

Tamarack Lodge

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Tamarack Preserve opened in 1992 as a non proprietary hunting and fishing membership club. The Club leases lands primarily from the Bontecou family for members to pursue upland birds, trout, bass, ducks, deer, turkey and geese. One of the primary reasons for the forming of Tamarack was to provide a vehicle to allow the lands to remain undeveloped and further the agrarian and sporting use of the property. The lands have been farmed, hunted and fished for nearly 80 years.

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Dutchess County Ducks Unlimited (DCDU)

was founded in 2012 by a group of committed, local conservationists with particular interest in wetlands conservation. Their mission is to bring the educational resources and waterfowl habitat restoration expertise of Ducks Unlimited to Dutchess County. In turn, the Chapter will introduce non-hunting conservationists and outdoor enthusiasts to DU's important work in New York State, protecting waterfowl habitat along the Atlantic Migratory Flyway. Both the Hudson River and Harlem Valleys are within the Atlantic flyway, and their wetlands are used by ducks as an important stopover and breeding habitat. In Dutchess County, this premier waterfowl habitat is provided in abundance by the Great Swamp.

Ducks Unlimited (DU) is the world leader in wetlands conservation. As a New York-founded conservation non-profit, Ducks Unlimited conserves, restores, and manages wetlands and associated habitats for North America's waterfowl. The habitats are also crucial for other wildlife and human habitation. In 2012 Ducks Unlimited launched a new initiative, "Completing the Cycle," to address the needs of Atlantic flyway waterfowl throughout their entire lifecycle. Thus far, DU has conserved more than 500.000 acres within the Atlantic Flyway zone; of those, 44,000 acres are in New York State. The Second Annual Great Swamp Shoot and Conservation Program will help realize DU's vision of sustaining an abundant population of waterfowl, sufficient enough to fill the skies today, tomorrow, and forever. The funds raised from this event will provide the direct income necessary for DU to advance its work locally and nationally.

Ducks Unlimited is a 501(c)(3) accredited charity



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DUTCHESS COUNTY, NY

Fourth Annual Great Swamp Shoot & Conservation Program



Saturday, September 24, 2016 8:00am - 1:30pm

Tamarack Preserve 4754 Route 44 Millbrook, New York

Dutchess County Ducks Unlimited Fourth Annual Great Swamp Shoot & Conservation Program

Registration & Breakfast 8:00-9:30 am

Silent Auction Opens 8:00 am

Welcome & Safety Instruction 8:30-9:00 am

Opening Remarks Tim Bontecou, President Tamarack Preserve; President, DCDU Chapter

Becky Thornton, President, Dutchess Land Conservancy

Sporting Clays Shoot starts 9:00 am

Conservation Program starts 9:30 am Ducks Unlimited, in association with Dutchess Land Conservancy, and Dutchess County Soil & Water District Introduction to DU Projects Basic Property Management Wetlands as Habitat Land Use History Conservation Tools

Lunch Pig Roast, 12:00-1:30 pm

Joseph Mazon, Ducks Unlimited National Board, presents the Dutchess County Wetlands Conservation Award

Silent Auction Closes 12:30 pm

Live Auction Opens 12:30 pm Highlights: Flyfishing at Alto Pirana, Argentina Day of Sport at Tamarack Preserve A Day at the Races at Saratoga Guided Flighted Shoot for Two Service-Disabled Veterans at Tamarack Preserve Dakota Meyer Limited Edition Production 1911 Beretta Shotgun, Ten Mile River Preserve

Conservation Award presented 1:00 pm

Awards & Prizes 1:15 pm

Awards: High Mens, Ladies, Team, Boys & Girls, Parent-Child. Prizes for all Youth Shooters.

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Ducks Unlimited Conservation Program in association with Dutchess Land Conservancy

Registration & Breakfast 8:00-9:30 am

Indoor Program: 9:15-10:15 am Introduction to DU Projects Basic Property Management Conservation Tools

Outdoor Program 10:15-11:30 am Location: Bontecou Lake Wetlands as Habitat Land Use History

Exhibitors include:

Ducks Unlimited Dutchess County Soil & Water District Dutchess Land Conservancy Friends of the Great Swamp (FrOGS) Oblong Land Conservancy

Buy Tickets

Shooter: \$250

Youth Shooter: \$50 (Ages 12-16 must be accompanied by an adult)

Conservation: \$100 Lunch: \$100

Buy Tickets: bit.ly/DCDU2016buytickets

Auction Items: bit.ly/DCDU2016auctions

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