



OFAH club news

The latest fishing, hunting, and conservation updates for member clubs

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Message from OFAH

Mark your calendars for National Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day on September 20 -- an official day set in law to respect and recognize hunting, trapping, and fishing as a vital part of Canada's national heritage. The OFAH's Community Engagement Program has created a planning guide for members and clubs hosting an event on this day. All the details can be found on the Community Engagement Program web page under the "Club Hub" section. Use your MyOFAH member portal login to access the guide and let us know about your event by emailing Community Engagement Coordinator Andrea Bauman at andrea_bauman@ofah.org with all the details.

CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Earlier this summer, the Bluewater Anglers' 2025 Kids Training Day in Point Edward welcomed 100 young participants for a fun-filled day of fishing, hands-on learning, and conservation awareness. With strong community support and generous sponsorships, each child left with new skills, a fishing rod, and a tackle box - empowering them to explore angling on their own. As an OFAH-affiliated club, Bluewater Anglers continues

to inspire the next generation of responsible anglers and environmental stewards through education, outreach, and a deep commitment to preserving Ontario's natural resources.



Want to be featured in the OFAH Club Spotlight? Tell us about your club event or story by clicking on [this link](#), or scanning the QR code to the right with your phone.



CLUB SURVEY

Is your club recognizing National Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day on September 20 in some way? Please [click here](#) or scan the QR code with your phone to respond.



WEBINAR

Writing Successful Club Grant Applications - Webinar December 2025

The Community Engagement Program will be hosting a free webinar this December on how to apply for grants. If your club has funding needs and has identified potential sources of funding, such as the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Ontario Wildlife Foundation, or the OFAH's own [Community Conservation Fund](#) and [Community Projects Fund](#), this webinar will give you the inside scoop on how to write a successful submission! Stay tuned for the webinar date coming up in December 2025!

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

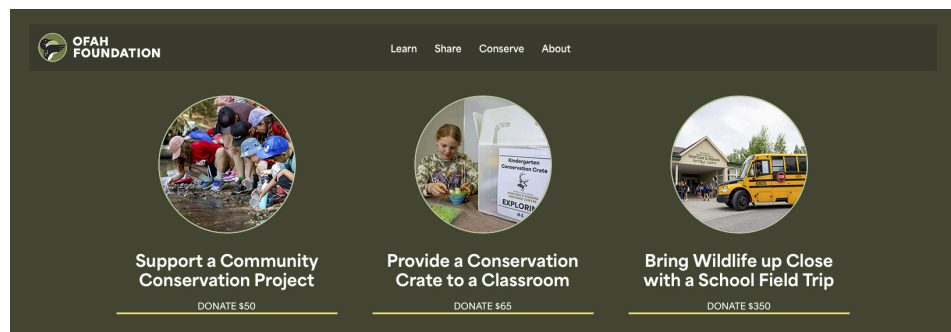
Lessons from the Wild - OFAH Youth Fundraising Campaign

OFAH Foundation is aiming to raise \$150,000 to expand its "Lessons from the Wild" program, which brings hands-on outdoor education to youth across Ontario. With over 80 schools already on the waitlist for programs like classroom hatcheries, your club can play a critical role in making these educational opportunities a reality.

By raising awareness in your community and encouraging donations, your club will directly help more kids experience

outdoor programs. Whether it's sharing the campaign with your members or making a donation, your involvement will ensure that more kids can experience nature and become lifelong conservationists.

Let's work to bring "Lessons from the Wild" to more classrooms, creating unforgettable experiences that grow the next generation of conservationists! Visit [Lessons from the Wild | OFAH](#) for more information or [click here to donate](#).



OFAH FOUNDATION

Learn Share Conserve About

- Support a Community Conservation Project**
DONATE \$50
- Provide a Conservation Crate to a Classroom**
DONATE \$65
- Bring Wildlife up Close with a School Field Trip**
DONATE \$350

UPCOMING OFAH & CLUB EVENTS



[North Shore Anglers and Hunters meeting](#)
(all welcome)

• Sept. 11

[Brant Rod and Gun Club - 3D Archery Fun Shoot](#)

• Sept. 13

[OFAH Zone J Membership Event](#)

• Sept. 20

[Ontario Women Anglers - Intro to Musky Fishing](#)

• Oct. 4

[German Canadian Hunting & Fishing Club \(Hubertushaus\) Oktoberfest](#)

• Oct. 11-18

[Ontario Women Anglers - Christmas Social](#)

• Nov. 29

Need help promoting your club event? Reach out to your OFAH Community Engagement Coordinator Andrea Bauman at andrea_bauman@ofah.org

RESOURCES & SUPPORT FOR CLUBS



Do you have antique duck decoys at home? Consider donating them to support conservation!

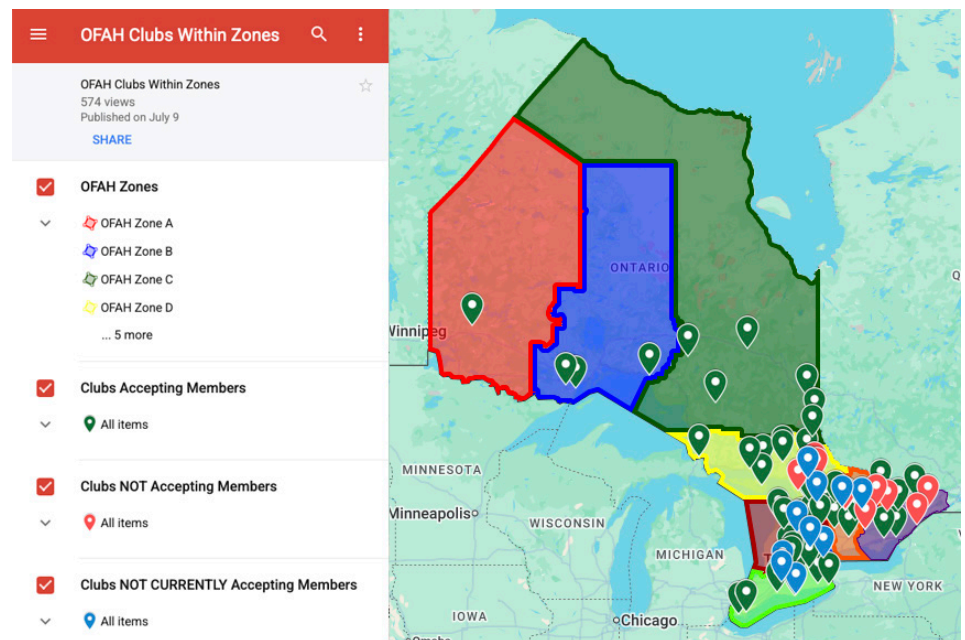
If you have antique or vintage duck decoys tucked away and aren't sure what to do with them, consider donating them to the **OFAH Foundation** – your contribution can make a meaningful impact on conservation and heritage education. If you think you may have a decoy worth donating, email Brad Ferren at brad@hfhc.ca with a description and photo, and we'll have it professionally appraised at no cost to you. If the piece is accepted, we'll handle the shipping and issue a tax receipt for its full appraised value once it arrives. Your tax receipt can be used to help offset your taxes at year-end, while your donation directly supports the **OFAH Foundation's education programs** at the **OFAH | Mario Cortellucci Hunting and Fishing Heritage Centre**. Donated decoys will be sold to collectors in our fall 2026 **online auction**, with all proceeds going toward supporting conservation education opportunities for youth.



NEW CLUB/ZONE MAP

The new OFAH [Club/Zone interactive map](#) is now live, offering a valuable tool for members clubs and zones to connect and engage. This map allows individuals to easily find clubs in their area, see which ones are accepting new members, and connect with the outdoors community. It's a great way for clubs to increase visibility within

their zones, build stronger local networks, and enhance overall community engagement. The map is an opt-in system, so if your club is not yet listed, please have a club official reach out directly to andrea.bauman@ofah.org to get included and help grow the collective impact of the OFAH network.



POLICY & ADVOCACY UPDATES

OFAH Membership has reached out to the new Minister of Public Safety Hon. Gary Anandasangaree to reiterate our call for evidence-based firearms policy in Canada. The letter highlights the value of hunting and shooting in Canada, our concerns about model-based prohibitions, and the estimated cost of the buyback program. We continue to call on Minister Anandasangaree and the federal government to reverse prohibitions and redirect the funding allocated for the buyback program to initiatives to have demonstrable improvements to public safety.

Read the letter here [OFAH Reiterates Position on Firearms Policy | OFAH Membership](#) or scan the QR code below.



CALL FOR CLUB INPUT

Do you have suggestions for future club newsletters? Or perhaps you would like to share a great resource or challenge that your club is facing? Use [this link](#) or scan the QR code below with your phone to provide your input.



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Did you know that OFAH members save 10% online or in-store at PartSource. Get the gear that gets you there—for less.

Visit www.ofah.org/partsource for details



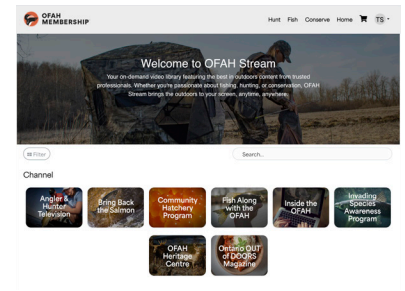
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