



DAKOTA PRAIRIE LODGE & RESORT

# PRAIRIE NEWS



**IMPORTANT REMINDER:  
WATERFOWL LICENSE  
INFO DUE JULY 4**

Hoping to hunt waterfowl with us this fall or winter? If you are not a resident of South Dakota, you will need a nonresident waterfowl hunting permit. The application closes at 8 a.m. central time on July 8, 2024. But don't worry, we can help! You do not have to apply for a license yourself. Our team will apply for you when you hunt with us— and due to our strong relationship with the Game, Fish & Parks Department, we have a 100% success rate in procuring our hunters waterfowl licenses. However, we need your information before the deadline to apply on your behalf. If you have not shared this info or have not scheduled your duck hunt with us, please reach out ASAP!



**RAIN MAKES CORN, AND CORN FEEDS WILDLIFE**



After receiving more than ten inches of rain recently, our hunting grounds are lush and green. Like the classic Luke Bryan song "Rain Is a Good Thing" reminds us, the heavy rainfall we have been experiencing lately is a boon to our environment and should help crops and food plots grow strong to feed our always-expanding population of pheasants and other birds. As June comes to an end, pheasant eggs are beginning to hatch and we have spotted groups of chicks on the move!

In other news, our favorite Lodge kid is back for season! Owner Toni's son Alex is here to help with prairie dog hunting and other summer adventures. Say hello if you see him!

**PRAIRIE DOGS: ARE THEY PALS OR PESTS?**

When we think of summer at the Lodge, one activity in particular comes to mind: prairie dog hunting! We have been busy guiding many groups as we help our local farmer and rancher partners get rid of these pesky rodents. Prairie dogs might look cute, but they are actually incredibly damaging to the rich soil of South Dakota – and they can completely destroy verdant crop fields. So, we like to round them up and fire away at the varmints! Whether you are part of a large group or are hunting solo, we will find an active prairie dog town that is perfect for you. This type of shooting is also great for hunters who struggle with mobility. Unlike bird hunting, which often requires a lot of walking, prairie dog hunting is much more stationary.

We still have a couple of August dates available for any prairie dog hunters who have not yet booked. Please reach out if you're interested!



## OUR FAVORITE HUNTING AND CONSERVATION QUOTES

The world of hunting and outdoor sports has appealed to countless individuals over the years. A hallowed tradition, hunting has been passed down from generation to generation, forging bonds between fathers and sons (and mothers and daughters, too!). Among the hunting enthusiasts of our country's history are many recognizable faces who have shared their perspective on this timeless sport. If you are looking for some inspiration to enjoy firearms and the great outdoors, look no further than these quotes from some of the Americas' best and brightest minds.

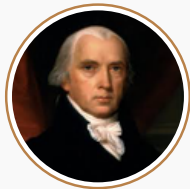


### THEODORE ROOSEVELT, 26TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

"In a civilized and cultivated country wild animals only continue to exist at all when preserved by sportsmen. The excellent people who protest against all hunting, and consider sportsmen as enemies of wildlife, are ignorant of the fact that in reality the genuine sportsman is by all odds the most important factor in keeping the larger and more valuable wild creatures from total extermination."

### JIM SHOCKEY, CANADIAN WRITER, TV PRODUCER, AND OUTFITTER

"The hunt is a tradition that has been passed down for generations. It's about more than just the pursuit of game; it's about the pursuit of a lifestyle." *This quote emphasizes the traditions inherent in hunting and the importance of promoting the love of this noble sport for years to come. Jim Shockey shares a compelling sentiment about hunting that is likely shared by many who visit us at the Lodge.*

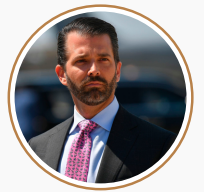


### JAMES MADISON, 4TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

"Through almost all of human existence, huntable land and huntable wildlife have preceded the hunter. They caused the hunter. But in the future this must be reversed. It is the hunter who must cause huntable land and wildlife, and a world worth being young in." *President James Madison reminds us of the importance of preserving the land that we hunt on so future generations can enjoy it, too.*

### DONALD TRUMP JUNIOR, THE SON OF THE 45TH U.S. PRESIDENT

"Hunting forces a person to endure, to master themselves, even to truly get to know the wild environment. Actually, along the way, hunting and fishing makes you fall in love with the natural world. This is why hunters so often give back by contributing to conservation." *Donald Trump Jr. highlights the important role that hunters play in preserving land and wildlife. We are all part of the solution.*



### LADY BIRD JOHNSON, FORMER UNITED STATES FIRST LADY

"The environment, after all, is where we all meet, where we all have a mutual interest. It is one thing that all of us share. It is not only a mirror of ourselves, but a focusing lens on what we can become." *Lady Bird Johnson, the wife of President Lyndon B. Johnson, emphasizes the incredible wonders of the natural world. She reminds us how important it is to continue investing keeping our Earth beautiful.*

## PRAIRIE PUZZLE

**June Question:** In which state was legendary frontiersman Teddy Roosevelt born?

- a) South Dakota
- b) New York
- c) Virginia
- d) Montana



Submit your answer by July 10, 2024, for a chance to win! Answers will be accepted via email, phone, or mail. Correct answers will be entered into the prize drawing to receive a FREE Dakota Prairie Lodge & Resort hat.