Behalf of Employee Attestation Form
2. Review and agree to follow any COVID related SOPs and guidelines. See attached.
3. Review, sign and submit page 2 and 3 of the COVID-19 Return-to-Work Checklist for Volunteers form that is attached.
4. Volunteers do not need to be vaccinated to help on the farm and have the option to complete a vaccination verification process if they chose to do so.

It's important to remember that when working at the farm you are considered a WDFW volunteer and need to take all mandatory training and follow all safety protocols.

If possible, it would be best for everyone to register in CERVIS. This is the agency's online volunteer tracking system and will give us the ability to eliminate some of the cumbersome paperwork and track hours. Please create a profile in CERVIS if you have not already done so. [You can find all the information to become a volunteer](#), and the link to log-in to CERVIS, at <https://wdfw.wa.gov/get-involved/volunteer>.

Directions to the farm.

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