



# News Release

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## **National Hunting and Fishing Day Event**

**MILFORD LAKE, KS** – The National Hunting and Fishing Day celebration will be on Saturday, Sept. 22, 2007 from 9 am - 4 pm at the Geary County Fish and Game Association's, Sportsman's Acres on 244 Spur Highway and in Outlet Park below the dam at Milford Lake.

Temporary signs on K-244 and K-57 highways will mark the way to this event.

In 1972 under President Nixon, Congress established the fourth Saturday of each September to recognize the efforts of generations of hunters and anglers who support wildlife conservation and habitat improvements with billions of donated funds. Many species such as the white-tailed deer and turkey populations in Kansas were brought back from the brink of disappearing by their efforts.

The free celebration will include many hands-on activities for the sportsman and their family.

For the hunter, these free activities include shooting shotguns, muzzle-loaders, air rifles and a computer laser shot system; archers can test their accuracy in using a bow and arrow; bring in your found shed antlers and have them scored with Boone and Crockett criteria; learn about GPS and watch a bird dog demonstration.

If fishing is your interest, visit the "how-to" booths to learn more about catching fish. The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks fisheries biologist for Milford Lake will also be demonstrating the "shock boat", which allows biologists to learn more about the health, diversity and population of fish.

Three contests are scheduled. The Turkey Shoot, one of the top sporting clays events in the country, offers sporting clays competition for men, women and youth. For the kids, there will be a Ducks Unlimited poster contest and a "free" fishing derby from 9 am to noon at the Outlet Park/Gathering Pond below the Milford dam.

From 11 am - 1 pm a food vendor will be offering lunch at the Geary County Fish and Game Association building.

This event is being sponsored by Ducks Unlimited, Fort Riley Conservation Office, Fort Riley Outdoor Group (FROG), Geary County Fish and Game Association, Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, Kansas Hunter Education Program, Pheasants Forever, Quail Forever and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

For more information please contact either the Corps of Engineers at 785-238-5714, dial 0 for assistance or contact the Geary County Fish and Game Association at 785-463-5304.

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For the past 100 years, the Kansas City District has been providing flood damage reduction and related support to the heartland. For more information, call the Kansas City District Public Affairs Office at (816) 389-3486. [www.nwk.usace.army.mil](http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil)

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