



The Midwest Nationals Youth Duck Decoy Contest will be held April 18th & 19th, 2020 in Perham MN., in conjunction with The Gathering, 23rd Annual Show of Sporting Collectibles, Art, Duck & Fish Decoys.

The contest is open to anyone age 18 and under at time of the event. The decoy for 2020 is a drake blue wing teal. The decoy may be made from wood or cork, or a combination of. The decoys will be judged by a team of judges and swim tested. The judges will look for the decoy to right itself in a tank, look for clean craftsmanship and your rendition of species likeness. You may carve your entry from a decoy kit.

Ribbons, certificates, and cash payouts are given for 1st thru 5th places. Cash payouts are \$200.00 for 1st, \$100.00 for 2nd, and \$50.00 for 3rd to 5th. (These are not purchase awards)

The contest location is the Perham Area Community Center, 620 3rd Ave Se, Perham, MN 56573. Phone is 218.346.7222. Registration is held in the 2nd gymnasium starting on Friday, April 17th, from 11 am to 2 pm, and Saturday morning from 7 am to 8 am. Registration is free in all youth classes. Judging takes place that day and awards are announced that evening at the N.F.D.A. Awards Banquet at The Cactus, 43521 Ft. Thunder Road, Perham. Phone is 218.346.2554. It is not mandatory to attend. However, if you wish, tickets are \$35.00 for the meal and program. The banquet is the annual fund raiser for the National Fish Decoy Association. Decoys will stay on display in the contest area until 3 pm on Sunday.

If you cannot attend or register in person, you may send your entries with another person, who will be responsible for registration and returning the decoy to you. No matter where you live we will work with you to get your entry registered and returned to you. At this time we do not take direct mail ins. Accepting entries from North America.

About The Gathering ;

This event fills 2 gymnasiums. The front gym usually has 90 plus vendors and about 160 tables of merchandise for sale. You will find almost anything in the realm of outdoors sporting collectibles, art, duck or fish decoys. The Gathering is billed as The World's Largest Fish Decoy Show, and it is! Collectors come from across America to attend. Thousands attend to buy, sell, trade, or have appraisals. Adult admission is \$8.00 per day and youth are free.

The entire back gym is contest area and hosts the following events and contests. John Jensen National Fish Decoy Contest, Bob Johnson Memorial Junior Fish Decoy Contest, Casey Edwards National Gunning Bird Contest, Texas Worlds Fish Decoy Contest, P A Keystone World Cup, North American World Cup of Fish and Duck Decoys, The South and North Dakota Nationals of Fish Decoys. Carvers from across the Midwest attend and compete. Pictures of the 2019 winners are at www.nfdadecoys.org

If you can attend this event it is well the time and effort. Vendor registration is that Friday from 6 am to 3 pm, with decoy registration from 11 am to 2 pm.

The general public can attend Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm, and Sunday from 10 am to 3 pm.
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