

2019 NYSCC ANNUAL MEETING

CALL TO CONVENTION

Join Us - The New York State Conservation Council will hold its 86th Annual Meeting at the Delta Hotel by Marriott (formerly Radisson Hotel - Utica Centre), 200 Genesee Street in Utica, September 6 through 8. Agenda items are being considered, but you can count on hearing from DEC personnel from Fish and Wildlife about programs and plans. A representative from US Fish & Wildlife Service will address the group on Saturday. Suggestions for additional agenda topics are welcome; contact President Chuck Parker at aparker@twcny.rr.com or 315-963-8413.

Your reservation for room and meals will be made through the NYSCC office, but the hotel will ask for a credit card to cover incidental expenses when you check in.

Fundraising - We are looking to make this year's 86th Anniversary events more enjoyable for our members and guests. Please bring a new or high quality like-new item for one of our raffles or auctions. Ask your local businesses to donate items for the men and the ladies. Popular items are guns, bows, knives, framed prints, local wines, craft items, gift baskets of various kinds, etc. Remember to bring your address labels for the Chinese auction. All proceeds benefit the NYSCC.

NYSCC Refund Policy - Each person or organization seeking to cancel a reservation for an NYSCC event will notify the NYSCC Office at least ten (10) days prior to the start of that event. Any cancellation made after the 10 days prior will be charged the 1st night's lodging fee. All requests for a refund **must** be submitted in writing following cancellation notification. All cancellations will be charged a \$25 processing fee.

NYSCC Seeking Candidates for Office

It is that time of year when we start preparation for the annual elections to be held at the Fall Convention, and we need your help.

Here is your chance to make a difference by getting involved and helping us navigate the many issues faced by the Council during the year.

Our by-laws allow for open annual election of the following positions: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Legislative Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

In addition, there is one Director-at-Large (3-year term) position available.

Regional Directors and Alternates need to be nominated from their Regions to be confirmed by general body.

To be eligible a candidate must be one of the following:

- 1) An Active county representative or alternate
- 2) A former officer or director
- 3) An Associate representative or alternate to the Council

If anyone has a candidate they would like to nominate or knows of someone who is interested in serving, please send the nominations to the Council Office.

Resolution for consideration at the NYSCC's 2019 Annual Meeting:

REQUEST FOR DEC TO MAKE A REGULATION MANDATING HUNTER ORANGE FOR BIG GAME SPORTSMEN IN NY

By the Greene County Federation of Sportsman

WHEREAS: Hunters wearing hunter orange are seven times less likely to be shot than those that do not.

WHEREAS: Forty of the fifty states already have some form of hunter orange law or regulation and, where records were kept, all experienced a decline in firearms-related hunting accidents after the requirement was instituted.

WHEREAS: All recent incidents of accidental line-of-sight hunting-related shootings in New York State have involved victims failing to wear hunter orange voluntarily.

WHEREAS: Deer cannot distinguish between hunter orange and colors in the green-gray-brown range because they are red/green colorblind.

WHEREAS: It is in the interest of all hunters in New York state to minimize the number of hunting-related firearms incidents.

WHEREAS: A significant and increasing portion of New York big game hunters do not wear hunter orange on a voluntary basis,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The New York State Conservation Council requests that the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation mandate and enforce hunter orange for all hunters any time a hunter is moving in the field during an open firearms season.

Specifically, all big and small game hunters would be required to wear enough hunter orange above the waist to be visible in all directions during daylight hours. For example, this could be in the form of a hat, bandana, vest, jacket, shirt, sweater, rain gear or combination of these, but is not limited to these items of clothing as long as the high visibility color can be seen from every direction. Hunter orange camouflage, fluorescent pink, or fluorescent pink camouflage is also acceptable. Those accompanying or assisting any hunter afield, such as (but not limited to) guides, spectators, and those helping to haul a carcass, would also be required to wear hunter orange. The regulation could cover all land within the state, both public and private. An exception should be made for seasons restricted to primitive firearms with limited range.

Big Game Committee opinion: The Big Game Committee discussed the Greene County resolution regarding mandatory blaze orange. The resolution was changed some from previous years; however, it still makes blaze orange **mandatory** so the reasons to oppose remain the same. It was stated that it is discriminatory as it relates only to hunters, not all other groups using the great outdoors such as hikers etc. It was also pointed out that we have an excellent safety record in NY due to the hunter education program and our desire is to continue to educate in place of making it mandatory. By a unanimous vote the committee recommends members oppose this resolution.

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NEW YORK STATE CONSERVATION COUNCIL, INC.
Delta Hotel by Marriott – Utica, NY**

ALL reservations for the NYSCC annual meeting **MUST** be made through the NYSCC Office in Ilion no later than **August 17, 2019**. All reservations must be paid in full in advance by check.

PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS ENTIRE FORM BEFORE **AUGUST 17** to:
NYSCC Annual Meeting, 8 East Main Street, Ilion, NY 13357-1899

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _() _____ EMAIL: _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

Estimated Arrival Time: _____

Lodging: _____ Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday
Single \$100/night Double \$120/night (\$60/night per person)

Check Preference: _____ 1 Bed _____ 2 Beds
(Delta by Marriott is a smoke-free property; all rooms are non-smoking.)

Special requests (handicapped, sharing with, etc.) **NOTE: If you are doubling up with another person for a lower room rate, you must list that person's name here:** _____

Meals:

There is no dinner planned for Saturday night. You are invited to a hospitality gathering both evenings; if you would like to bring something to share (food and/or beverage) please feel free to do so.

Friday Meals

Breakfast \$15 each x _____ = \$ _____

Lunch \$20 each x _____ = \$ _____

Dinner \$30 each x _____ = \$ _____

Friday meal total \$ _____

Saturday Meals

Breakfast \$15 each x _____ = \$ _____

Lunch \$20 each x _____ = \$ _____

Saturday meal total \$ _____

Registration: _____ All persons attending the general session meetings must include a \$60 registration fee with this reservation (spouses exempt).

Amount enclosed: Lodging total \$ _____
Meals total \$ _____
Registration fee \$ _____ (\$60)
GRAND TOTAL \$ _____

Make checks payable to NYSCC and send this form with your payment **no later than August 17** to:
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NYSCC COMMITTEE APPLICATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery & Bowhunting | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy & Natural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firearms & Ammunition | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Marine District |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forest Preserve & Public Lands | <input type="checkbox"/> Fur Resources |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Game (Big) | <input type="checkbox"/> Game (Small) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Habitat/Access | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legislation & Lobby Team | <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterfowl |

NAME _____ REGION # _____

PHONE (home) _____ (work) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

COUNTY _____

Are you interested in serving as Chair of one of the above committees?

Yes _____ (Specify) _____ No _____

Signature _____