Application for Controlled Bow-hunt
September 15, 2012– January 27, 2013

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____Middle Initial: ____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email Address: _____

Bow-hunter Safety Education Course

Proof of successful completion of an authorized International Bow-hunter Education Foundation Safety Education Course must be submitted at the time of receipt of the PCC Special Use Permit.

Certification #:_____ Date: _____ Instructor: _____

Proficiency Certification

Proof of successful completion of an authorized bow-hunting proficiency test must be submitted at the time of receipt of the PCC special use permit. Test will require 20 arrows- 10 from 15 yards and 10 from 20 yards- using the weapon to be used while bow-hunting. Archer must score 80% or better in vital area of the target to pass the proficiency test.

Location: _____ Date: _____ Instructor: _____

Please select the area(s) where you are interested in hunting. Note that a maximum number of permits will not be issued for each park. We are doing this to increase hunting pressure in our areas.

_____ Brown's Woods
_____ Jester Park
_____ Yellow Banks Park
_____ Four Mile Creek Greenbelt
_____ Mally's Weh-Weh-Nee-Kee Park
_____ Thomas Mitchell Park
_____ Sycamore Trail

_____ Easter Lake
_____ Gay Lea Wilson East Trail**
** (must also apply through Pleasant Hill)

To be eligible for a Special Use Permit, <u>hunters must read and check off</u> each of the points listed below.

- ☐ I agree to attend an orientation meeting conducted by Polk County Conservation for the areas I choose to hunt in.
- ☐ I agree to abide by all of the bow hunting guidelines established by Polk County Conservation for PCC park and wildlife areas.
- ☐ I understand that I must report **<u>all</u>** harvests to both PCC staff and to the IDNR harvest reporting system.
- ☐ I understand that, if for any reason I am found in violation of any PCC Special Bow-Hunt rule, my hunting privileges for all PCC areas may be revoked (and will also be reported to all other agencies/entities participating in the Special Urban Bow-Hunt).
- ☐ I understand that the approved Special Use Permit (for each area) and Proficiency Test Certificate must be carried on my person while participating in the controlled bow-hunt for antler-less deer.
- ☐ By your agreement with these terms and conditions, you represent that you are **18 years or older (hunters age 12-17 will require authorization of supervising adult)**. You further agree to assume full responsibility for any acts, negligence or omissions while participating in the controlled bow hunt.

All Polk County Conservation Board (PCCB) Park Rules and State Laws are enforced.

_____ _____
Signature of Applicant Date

_____ _____
Signature of Supervising Adult (if required) Date

Application Approval
Office Use Only

Special permit number issued: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail applications to:

Polk County Conservation
Thomas Mitchell Park
c/o Brian Herrstrom
10509 NE 46th Ave.
Mitchellville, Iowa 50169

E-Mail applications to:

Polk County Conservation
Thomas Mitchell Park
c/o Brian Herrstrom
Brian.Herrstrom@polkcountyiowa.gov

Deadline: August 25, 2012 (after this date--hunters may not be registered in time for first meeting). Rangers will still have meetings available for applicants after this date.

Contacts

Polk County Conservation:

Brian Herrstrom, Ranger; Four Mile Creek Greenbelt, Mally's, Thomas Mitchell Park, 967-4889, cell phone: 249-1753
Dean Bruscher, Ranger; Brown's Woods, Easter Lake, 285-7612, cell phone 249-1543
Mark Hurm, Ranger; Jester Park/Sycamore Trail, 323-5366, cell phone: 249-3229
Charlie Finch, Ranger; Yellow Banks Park and Gay Lea Wilson East Trail, 266-1563, cell phone: 250-1031

Iowa Department of Natural Resources: Conservation Officers:

Aron Arthur, cell phone: 238-5006
Jeff Swearngin, cell phone: 238-4849

Bow-hunter safety education course questions:

Archery Field and Sports (Erv Wagner) 265-6500
3725 NE 56th St. Altoona, 50009,

Archery proficiency test

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The following public park and recreation areas will be sponsoring controlled bowhunts this fall and winter in Polk County. Contact each area individually to obtain information on the application procedures and rules for participating in the bowhunt in that area.

City of Johnston	**Jim Sanders**	**278-2344**
Des Moines Park and Recreation Department	**Mike Gaul**	**208-0310**
Des Moines Water Works	**Scott Atzen**	**283-8702**
	Regina Olmstead	**283-8769**
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Saylorville Lake	**Tyler Hill**	**276-4656, ext 6512**
Walnut Woods State Park	**Tim Gedler**	**285-4502**
West Des Moines Park and Recreation Dept.	**Sally Ortgies**	**222-3447**
Clive Parks and Rec.	**Kelly Canfield**	**223-5246**
Pleasant Hill Parks and Rec. Coordinator	**Rick Courcier**	**208-8214**
Polk County Conservation	**Brian Herrstrom**	**967-4889**

The controlled bow hunt will also take place on privately-owned land in special deer management zones in several Polk County cities. The bow hunter must obtain landowner permission. Contact each city individually to obtain a map of the deer management zones and the procedure for participating in these controlled bow hunts taking place on privately-owned land within city limits.

City of Johnston	**Jim Sanders**	**278-2344**
City of Urbandale	**Jeff Casey**	**331-6812**
City of Des Moines (private/public property requests)		
	Randy Fiscel	**248-6327**
	Mike Gaul	**208-0310**

How to Participate

1. **Pass a one-time approved I.B.E.F. (International Bowhunter Education Foundation) bowhunter safety education course.**
   These special courses are offered periodically at locations throughout the Greater Des Moines area (offered primarily in the spring and summer).

2. **Pass an annual archery proficiency test using your hunting weapon.**
   The proficiency test must be administered at an N.F.A.A. (National Field Archery Association) approved indoor lane by a certified I.B.E.F. instructor. Approved locations are listed on page one. During the proficiency test, hunters are required to shoot 20 arrows: 10 from 15 yards and 10 from 20 yards at a full sized 3-D target. Each archer must score 80% or better in the vital target area to pass. Hunters failing the test twice in one year, will not be eligible to participate in the Urban Bow Hunt that season in Polk County.

3. **Apply for a special use permit to participate in the controlled bowhunt in the PCC area at which you desire to hunt.**
   Special use permit applications to hunt in Polk County Conservation (PCC) areas must be received prior to the application deadline. You will be notified by PCC regarding your application and the steps you should take next.

- **Purchase an Urban Deer Management Zone Antlerless Deer License from Archery Field and Sports, Johnston Bait and Tackle, Scheels All-Sports, Bass Pro Shops, or Sportsman's Warehouse. cost: $28.50 for the 1st, $13.00 for each additional ($1.00 H.U.S.H fee is included on each license)**
  This fall, the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will issue up to 1200 antler-less deer licenses for the Urban Deer Management Zone 48. Zone 48 are areas within city limits, Polk County Conservation areas, and Corps of Engineers areas. There are an additional 400 licenses available for zone 61, rural areas (outside city limits) not included in Zone 48. Urban Deer Management Zone licenses may be used on public or private land (with landowner's permission).
  Bowhunters are **not** allowed to use the regular 'antler-less only' Iowa Bow-hunting License for any area within the Deer Management Zone in Polk County. All hunters between the ages of 16 and 65 years of age must have a current wildlife habitat stamp.

4. **Meet with the Polk County Conservation Ranger to review the rules of the hunt and the boundaries of the special hunting areas**
   Your special use permit confirmation letter will list the Bow Hunt Orientation dates and locations. Park Rangers that oversee your hunting area will be at each meeting to discuss rules of the hunt and boundary areas. At this meeting, you will be required to show proof of passing the bow-hunter safety education course and the archery proficiency test as well as being legally entitled to hunt using a current Iowa hunting license.

I. Hunters, ages 12-15, can participate in the bow-hunt program OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS as long as they are under direct supervision of an adult ***(also must meet all the requirements)***. This would mean either the same tree stand or separate stands in the same tree. These younger hunters would have to pass a proficiency test annually. The age limit for any PCC properties within city limits is determined by the city ordinance (most are 18 years old).

II. Hunters, age 16-17, can participate in the bow-hunt program OUTSIDE OF CITY LIMITS as long as they are within 25 yards to an adult ***(also must meet all the requirements)***. This could mean that they are in separate trees from the adult. These hunters must have taken and passed a general hunting safety class, the bow-hunter safety education course, and pass an annual proficiency test. The age limit for any PCC properties within city limits is determined by the city ordinance (most are 18 years old).

III. Hunters, age 18 and older, can participate in the program freely and must meet all requirements of the program.

5. Participate in the 2012-2013 Urban Deer Bow-hunt Program from September 15, 2012 - January 27, 2013.
A maximum number of hunters will not be set at any PCC hunting property (unless a need arises). Special use permits will be distributed to approved hunters wanting to bow-hunt. Hunters can have multiple park permits.

7. Seasons, rules and procedures may vary from one bow-hunting area to another. It is the hunter's responsibility to know the special rules and regulations for the area in which they are hunting. **Violation of any of the PCC bow-hunting guidelines may result in immediate revocation of hunting privileges on Polk County Conservation property.**

Your PCC 'special use permit' will be valid during the 2012 - 2013 season only (September 15, 2012 – January 27, 2013. It will allow you to bowhunt in that PCC park or wildlife area.

Mission

Polk County Conservation's mission is to provide the citizens of Polk County with quality outdoor recreation, conservation education, and the long-term protection of Polk County's natural heritage.

No individual with a disability will be excluded from participation in programs and activities conducted by Polk County Conservation. To request an accommodation to participate in this program or activity, contact
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Hunting Rules

All participants in the controlled bowhunt on PCC property ***must*** abide by the following:

1. Successfully complete a one-time bow-hunter safety education course (see age/supervision restrictions above) authorized by the International Bowhunter Education Foundation (I.B.E.F.).
2. Successfully pass an authorized archery proficiency test each year (no warm-up, only 2 qualifying attempts per year, shoot at a life-sized 3-D target, 20 shots total: 10 at 15 yards and 10 at 20 yards with hunter required to score 80% or better in vital area of the target in order to pass the test). Test must be taken at a National Field Archery Association approved indoor lane and administered by a certified I.B.E.F. instructor.
3. Obtain a 'special use permit' from Polk County Conservation (PCC) for the county park or wildlife area to be hunted.
4. All bows must be cased while traveling to and from the site of the hunting stand.
5. There will be no driving or stalking of deer.
6. All shots must be taken from elevated tree stands. All stands must be portable with **no permanent stands erected or screw-in steps used (no nails/lag screws driven into trees).** Strap-on steps, a ladder, or a climbing stand are allowed. Tree stands can be put up one week prior to the Urban Bow Hunt Season, and shall be removed no later than one week post hunt season. Stands shall also visibly display a tag issued and recorded by a PCC Ranger.
7. All stands must be located at least 75 feet from roads or recreation trails and at least 200 feet (66.67 yds) from any residence or building, ***and oriented in such a position as to direct shots away from roads, trails and structures (or as stated in city ordinance with respect to that area) .***
8. Hunters should know their effective shooting range and not shoot beyond that range. ***Shots shall not exceed 25 yards in PCC managed areas.***
9. Be sure to identify your target as an antlerless deer (unless hunter has Buck Incentive Tag for that area), focusing on adult does.
10. Be aware of what is downrange of your hunting stand and attempt to retrieve all arrows.
11. **Report your harvest of an antlerless deer within 12 hours to the PCC Ranger for the area in which you are hunting. Hunters are required to call the IDNR to report all harvested deer** ***(phone number will be printed on transportation tag).*** ***Hunters shall remove 1 ½" – 2" off the tip of either ear of all antler-less deer in the presence of the verifying official when checked in.***
12. Contact a PCC Park Ranger or Conservation Officer from the IDNR within 12 hours if you are unable to locate a wounded deer.
13. Use proper field dressing techniques. Don't leave entrails in a noticeable location. Carcass disposal is the responsibility of the hunter.
14. Respect private property.
15. Remove yourself immediately from any harassment situation with another hunter or citizen, and report the incident to the PCC Ranger, or IDNR Conservation Officer.
16. Report violators of any rules or regulations to the PCC Ranger or IDNR Conservation Officer.
17. Have in your possession at all times while bowhunting a valid Iowa hunting license, wildlife habitat stamp, Bow Hunter Safety Course Certification, Proficiency Test Certification and 'special use permit' from Polk County Conservation.
18. Be aware that seasons as well as rules and regulations for the controlled bowhunt may vary from one public hunting area to another. It is the bow hunter's responsibility to know the rules, regulations and boundaries for the public area in which they are hunting.
19. *****Hunters found in violation of any of these rules shall immediately have their' special use permit' revoked. *****

Polk County Conservation
Buck Incentive Program
(Revised 04/27/11)

In an effort to further enhance what has been a successful program, the Polk County Deer Task Force implemented a buck incentive program. This is intended to increase harvests helping to reduce deer numbers within the Urban Deer Management Zone.
The Buck Incentive Program will be implemented in Polk County areas. The number of bucks taken from a park each year will be dependent upon the total number of doe harvested during the previous year and the latest aerial survey statistics.

Eligibility:
All hunters who take a doe during the current hunting season are eligible for a buck incentive license. Hunters will be required to remove $1^{1/2}$"-2" off either ear of the doe in the presence of the official verifying the harvest. If it is removed before checked-in, the doe <u>will not</u> be counted towards the hunter's total**. Deer must be tagged with a ZONE 48 deer management tag and be reported to IDNR ELSI system. Harvested deer not confirmed by ELSI <u>will not</u> be counted towards incentive program.**

Process:
A two-tiered approach for distributing these any-sex licenses to the hunters will be used in all PCC areas – with the exception of Sycamore Trail. One tier will be for the more successful group of hunters in designated parks. These hunters will be required to harvest at least 5 does (button bucks will not count) and the most successful of these will be guaranteed an any-sex license. For example, if 15 does is the highest number harvested by all hunters in that park, this hunter will be guaranteed one of the any-sex licenses. The next most successful hunter will also get an any-sex license until the quota is filled. If two or more hunters harvest the same number of does for the last remaining any-sex license, there will be a drawing amongst those hunters. Tags not issued for highest harvest awards will be added to lottery tags.

The second tier will be based on a lottery system. This is a less competitive format. For each doe harvested by a hunter, their name will be "placed in a hat" and a drawing will be held at the end of the season. Any hunter that received an any-sex tag from the first tier is not eligible for the second tier. Hunters can only receive one buck incentive license each year in the Urban Deer Management Zone

This tag must be used within the area for which it was qualified.

The time line for this harvest/drawing procedure is as follows: All does harvested in September through January of the current year, will be used toward an incentive any-sex license valid during the following Special bow Hunt season.

Eligible PCC buck tags for the 2012-2013 hunting season:

The following parks will support the designated number of buck tags for the 2012-2013 hunting season. Harvests during the (2011-2012) hunting season determined the number of tags allocated to each park area. Roughly one any sex tag is issued for every 20% of total doe harvest in a park area. Although we need bow-hunters in all of our areas, some areas will offer more incentive tags to encourage larger harvests.

*Only harvested **does** will be counted for eligibility for any-sex tags (no button bucks).
*PCC will be verifying all harvests for total harvest records and the buck incentive program. The Ranger will speak with you about this process at your orientation meeting.

Jester Park
2 tags for the hunters with highest harvests (minimum of 5 doe)
2 tag for lottery

Brown's Woods
3 tags for the hunters with highest harvests (minimum of 5 doe)
2 tag for lottery

Easter Lake
2 tags for lottery

Yellow Banks Park
1 tag for the hunter with highest harvests (minimum of 5 doe)
1 tag for lottery

Sycamore Trail
1 tag for lottery
(all antler-less deer harvested in this area [including area within Johnston City Limits 'Area C'] will be counted towards PCC Harvest)

Thomas Mitchell Park, Four Mile Creek Greenbelt, Mally's Park
(will be combined for buck incentive purposes)
2 tag for the hunter with highest harvests (minimum of 5 doe)
1 tag for lottery

Gay Lea Wilson Trail (east)
1 tag for lottery