



Deer Steward Module: *Predator Management* Columbia, SC – June 16-18, 2017

Certification Course Confirmation

Your registration has been accepted and confirmed for the *Deer Steward Module: Predator Management* in Columbia, South Carolina on **June 16-18, 2017**. The course will be held at the McWaters Inc., Conference Room at 1104 Shop Road, Columbia, SC, 29201. (803) 212-4238 and at Millaree Hunt Club just south of town (directions below).



Reservations –

Please make your reservations as soon as possible. Though not required, for your convenience QDMA has blocked rooms at a discounted rate at the following hotel; you can contact them here:

Country Inn & Suites, 2245 Airport Blvd, Cayce (803) 794-6200; \$94 to \$99 +tax/night

Please be sure to reference “QDMA” when making your reservations. Remember lodging and travel expenses are not included in the price of your registration. **Room rates are only good until May 5th**, after that the hotel will release the block.

Registration –

The course will begin promptly at 1:00 pm on Friday, June 16; please check in at registration at 12:30 p.m. The course will end at 12:00 pm on Sunday, June 18.

Meals –

Three meals (dinner on Friday and lunch and dinner on Saturday) are provided during the course and are included in your registration fees. Please note that breakfast each

morning is “on your own”. However, the above listed accommodation (and other chain hotels) may have an on-site continental breakfast available for you.

Supplies –

QDMA will provide classroom, laboratory and field-session materials, including a 3-ring course guide that you will take home which includes a final agenda, speaker bios, note pages and a CD with Adobe Acrobat copies of all PowerPoint session talks. However, you may want to bring your own chair, clipboard, a personal laptop (for those that want to view the inside session talks up close), pens, pencils, highlighters, notebooks, camera, etc. Also, please be sure to dress appropriately for the field sessions (hat/cap, sunglasses, boots, coat, sunscreen, etc.).

Content of Program –

- To provide students a foundation of skills involving the use of trapping to meet wildlife management goals.
- To expose and have students gain the knowledge to answer the questions, concerns, and needs of landowners regarding predator management.
- Students will acquire the knowledge to keep detailed records and analyze data that will aid landowners in achieving wildlife goals with respect to predator management.
- In-depth coyote trapping covered – pre-planning, making sets for the best percentage of coyote removal, laying out a property for coyote removal, trap modifications, lures, baits and other attractants used.
- The field instruction will be a mixture of in-class and in-the-field, exposing students to all aspects of a predator campaign from start to finish
- Creating reports for landowners.

Student Evaluation and Certification –

- Students will have the opportunity to develop a site-specific Predator Management Program for the property presented. This will include population data – record keeping for the property – trapping campaign layout – and a final report
- Students will be awarded Certification upon an evaluation of their completed Predator Management Program

Course Instructors (tentative) –

Clint Cary, Owner/Founder, Tactical Trapping Services

Matt Ross, Wildlife Biologist, Forester and QDMA Certification Programs Manager

Joe Hamilton, QDMA Founder and Senior Advisor

Agenda (tentative) –

Day 1 – Friday:

1:00-3:00 (in-class)

- What predator management can do for a wildlife program
- Fawn recruitment: What it is and what affects it
- Predator data: Taking population measurements
- Using maps to aid in laying out a predator management plan
- Discussion on coyote movement

BREAK

3:30- 7:00 (in-the-field)

- Care of and modification of trapping equipment
- Narrowing down the exact locations for sets & preparing ground for population surveys

7:00 - DINNER

Day 2 – Saturday:

8:00-10:00 (in-class)

- Discussion of lures, baits & urines
- Consideration of wind/thermals
- Using visuals
- Animal reactions to lures and visuals (viewing trail cam videos of animals and their reactions)
- Introduction to preparing landowner reports

BREAK

10:00-12:00 (in-the-field)

- Bedding a trap, covering it up and using an attractant

12:00-1:00- LUNCH

1:00-6:00 (in-the-field)

- Making various sets, discussing ways to lower set avoidances and misses
- Snares and how to use them

7:00 - DINNER

Day 3 - Sunday:

8:00-10:00 (in-the-field)

- Take population surveys

10:00-12:00

- Discuss observations, Q & A, turn in landowner reports

Travel Contacts (in case of emergency) –

Matt Ross – QDMA Certification Programs Manager; cell number: (518) 391-8414

Joe Hamilton– QDMA Founder and Senior Advisor; cell number: (843) 709-1700

Chip Salak – South Carolina State Chapter president; cell number: (803) 603-8554

Cancellation –

Applicants shall be entitled to a full refund of course fees if the QDMA National Office is notified within fourteen (14) business days of the course date. Cancellations made less than fourteen (14) business days from the course date shall entitle the applicant to a fifty percent (50%) refund of course fees. No refunds shall be made for cancellations less than two (2) business days before the course date.

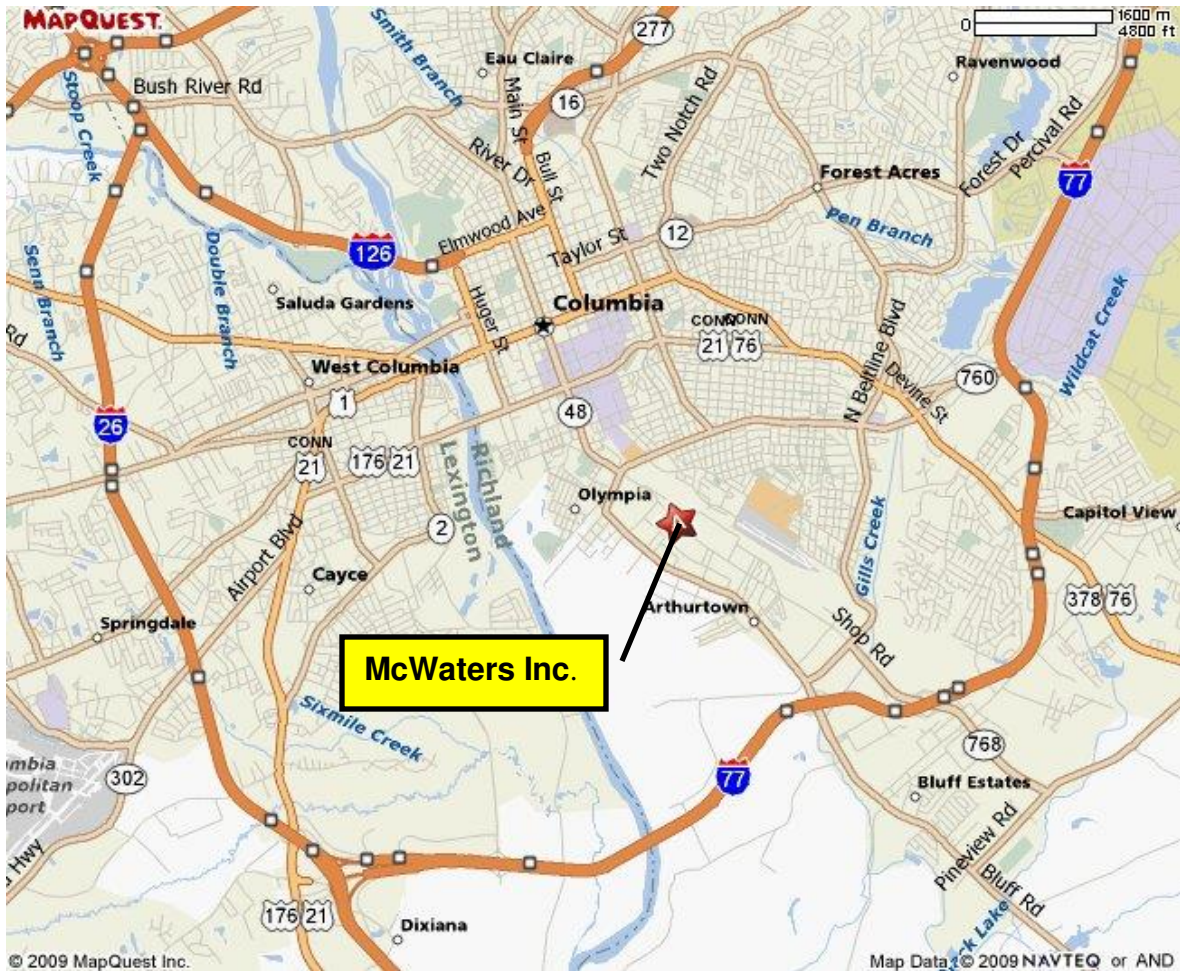
Directions –

To Millaree Hunt Club (field portions)

Take I-26 east toward Charleston from I-20. From I-26 take the I-77 connector toward Charlotte (bear left). Go 5 miles or so on the connector and take the Bluff Road (Hwy 48) exit and head east (right turn) on Bluff Road. Go 2.7 miles through a “rough” section of low-rent housing to the crossroads of Hwy 960. Turn right and you’ll see a sign for Millaree Hunt Club immediately on your left. This paved road goes for 1.5 miles and then turns to dirt. Stay on the main dirt road for another 1.8 miles, which will turn sharp left at the power line. Travel 1.5 miles along the power line and you’ll arrive at the Millaree Hunt Club building complex on the left.



To McWaters Inc. Conference Room (class portions):



I-20 from Atlanta/Augusta:

I-20 to I-26 East towards Charleston

Exit 116 - I-77 North

Exit 6-B/Shop Road West - McWaters is approximately 2 miles down on the right

I-20 from Florence:

Exit on I-77 South

Take exit 6, bear right - McWaters is approximately 2 miles down on the right

I-26 from Charleston:

Exit 116 - I-77 North

Exit 6-B/Shop Road West - McWaters is approximately 2 miles down on the right

I-26 from Asheville/Spartanburg/Greenville:

I-26 East towards Charleston

Exit 116 - I-77 North

Exit 6-B/Shop Road West - McWaters is approximately 2 miles down on the right

I-77 from Charlotte:

I-77 South

Exit 6, bear right - McWaters is approximately 2 miles down on the right

Carpooling, Reservations and Special Needs –

If you would like to have your name placed on a list regarding potential carpooling and/or room sharing opportunities with other attendees, please contact Matt Ross at **mross@qdma.com**.

If you have any special dietary or physical needs, please inform Matt Ross (see above) well in advance of the course.

QDMA programs and policies are consistent with pertinent Federal and State laws and regulations, and prohibits discrimination in its programs, activities and employment on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sex, sexual orientation, or veteran's, marital or family status.