# First Annual Alabama Wildlife Federation "David K. Nelson" Memorial Squirrel Hunt

What: A 4-man Team Squirrel Hunting Event in memory of David K. Nelson, former

Wildlife Biologist with ADCNR, AWF Board Member, and AWF Operation

GameWatch Committee Chair. Net proceeds will be placed in the AWF Operation

GameWatch "Reward Fund."

When: February 12-13, 2010 (Friday/Saturday)

Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6-9 PM – Social/Dinner/Pre-Hunt Discussion

Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ Dawn – 4-man Team Hunts

Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ Noon – Lunch

Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM – Team Tally Deadline Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 PM – Award Presentations

Where: Hunt Headquarters – Alabama Farmers Coop, Selma, Alabama

Hunt Locations – Any property in Alabama that allows you to get back to Hunt Headquarters by the 1 PM deadline. Teams are responsible for securing their own properties to hunt. The Hunt Committee will be glad to offer suggestions.

**How:** Stalk or use of dogs is at the discretion of each Team/Team Member. Team

members can hunt together, in groups of two, or individually. Just go hunt and

bring back some squirrels.

**Cost:** Registration is \$400 per Team. Non-hunting assistants (Dog Handler,

Photographer, etc.) may accompany the Team and attend the

Social/Dinner/Lunch for \$25 per person. Registration fees will be used to offset

the cost of meals, supplies, awards. Any remainder will go into the AWF

Operation GameWatch "Reward Fund." If we find some sponsors, more will

remain and more will go into the fund.

**Deadline:** Registration Deadline is Thursday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Registration Form is attached.

#### Other Things you need to know about this hunt:

- Where you spend the night is your business and responsibility
- Where you hunt is your business and responsibility
- .22 rifle or shotgun is at your discretion
- If you're looking for a strict, highly managed, professionally-run, squirrel hunt with a bunch of rules and procedures, this is not the one for you.

- If you're looking to win some money or something of high value, this is not the squirrel hunt for you.
- If you're looking for great prestige and honor if you win, this may or may not be the squirrel hunt for you the first words likely to be heard after you win are "cheater" or "poacher."
- Team Scores will be tallied based on the following criteria
  - o 1 point for each Saturday squirrel harvested
  - o 1 additional point for each clean head shot
  - o Tie-breaker TBD and announced at Pre-Hunt Discussion
  - o Legal Bag Limits per person apply
- Lie Detector Test If your Team has the highest score, we will appoint someone that we
  think is a good judge of character and they will look you over and give their opinion of
  whether or not you <u>look</u> trustworthy. If you or your Team are deemed by the "Judge of
  Character" to be questionable, you will be given the opportunity to defend your character
  and state your case to all present concerning the reasons why you should be trusted. The
  "Judge of Character" will then render his decision.
- What do you get out of this for \$400 a team? Nothing but food, fellowship, maybe a trophy
  of some kind, and severe harassment if your team has the highest score but most of all
  you get to join a lot of folks who thought the world of Dave Nelson, want to honor his
  memory, and contribute to something that was important to him.

#### **Questions - Contact any of the following Hunt Committee Members:**

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## Registration Form 1<sup>st</sup> Annual AWF David K. Nelson Memorial Squirrel Hunt

Team Name:	
Team Members:	
Team Member #1 (Captain):	
Captain's Phone Number:	
Team Member #2:	
Team Member #3:	
Team Member #4:	
Dog Handler(s)(if any):	
Other Non-hunters:	
Calculate your Registration Fees based on a \$400 Team Fee plus \$25 per person for Dog Handler/Non-hunters. Total Fees Due = \$	

### Registration Deadline: February 4, 2010

Complete Form and Return with payment to:

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