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1. Fall is a Busy Time Outdoors

FALL IS A BUSY TIME OUTDOORS

Iowa's **Pheasant season** begins Saturday and runs through Jan. 10. A harvest delayed by fall rain will give the birds plenty of hiding places on opening weekend. As of Monday, 19 percent of corn and 61 percent of the soybeans were harvested statewide.

The DNR will be busy **releasing trout** over the next several days. On Oct. 23, trout will be released at Petoka in Bondurant at noon and Big Lake in Council Bluffs at 3 p.m.; on Oct. 25 at Discovery Park in Muscatine at 10 a.m. and Wilson Lake in Fort Madison at noon. On Oct. 31, trout will be release in Ottumwa park pond at noon.

Anglers will need to have a valid fishing license and pay the trout fee to fish for or possess trout. The daily limit is five trout per licensed angler with a possession limit of 10.

Iowa's **trout** fishing season is open year round.

Duck hunters had the late season open in the South Zone last weekend and this Saturday will open in the North Zone and the Missouri River zone. **Canada goose** hunting season is currently open in all three zones.

Hunters who need to satisfy the **hunter education** requirement can search for and sign up for a course at www.iowadnr.gov. Hunter Education – Online Registration is the top link under Popular Pages. Fall classes are limited and fill quickly so register today.

As of Tuesday morning, hunters have reported **harvesting 10,207 deer** during the 2014 seasons. The archery deer season is open through Dec. 5, when it closes during the two shotgun seasons.

Trapping and furharvester hunting seasons begin Nov. 1.

A favorable forecast will likely mean **state park campgrounds** will be near capacity again this weekend. The combination of fall colors and nice weather will postpone many from putting their camper away for one more week.

As a reminder, restrooms have been closed at most state parks for the winter. Hydrants are still on and portable toilets are available in the campground.

The high school team from Eddyville/Blakesburg was the winner of **Indian Hills' Culinary Arts competition** using invasive silver carp as the key ingredient.

They bested teams from Burlington, Mediapolis, Fort Madison, Ottumwa, Cardinal and Mount Pleasant for a chance to earn a scholarship to the nationally recognized, award winning culinary arts program.

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