

## Marshfield Use of School Forest - Board Policy

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Legal References: Sections 120.10(9) & (10), Wisconsin Statutes 120.13(17), (19) & (21) 120.44

Cross References: 341.5, Outdoor Education 832-Rule, Use of School Forest Regulations

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### **USE OF SCHOOL FOREST REGULATIONS**

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- A. The School Forest facilities will be available for public use between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. from November 1 through March 31 and 8:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. from April 1 through October 31. Use by the general public will be prohibited at other hours.
  1. Exceptions will include groups from the School District of Marshfield who are staying overnight, organizations that have rented the facilities, or anyone obtaining special written authorization from school district officials.
  2. Questions or concerns regarding use shall be directed to the School Forest Coordinator.
  3. School classes and groups shall have first priority.
- B. The use of motorized recreational vehicles on the School Forest property is prohibited.
  1. Motorized recreational vehicles include three-wheelers, four wheelers, motorcycles, mopeds, snowmobiles and bikes. Bicycles will be allowed on trails that have a granite or hard surface base. Bicycles are prohibited on the remainder of the skiing and hiking trails.
  2. Any exceptions must be authorized, in writing, by school district officials.
- C. Hunting will not be allowed when school or rental groups are on the property. (See Administrative Rule 832.1 for specific hunting regulations.)
- D. Swimming and boating at the School Forest pond are prohibited unless the activity is directed by school personnel with a qualified lifeguard present. Rental groups wishing to utilize the pond for swimming and/or boating must certify, in writing, at the time they rent the facility, that they will provide a certified lifeguard and/or boating instructor.
- E. Any trail clearance and/or modifications are to be approved by the coordinator of the School Forest and the environmental committee.
- F. Sledding, tubing and snowboarding in the School Forest are prohibited.
- G. Individuals utilizing the School Forest, including those who have rented the facilities, may not bring pets. This includes horses and hunting dogs.
- H. Rules and regulations of the School District of Marshfield apply at the School Forest. No smoking, use of drugs or alcoholic beverages, vandalism, or disorderly conduct will be permitted.
- I. Campfires should be restricted to the fire pit by the lodge unless other arrangements are approved by the School Forest Coordinator. During the DNR specified or school authorized fire bans, no burning will be allowed.
- J. Parking and use of School Forest roads by the public is not permitted unless authorized by school personnel. This is to ensure student safety and guard against the potential of vehicles being locked in.
- K. Violators of School Forest regulations will be subject to the laws, ordinances, and penalties of Wood County and the state of Wisconsin.

The School Forest Coordinator or any designated individual is the authorized person in charge of enforcing the School Forest policy.

Approved: June 10, 1992.

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**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MARSHFIELD  
PERMIT TO HUNT ON SCHOOL FOREST PROPERTY**

I understand and recognize that the School District of Marshfield is not required to permit me to hunt on School District property. I recognize and agree that the right to do so is a privilege, which can be revoked at any time, with or without notice. In consideration of the School District's agreeing to permit me to hunt on its school forest property, as identified below, I hereby agree to the following:

1. I will abide by all state and federal laws while hunting on school forest property including, without limitation, laws applicable to firearms and hunting;
2. I will not litter on school forest property or disturb the natural habitat of the school forest,
3. I will shoot and hunt only game authorized by this permit on the school forest property. I will not harm any other game or animal,
4. I will exercise due and proper care while hunting on the school forest property,
5. I will abide by all School District policies and procedures while hunting on school forest property. A copy of the specific rules pertaining to hunting on school forest property is attached,
6. I will not permit any individual who has not been granted a permit by the School District to hunt on the school forest property to hunt with me while I am doing so, and
7. I hereby waive and release, and agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the School District, its officers, employees, and agents, from and with respect to any claim, loss, liability, injury, penalty, harm, or damage of any kind or nature whatsoever, including but not limited to that occurring to myself, arising out of my hunting activities on school forest property, including, but not limited to, compensatory, incidental, consequential, and punitive damages. This waiver and release, and indemnification provision applies without limitation to any claims or causes of action based upon acts or omissions of the School District, its officers and employees, including, without limitation, the District's granting me permission to hunt on the school forest property and my hunting on that land. By signing this Permit, I also waive and release such claims against the School District, its officers, employees, and agents, on behalf of my minor children, if any, that have also been granted permission to hunt on school forest property and with whom I will be hunting and will be under my supervision.

Additional Points of Emphasis:

- Application to hunt must be on file in advance of proposed hunt.
- If the main gate on Cty. N is open then the permit is null and void. (Except during Regular Gun Deer Hunting Season)
- No hunting dogs are allowed on the school forest property.
- Hunting stands must be taken down daily.
- Do not block the main gate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name of Hunter  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Hunter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Vehicle Make/Model: \_\_\_\_\_ License Plate No.: \_\_\_\_\_

The above named individual is authorized to hunt on school forest property located at **11450 County Road N** for the following season: **(Circle One)** Spring Turkey; Early Deer--Bow; Deer--Regular Gun. Permit is effective from \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_\_, and is void thereafter.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Print Name of Representative Issuing Permit

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Signature of District Representative