

# 2024 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP SNOW GOOSE CONSERVATION HUNT

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## WHEN & WHERE

The 2024 World Championship Snow Goose Conservation Hunt competition will take place on Sunday, February 4, 2024 throughout the state of Arkansas and all geese must be turned in to Mack's Prairie Wings in Stuttgart, AR.

## THE HUNT

Mack's Prairie Wings will host a competitive snow goose hunting event open to the entire state of Arkansas on February 4, 2024. Each team will consist of no more than 10 members, with a \$1,250 entry fee per team. All geese will be donated to Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry and all proceeds will be donated to Arkansas Waterfowl Association, Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl and Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry.



## WHY

Light geese can be a nuisance to Arkansas farmers. They have become so abundant that in some places they are damaging ecosystems and other wildlife found there. Major actions were undertaken in 1999 to reduce most populations of snow geese and their impacts on the ecosystems. These actions were to enable hunters to contribute to increasing the goose harvest in hopes of reducing the population by implementing special conservation orders outside regular hunting seasons. Managers could conduct direct control efforts in an attempt to reduce populations, but the cost and public concern over these tools make legal hunting the preferred option. Increased hunting opportunity is the first wildlife management tool biologists turn to because it costs very little to implement, and is much more socially accepted - especially when a valuable protein source will be put to good use - than other population control measures. Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry will process and distribute the geese to those in need. Organizations, businesses, and churches of many denominations have joined hunters to transform an abundant light geese population into a renewable food source for the hungry.

## WINNING TEAM GRAND PRIZE PACKAGE

ESTIMATED VALUE: \$48,149.80

THE ODDS OF WINNING WILL BE DETERMINED IN PART BY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF TEAMS ENTERED.

The first place team will receive the following.

- 10 Stoeger M3500 - \$8,990 Value
- 10 Patternmaster choke tubes - \$674.90 Value
- 50 cases of Winchester Ammo ( 5 cases to each team member) - \$9,995 Value
- 10 Benelli Gun Cases & 10 Benelli Blind Bags - \$1,500 Value
- 10 Turtlebox Waterproof Speakers - \$3,990 Value
- 10 Lucky Duck Super Snow Goose Flapper HDi - \$2,999.90 Value
- 10 \$500 Mossy Oak gift cards - \$5,000 Value
- 10 \$500 Banded gift cards - \$5,000 Value
- 10 \$500 Yeti gift cards - \$5,000 Value
- 10 \$250 Sitka gift cards - \$2,500 Value
- 10 \$250 Drake Waterfowl gift cards - \$2,500 Value

Team members under eighteen years of age will receive gift cards of equivalent value instead of a Stoeger 3500, Patternmaster choke tube, and Winchester ammo.

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## RULES & REGULATIONS

- No more than 10 members per team. An individual can be a member of only one team.
- Team members cannot be substituted or changed after the registration form is submitted.
- A completed team registration form and the required release form from each individual team member must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on January 31st, 2024. If received after 5:00 p.m. on January 31st, 2024 there will be a \$200 late fee applied. Each team member and their parent or guardian if applicable must individually complete and deliver the release form prior to participating and before the team will be considered as officially registered. Mack's Prairie Wings and Arkansas Waterfowl Association is not responsible for any failure of Mack's Prairie Wings and Arkansas Waterfowl Association to actually receive completed registration forms or release forms regardless of the cause, including but not limited to any party's internet or other communication, equipment or delivery failure.
- \$1,250 entry fee per team. No refunds on entry fee. There is no requirement to purchase any merchandise to participate.
- The contest sponsor is Mack's Sport Shop, LLLP, doing business as Mack's Prairie Wings, 2335 Highway 63 North, Stuttgart, Arkansas 72160.
- The odds of winning will be determined in part by the total number of teams entered. Only one prize package will be awarded. The grand prize will be awarded to the registered team that harvests and delivers the highest number of snow geese during the one day contest as determined by Mack's Prairie Wings in its sole discretion. The tentative winning team will be announced at the conclusion of the counting on February 4th, 2024. Only Snow, Blue and Ross's geese are eligible. In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by a coin flip. Mack's Prairie Wings' interpretation of the contest rules, its resolution of any ambiguities or omissions in the rules and its decision in its sole discretion as to the contest winner is final. Prize winners are responsible for any taxes associated with the award of prizes and prize winners must deliver a completed Internal Revenue Service Form W-9 prior to receiving prizes. Prize winners are also responsible for any shipping and handling costs associated with prizes not picked up at Mack's Prairie Wings. Prize winners will be subject to a background check associated with firearms laws and must submit the required forms to receive the prize. Prize winners will not be awarded any prize until after verification of any matter that Mack's Prairie Wings deems necessary to review and receipt of all necessary forms and authorizations from tentative prize winners. Failure to retrieve the grand prize or be eligible to retrieve the grand prize by February 5th, 2024 will result in forfeiture. Prizes forfeited for any reason may be disposed of or retained as Mack's Prairie Wings determines in its sole discretion.

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- Shooting hours will end at 11:00 am on Sunday, February 4th, 2024. All harvested geese must be called in by the teams appointed field judge no later than 11:00 a.m. and transported following all federal and state waterfowl regulations by 1:00 p.m. Sunday, February 4th to Mack's Prairie Wings in Stuttgart, Arkansas. Each teams appointed judge must call in their geese count by 11:00 a.m. Sunday, February 4th. Each team must turn in their geese or be in line to turn in their geese by 1:00 p.m. Sunday, February 4th as determined by Mack's Prairie Wings. A team may turn in geese only once per day. Only geese killed on the day that they are turned in and killed by registered team members are eligible. Geese killed on February 4th after a team's field judge has called in its geese for February 4th are not eligible. All team members must be present on Sunday, February 4th at turn in time. Each team will be assigned a field judge that will be chosen based upon each teams hunting location. The field judge must be within sight of the team and must observe the hunt at all times. The field judge will be required to inspect the team's trailers and blinds for any harvested birds before legal shooting hours. All team members must hunt in the same location and must be visible by the team judge. All harvested geese must be tagged in the field before transporting to Mack's Prairie Wings in Stuttgart, Arkansas. Land to hunt on will not be provided by Mack's Prairie Wings nor Arkansas Waterfowl Association. Once count is confirmed, geese will be transferred to Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry.
- All hunting is limited to the State of Arkansas.
- No daily bag limit or possession limit.
- Shooting hours are from 30 minutes before sunrise until 11:00 am.
- Each teams decoys and gear cannot be setup until after 3 a.m. on the day of the hunt.
- Hunters may use unplugged shotguns and electronic calls.
- Hunters must tag all harvested birds in the field before transporting.
- Polygraph tests will be administered to each team member of the winning team. Each contestant, by signing the entry form, agrees to submit to polygraph testing.
- Hunters do not need a Migratory Bird Hunting and Conservation Stamp, Arkansas Waterfowl Stamp or Harvest Information Program registration, but they must have a valid hunting license from any state. All hunters participating in the conservation order must get a free registration permit number in advance of hunting by calling 800-364-4263 (GAME) Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m., or clicking on the permit link on this page: <https://ar-web.s3licensing.com/>. Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and federal rules and regulations will apply, including but not limited to: AGFC Regulations 04.04, 10.01, and B1.14; and 50 CFR 21.60. (See also the 2023-24 AGFC Waterfowl Hunting Guide Book). Hunters may be subject to inspection for compliance with applicable hunting regulations by state and federal wildlife officers.
- Drive-by shooting, ditch crawling, bird jumping and all illegal kills will be disqualified. Hunting is prohibited on roosting waters such as: lakes, reservoirs, ponds and rivers. Hunting is permitted on the following: grain production fields and row crop fields only. It is up to the field judge's discretion to determine if hunting location is permissible. Geese shot in violation of any law, including but not limited to trespass laws, are ineligible. All geese must be taken over decoys. Any violation of the above rules will result in disqualification. Any use of airplanes, helicopters, drones, or other flying devices to hoard or herd geese will result in disqualification at the discretion of the field judge.

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## REGISTRATION FORM

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Event Address: In the state of Arkansas. Turn in geese at Mack's Prairie Wings in Stuttgart, AR.

Contact: Arkansas Waterfowl Association members Ken Sumner at 501-920-9476 or Blake Harrison at 501-951-4053.

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**Complete and return this Registration Form to:**

Arkansas Waterfowl Assn

PO Box 661

Lonoke, AR 72086

Team Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Captain: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Captain Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunting Area by City: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Type

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Credit Card (circle one):

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ AMEX ☐ Discover

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Member #1

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunting License Customer ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Member #2

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Hunting License Customer ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Member #3

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Member #4

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Member #5

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Member #6

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Member #7

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Member #8

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Team Member #9

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Team Member #10

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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