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Ontario Spring Wild Turkey Season Opens

OFAH and OCOA promote a safe, responsible hunt

The last week of April is the traditional start of wild turkey hunting in much of southern Ontario. This year the season opens April 25 and runs until May 31, including Sundays in those municipalities that support Sunday gun hunting. The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) and the Ontario Conservation Officers Association (OCA) commend the tens of thousands of outdoor enthusiasts who will take to the field in celebration of our outdoor heritage, but remind all hunters to put safety first, and respect private property.

“Licensed hunters across southern Ontario will be in the field for the next five weeks, hoping to harvest a wild turkey for the table. A large percentage of us will be hunting on private property, through the generosity of a landowner. It is important that we take time before the season starts to make clear arrangements with them, and after the hunt, to thank them for the privilege of using their land,” said OFAH Executive Director, Mike Reader. “Maintaining a good relationship with landowners is essential if we hope to hunt on private property in the future.”

“Our officers always investigate reports of trespassing,” said OCOA President, Mike Duncan. “We encourage those hunting responsibly to protect their right to hunt by reporting illegal activity, such as hunting on or from rights of way, on public roads, or within 400 meters of where bait has been deposited. This will help keep everyone safe during the hunt.”

Anyone with information about a natural resources or public safety related crime is encouraged to call the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources violation reporting line at **1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667)**, contact their local CO directly, or call Crime Stoppers at 1800-222-TIPS (8477).

For more information about natural resources regulations and enforcement, visit www.oco.ca, or contact your local Conservation Officer. To view the Ontario 2011 Hunting Regulations Summary, visit www.ontario.ca/hunting.

With over 100,000 members, subscribers and supporters, and 670 member clubs, the OFAH is the largest nonprofit, charitable, fishing, hunting and conservation-based organization in Ontario, and the voice of anglers and hunters. Visit www.ofah.org for more information.

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