

Hosting agencies

- Missouri Department of Conservation – Andy Dalton Shooting Range and Outdoor Education Center
- Sho-Me Chapter of the NWTf
- Southwest Center for Independent Living



"I couldn't come the first year – but I won't miss anymore. You can count on that!"

D. H., Participant

"I couldn't have asked for a better day – great fun, beautiful weather, delicious food, and the people are right here to help me if I need it."

M. C., Participant

"When can we do this again? You are going to do this again next year, aren't you?"

J. S., Participant

"As a volunteer, I have never had so much fun. It was so great to give to someone who truly appreciated my time."

R. V., Volunteer

National Wild Turkey Federation Wheelin' Sportsmen Program

Wheelin' Sportsmen NWTf is dedicated to providing people with disabilities, including disabled hunters, disabled anglers and other outdoor enthusiasts, the opportunity to participate in outdoor activities. Its magazine, *Wheelin' Sportsmen*, and its Web site, www.wheelinsportsmen.org, are dedicated to the education and entertainment of these enthusiasts and their able-bodied outdoor partners.

The NWTf is a 525,000-member, grassroots, nonprofit organization with members in 50 states, Canada and 15 other foreign countries. It supports scientific wildlife management on public, private, and corporate lands as well as wild turkey hunting as a traditional North American sport.

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Everyone**



Mission

To introduce people with disabilities to the many outdoor activities through education, hands-on opportunities, and assistive technology so that they may choose to participate at their own ability level. Opening the doors for people with disabilities would lead to fulfilling dreams and moving beyond boundaries placed on them. It is our hope that many will know that their dreams can come true - if they will dream and then act upon that dream.



Proven success

This event continues to win Regional Award for Best Wheelin' Sportsmen Event and National Award for Outstanding Achievement from the NWTF year after year. For our first year, 2004, we assisted 119 disabled participants, 171 family and friends with 83 volunteers. At our fifth annual event in 2009, we assisted 265 participants, 232 family and friends with 126 volunteers.



Planned Activities

Fishing, target shooting with air pellet guns, shotguns, cross and compound bow, wildlife education classes, crafts, and demonstrations from other people with disabilities on possible outdoor activities.

This annual June event is free of charge to all participants, family members, guests, and volunteers. All equipment is provided such as fishing poles, guns and ammunition, bows and arrows, adaptive fishing belts, strong arms, gun rests for wheelchairs, interpreters for the deaf, and aides for those who need one-on-one attention.



We need your help

In providing great opportunities such as this and others through our combined efforts, we need your help.

It takes dollars to pay for the interpreters for the deaf, the tents, tables and chairs, accessible porta potty and annual membership into the NWTF - Wheelin' Sportsmen program.

It takes donations of items such as hot dogs, hamburgers, buns, chips, condiments, beverages, paper products, and door prizes.



It takes caring volunteers from the community to assist people with disabilities, to cook the free lunch, to provide transportation to and from Springfield, and other jobs.

It takes **you** getting involved, giving back to those who only ask to be a part of their community. Won't you help us make the outdoors accessible for everyone?

To offer your assistance to this great event, please call Patty Hayne at (417) 886-1188 or Mike Brooks at (417) 742-4361.