

PRAIRIE NEWS

http://SD-PheasantHunting.com 1-855-SD Lodge June 2014

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Technology:

We felt it was time for a new look for our website. Most of the content was retained, and we simplified some of the pages that had frequently prompted questions. We also updated most of the gallery pictures, but we would like to add more photos of our groups. If you have any pictures from your hunt that you'd like to share, please email them to us. A few pages are still under construction, but we invite you to view the new design and welcome your comments.



Our Facebook page has generated significant interaction with a wide audience, and we are now investigating other social media venues. If you are more comfortable on Twitter or Instagram, we will soon be posting to those sites as well.

Summer Camp:



As you may be aware, we are organizing youth summer camps for four weeks starting in mid-July. We offer campers an opportunity to explore new interests in a fun, creative and inspiring setting. Leaving the world of grades and tests far behind, we embark on a universe of projects, activities, and field trips that emphasize student choice and promote independent thinking, good decision-making, and a lifelong love of learning. The themes for the four weeks are science, arts and crafts, engineering, and life sports.

If you know anyone between the ages of 10 and 14 seeking an amazing summer, please send them our way. The phone number is the same at 1-855-SD LODGE (735-6343), but we have a new website just for summer camp, which can be viewed at http://SD-SummerCamp.com.

The Next Generation:

When did you first go pheasant hunting? For many people, the answer involves a positive experience with an older family member, most frequently as a teenager or even younger. Some folks have a long history of hunting as a family tradition, and we would like to encourage these customs to continue.

South Dakota offers a bonus weekend prior to the beginning of the regular season. From October 4 to 8, 2014, youth ages 12 to 17 with a valid hunter safety certificate and small game license may hunt from 10 a.m. to sunset. This is a valuable opportunity for adults to take young people out to experience first-hand the joy of hunting as well as the responsibility. All youth hunters during this special weekend must be accompanied by an unarmed adult.



For children ages 10 to 16, South Dakota also offers a mentored hunting program so parents can decide when their child is ready to begin hunting. By emphasizing one-on-one interaction between the beginning hunter and the experienced hunter, safety, respect for wildlife and solid conservation ethics are passed on to the hunters of tomorrow. We encourage you to determine whether your state has a similar program that would benefit younger hunters around you.

The Lodge seeks to support and promote pheasant hunting for the next generation by offering a 50% discount to all our hunters less than 18 years old. They must be accompanied by an adult, and we will spend extra time reviewing safety and offering hunting tips and strategies. Our target course is especially helpful for these young folks.

Prairie Puzzle:

The answer to last month's question about the common name of grain sorghum was milo. Congratulations to our winners: Mr. Haynes from Indiana and Mr. Cluchey from South Carolina.

June question: Approximately how many total small game hunting licenses have been sold annually in South Dakota in recent years?

- a) 12,000
- b) 165,000
- c) 440,000
- d) 825,000

Please submit your answer by June 15, 2014 to be included in the prize drawing for a free Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort hunting hat. Responses will be accepted via mail, phone, or email. Good luck!