



The Owasippe Conservation Group (OCG) was formed in 1997 to offer the camp work as part of the maintenance program in exchange for the hunting privileges for each of its members. Ethics of the hunter is looked at as its highest standards to lay the groundwork for future hunters and hunts to come. Our goal is to promote conservation and to build a program to monitor the wildlife on the camp; Building not only the deer herd but also improving the habitat of game birds and other animals in the surrounding area.

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OCG Application Link: tinyurl.com/OSRHuntClub

OCG Hunter Sign in/out: tinyurl.com/OSRhunting

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New Applicants

1. All new applicants and members must be at least 18 years old and not have any prior or current convictions of a wildlife offence or other crime deemed not to be in compliance with the values of the Boy Scouts of America. If found to have been a violator, membership will be revoked, and member will lose all hunting and fishing privileges. No compensation for hours worked will be provided and no refund on monies paid will be given. The decision of Pathway to Adventure Council will be final.
2. New applicant requests will only be taken by filling out the Owasippe Conservation Club Application.

All applications are submitted online through this website:
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Applications will be considered each autumn based on the needs of the council, the camp, and the group. Membership is not guaranteed from year to year.

3. New members will be chosen by the OCG Board, with guidance and final approval by the Offseason Use Coordinator and Pathway to Adventure Council. Other applicants will be notified of their "stand-by" status.
4. Upon membership approval, new members will be required to fill out an application for membership in the Boy Scouts of America, pay a \$36 registration fee, and consent to a background check. If any new member does not qualify for BSA membership they will notified and their membership in the group will be revoked. No compensation for hours worked will be provided and no refund on monies paid will be given. The decision of Pathway to Adventure Council will be final.
5. Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Training is required for all adult members of the BSA. This training can be done online, and a copy of your certification card must be submitted to the Offseason Use Coordinator before April 1st 2019. Training is valid for 2 years.



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Members

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2. Current Owasppe Conservation Group members must fill out the OCG application yearly. Applications for renewal of membership must be submitted by October 1st 2019. Failure to submit a renewal application may result in member being removed from the group.

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3. By April 1st, 2019 all members are required to fill out an annual application for membership in the Boy Scouts of America, pay a \$36 registration fee, and consent to a background check. If any member does not qualify for BSA membership they will notified and their membership in the group will be revoked. No compensation for hours worked will be provided and no refund on monies paid will be given. The decision of Pathway to Adventure Council will be final.
4. Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Training is required for all adult members of the BSA. This training can be done online, and a copy of your certification card must be submitted to the Offseason Use Coordinator before April 1st 2019. Training is valid for 2 years.
5. Any previous agreements or arrangements concerning lifetime membership or a reduction in hours are null and void. Consideration of continuing any such agreement will be discussed individually with that member, the Ranger, and the OUC.



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Types of Hunting Allowed

1. Archery, crossbow, rifle, shotgun, & muzzleloader
2. Deer hunting
3. Small game hunting (rabbits, beaver, gray squirrels).
 - a. Hunting of grouse, woodcock, and racoon is also permitted during state approved seasons.
4. Turkey hunting (no dogs are allowed)
5. Duck hunting (outside safety zone)
 - a. Duck blinds must be at least 100 yards apart
6. Fishing between September 30th – June 1st
 - a. Shore fishing is allowed for members and their immediate family (same household).
 - b. No private boats or gas motors are allowed on any body of water at Owasippe.
 - c. Use of camp boats must be approved and arranged with the Offseason Use Coordinated at least 48 hours prior to use.
 - d. Life Jackets (PFD) MUST be worn at all times while in boats. If anyone is found not wearing a PFD they will be required to immediately come off the water and future use of boats will be revoked.
 - e. All State of Michigan and local fishing laws must be followed.



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Service Hour Requirements

1. Each member will be required to complete 40 hours of service on the camp in exchange for hunting privileges.
2. If the 40 hours cannot be met, a fee of \$16 per remaining hour may be paid.
3. All hours must be completed by September 30th, 2019 unless extended by PTAC in advance.
4. The Offseason Use Coordinator or Ranger will sign a work card filled out by the member each time they come to camp.
 - a. No hours will be counted unless the OUC or Ranger approve and sign.
5. All hours worked will be for the good of the upkeep of Owasispe as seen fit by the OUC and Ranger. Individual projects will not be allowed. All work must be assigned and approved by the OUC or Ranger.
 - a. Group meetings do not count toward hours worked.
6. If the spouse of a member wishes to hunt, an extra 10 hours of service are required.
7. Only members or their immediate family member over 18 (lives in same household) may work their hours. Any member wishing to work hours must contact the OUC at least 48 hours prior to coming to camp. It is unreasonable to arrive at camp unannounced and expect for there to be a task ready for you.
8. All deer stands must be removed by June 1st. If not removed, a 5-hour penalty will be added to the member's required work and the stand will be held until hours completed.
9. The "banking" of hours will not be allowed. 40 hours of service will be required each year prior to the opening of the deer season.



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Benefits of Membership

1. Rental of cabins and campsites will be discounted for members of the OCG. Contact the Offseason Use Coordinator to arrange booking.
2. Special apparel may be made available to members of the OCG and their families.
3. Immediate family members (living in the same household, other than spouse) may hunt or fish with the member present. Family member must follow all OCG rules.
 - a. If the spouse of a member wishes to hunt, an extra 10 hours of service are required.
4. Members who are grandparents may take their under 18 grandchildren hunting and fishing.
5. Exclusive hunt only dates (when the property will be closed to all offseason use other than hunting) will be announced by September 1st, 2019



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General Policies

1. OCG Members will act as stewards of the camp and will monitor the property for any dumping, trespassing, or wildlife violations. Any violations must be reported to the Offseason Use Coordinator or the Head Ranger immediately.
2. Deer harvested quotas on the camp and hunting dates allowed may be adjusted by PTAC with input from proper state and local conservation professionals.
3. All State of Michigan and local game rules must be followed at all times.
4. Motorized vehicles may not be used on or across the camp property while going to and from a deer stand or blind. Gate access may or not be available, do not shoot a deer where you cannot remove it from the property.
5. Members are expected to act in a professional manner. Any issues should be worked out by the parties involved. Conflicts should be taken to the OCG Board for mediation and the Board will involve PTAC representatives as needed.
6. Threats or vulgarity directed at other members, PTAC staff or representatives, or anyone else using the property will not be tolerated and may result in the immediate revocation of membership. No compensation for hours worked will be provided and no refund on monies paid will be given. The decision of Pathway to Adventure Council will be final.
7. As the owner of Owasispe Scout Reservation, PTAC is the sole decision maker as to how many permits will be issued in any given year.
8. Exclusive hunt only dates (when the property will be closed to all offseason use other than hunting) will be announced by September 1st, 2019
9. Only members or their immediate family member over 18 (lives in same household) may work their hours. Any member wishing to work hours must contact the OUC at least 48 hours prior to coming to camp. It is unreasonable to arrive at camp unannounced and expect for there to be a task ready for you.



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Licensing Requirements

1. Every member of the OCG will have in their possession an OCG permit card that must be carried with them while on the property and a window placard for their vehicle. Permits and placards will be issued for the dates of November 1st, 2019 – November 1st, 2020
 - a. Window placards **MUST** be displayed in the street-facing window of your vehicle at all times when parked on Owasippe property.
2. All members must have proper licenses from the State of Michigan DNR. Members are expected to verify any people in their party are also properly licensed.
 - a. Any member found not in compliance with licensing laws will be removed from the property and membership will be revoked. No compensation for hours worked will be provided and no refund on monies paid will be given. The decision of Pathway to Adventure Council will be final
3. Members are required to sign in & out any time they are on the property and include the area they will be hunting.
 - a. The traditional sign-in board at the Maintenance Building will remain available to any hunters wishing to use it

Hunters can sign in/out of Owasippe on their smartphones by using this link: tinyurl.com/OSRhunting

4. Successful completion of a Hunter Safety Class is required of all hunters
5. Owasippe Scout Reservation is first and foremost a Scout Camp dedicated to fulfilling the mission of the Boy Scouts of America. While the OCG is an integral part of the operation of camp, membership and/or property access and usage can be granted (or revoked) by Pathway to Adventure Council as the needs of the camp and council change. No compensation for hours worked will be provided and no refund on monies paid will be given. The decision of Pathway to Adventure Council will be final.



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Deer Requirements

1. No deer shall be taken smaller than 6 points or 3 per side for one of the 2-buck combo.
 - a. The other buck shall have 8 points or 4 per side
2. A tine is to be measured from the base of the horn to the tip of not less than 1" in length.
3. All deer must be checked in within 24 hours, either by the signup sheet located at the Maintenance Building or by emailing the OUC.
4. Approximate weight, sex, and rack measurements will be needed. A picture for the group photo album is requested.
5. A member will be allowed to take no more than 2 deer per year per 40 hours.
 - a. This includes immediate family members hunting under your hours who are under the age of 18.
6. Household limit is 4 deer per season
7. At the beginning of each season, bucks are the only deer to be hunted. The adding of doe hunting will be evaluated periodically throughout the season.
8. An undersized deer must be reported to the OUC within 24 hours. Failure to do so will result in revocation of membership and hunting privileges.
 - a. No compensation for hours worked will be provided and no refund on monies paid will be given. The decision of Pathway to Adventure Council will be final.
9. First-time hunters participating in the MDNR youth hunt that are immediate family members will be allowed to take their first deer on the camp of any size or sex.
 - a. This is for their first deer only, not per year.
 - b. All youth must be properly licensed.
10. No baiting will be allowed at Owasippe.
 - a. Baiting will result in revocation of membership and hunting privileges. No compensation for hours worked will be provided and no refund on monies paid will be given. The decision of Pathway to Adventure Council will be final.
11. A youth hunter's kill will not count against the member's limit if taken under the youth hunt.
 - a. During MDNR youth hunt weekend only one deer can be taken.



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Tree Stands, Ground Blinds, & Trail Cameras

1. Tree Stands & Ground Blinds

- a. Tree stands may not be placed until September 1st, and only if hour requirements have been met.
- b. All stands and ground blinds must have the hunter's name and address on them and be readable from the ground.
- c. All stands must be removed by June 1st. If not removed, a 5-hour penalty will be added to the member's required work and the stand will be held until hours completed.
- d. Tree stands and ground blinds in combination are limited to 3 per member.
- e. Screw-in steps are allowed as long as they are removed at the end of the season. No nails are to be used for stands.
- f. No permanent tree stands may be established.
- g. Stand placement is expected to be considerate to the location of other hunters who have already set up.
 - i. A 100-yard buffer is the general rule from each stand or blind.
 1. Owasippe is almost 5000 acres. There is no need to claim an area as "your own" and run others out. Actions like this may result in your being asked to leave.
- h. A tag may mark trees with the hunter's name as part of the 3 stand limit.
- i. Any unmarked stand or blind will be removed and placed in the drawing at a meeting the following year.
 - i. Any unmarked stand should be reported to the OUC or Ranger immediately and they will remove it from the property.

2. Trail Cameras

- a. Trail cameras can be installed after September 1st if hour requirements have been met, but must be removed by December 31st.
- b. Cameras must have hunter's name, address, and phone number visible.



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Safety Zone

1. Safety Zone hunting for deer is allowed for up to 6 senior members of the group. These individuals must be at least 70 years old or be physically disabled. If more than 6 people are interested in this program, a lottery will be held to choose hunters.
 - a. PTAC and it's representatives at the camp reserve the right to adjust the number of safety zone hunters as needed.
2. Hunters can have an able-bodied assistant with them. This person may not shoot a deer. Assistants may field dress, drag, and assist the hunter as needed, but may not carry or use any weapon.
3. Safety zone hunters are allowed 1 deer.
4. Safety zone hunters can drive onto camp to get to their tree stand.
 - a. No other hunters are allowed to drive into camp, or be transported by a safety zone hunter.
5. Access to the safety zone may be adjusted by PTAC as needed for other programs.
 - a. Safety zone hunters should contact the OUC at least 48 hours before they plan to hunt in order to verify access.
6. No other hunters are allowed in the safety zone.
 - a. If you shoot a deer and it wanders into the safety zone, notify the OUC.
 - b. Hunting the safety zone without permission will result in revocation of membership and hunting privileges. No compensation for hours worked will be provided and no refund on monies paid will be given. The decision of Pathway to Adventure Council will be final.
7. No hunting will be allowed within 100 feet of any camp building.
8. Tracking in the safety zone is allowed only with prior permission from the OUC.



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The Board

1. The Owasippe Conservation Group Board will consist of a President, Vice President, 5 Trustees, and the PTAC Offseason Use Coordinator.
 - a. The board will be responsible for all group members and will make any recommendations to PTAC for policy changes.
 - b. Pathway to Adventure Council, BSA reserves the right to change or alter any rules or guidelines as necessary to fit the needs of the camp and council. Notice of such a change will be posted and made public at least 3 business days before enacted.
2. All board members must have at least 5 years as a member of the group before being eligible to run.
3. Term of office will be 3 years for all positions.
 - a. Trustees will be elected on a three-year rotating schedule of 2 one year, 3 the next, then none on the final year.
4. Board members will be compensated for their time with credited service hours
 - a. Board President – 40 hours credit
 - b. Board Vice President – 30 hours credit
 - c. Trusteed – 20 hours credit

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